

# CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2023



### STAFF 2023-2024

**Principal** Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
**Head Clerk** Miss Shelley Brezinsky  
**Mayet Clerk** Mrs. Parminder Kaur

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Grade 1/2 Ms. Samson  
Grade 2/3 Ms. Husarewycz  
Grade 3/4 Mr. Eccles  
Grade 3/4 Ms. Bedard  
Grade 4/5/6 Mr. Clearwater  
Grade 5/6 Ms. Siller & Ms. Mira

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IERT Ms. Mancusi  
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Ms. Pollock Ms. Giroux  
Ms. Kopychanski Ms. Benjamin  
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Ms. Siedler Ms. Minenko  
Ms. Thomson Ms. Stewart  
Ms. Bell

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Speech-Language Pathologist Ms. Peterson

#### School Support Worker

Ms. Thomson

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Check out our newsletter online!

*“A safe and caring learning community”  
Where Everyone Counts!*

Dear Champlain families,

Winter has come early this year as a reminder of how quickly our learning year is moving! We are very excited to continue to learn and grow as a community. The introduction of many after school and lunch time clubs has brought great energy to our learning as we develop friendships and explore new talents.

A warm welcome to our **Math Mentor**, **Adam Phaneuf**, who is working with our staff on developing strategies to support mathematical instruction in all classrooms. We are excited to learn from each other!

We continue to review our PBIS framework with students, highlighting the 3B's. **Be safe, Be respectful, and Be ready to learn.** We have been working on staying with the group, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, and walking on the right side in the hallway. We need everyone's help in reminding our students to be good citizens and neighbours. In particular, when using the school playground after hours and walking/playing in the community. Thanks for your support!

As the **weather has become colder**, we're reminding families to pack warm clothing like jackets and sweaters, mittens or gloves, scarfs and toques, and boots for our children to play outside at recess. If families need some warm clothing for their children, they can contact Elizabeth Thomson, our Community Support Worker at 204-586-5139 or [ethomson@wsd1.org](mailto:ethomson@wsd1.org).

**Parent-teacher conferences** will be later this year on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening and Friday morning, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Report cards will be sent home electronically via email on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, however, paper copies are available upon request.

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:30 am in the school gym.

The next parent council meeting is **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. Please join us for conversations about school programming, fundraising plans for school initiatives, and coffee/snacks/prizes. Childcare and a light dinner will be provided.

Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
Principal



**School Hours/Supervision of  
Students**

8:50	1st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2nd Bell - Announcements, School day begins
10:15-11:15	Grades 1-6 Classroom Dependent Recess
11:30	N/K (a.m.) - dismissal
12:00	Lunch hour dismissal
12:55	1st Bell - Students enter school
1:00	2nd Bell - Afternoon classes begin
2:15	Recess – All Grade 1-6 Classrooms
3:30	Dismissal



**ATTENTION PARENTS AND  
GUARDIANS**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Drop-off and pick-up at school has been busy. Please drive slowly through the back lane or park on the street.

**THANK YOU**

**Playground supervision**

The playground supervision over the lunch hour is limited to lunch program students. If your child does not stay for lunch at school, please do not send them to play on the playground as there is no supervision. Please do not send your children before 12:55 PM as they are asked to sit on a bench until the bell rings. If you would like your child to play on the field or play structure over the lunch hour, you are welcome to come with them and supervise.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children go home or to the place you have designated for them in order to “check in” with an adult. Our desire is for all students to be safe.

Let’s remember our three beliefs.

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Ready to Learn**



**CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM** is a parent council run lunch program that is in place to ensure our students have a safe place to eat their lunch during the school year. We would like to thank all families for making the effort to pay their lunch fees in a timely manner this month. Thank you for your support.  
**Champlain Parent Council.**

## **NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

*Just a reminder, registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten for 2023-24 school year are available at the office.*

*If your child was born in 2019, you may register them for Nursery.*

*If your child was born in 2018, then you may register them for Kindergarten.*

*Winnipeg School Division offers Nursery School free of charge to all residents of the Winnipeg School Division.*

*Residency is determined by where the parent/legal guardian lives. We will require a copy of your Manitoba Health card with your current address along with either a property tax bill, Child tax credit assessment, or tenant/rental agreement. Also, please make sure you provide a birth certificate for your child.*



### **Students being street smart**

Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

Being street smart means knowing how to keep safe from strangers when we're alone or with other kids. Walking to school, the bus, the playground or riding your bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**.

Our school takes it very seriously when a student reports a suspicious person. In most cases, a police report is made and, sometimes, police are able to quickly interview the "suspicious" person and determine that it was a misunderstanding. At other times, however, police are required to conduct a bigger investigation of a more serious threat. We will let you know if we make a report of a suspicious person to police on behalf of one of our students, because we believe that an informed community is a safer community.

Parents are encouraged to go to the **[winnipeg.sd.ca](http://winnipeg.sd.ca) website and click on Parents – Safe Schools** to find a link called **["Be Street Smart"](#)**. Here you will find a list of topics to share with your child to help them be street smart and safe, including knowing:

- Who are strangers?
- Who needs to know where I am and why?
- Why should I stick with a friend?
- What are my safe spots?
- What are the places that aren't safe for me?
- What should I do if a stranger asks me for help?



We're proud to work with you in keeping our community and children safe!

## SCHOOL PATROLS

**Our school provides student patrols to assist children crossing the busy intersections near our school.**

The patrols are on duty from 8:40 - 8:55 a.m., from 12:00 - 12:10 p.m. and after lunch, from 12:40 - 12:55 p.m. and from 3:30 - 3:40 p.m. Please watch for them and assist them by slowing down and obeying all traffic laws.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE PATROLS.**



### **WHY ARE PATROLS IMPORTANT?**

#### **Champlain Patrols...**

- Help students get home safely
- Signal the cars to stop so students can cross the street safely
- Protect the students
- Are a visual signal to drivers that students are around
- Are role models who represent our school

#### **Patrols can save lives!**

Champlain patrols are safe, respectful and responsible

### *Safe Arrival call back system.*

*Reporting your child's absence? Make sure you call our Safe Arrival line  
If you have already activated an account you must make the following changes*

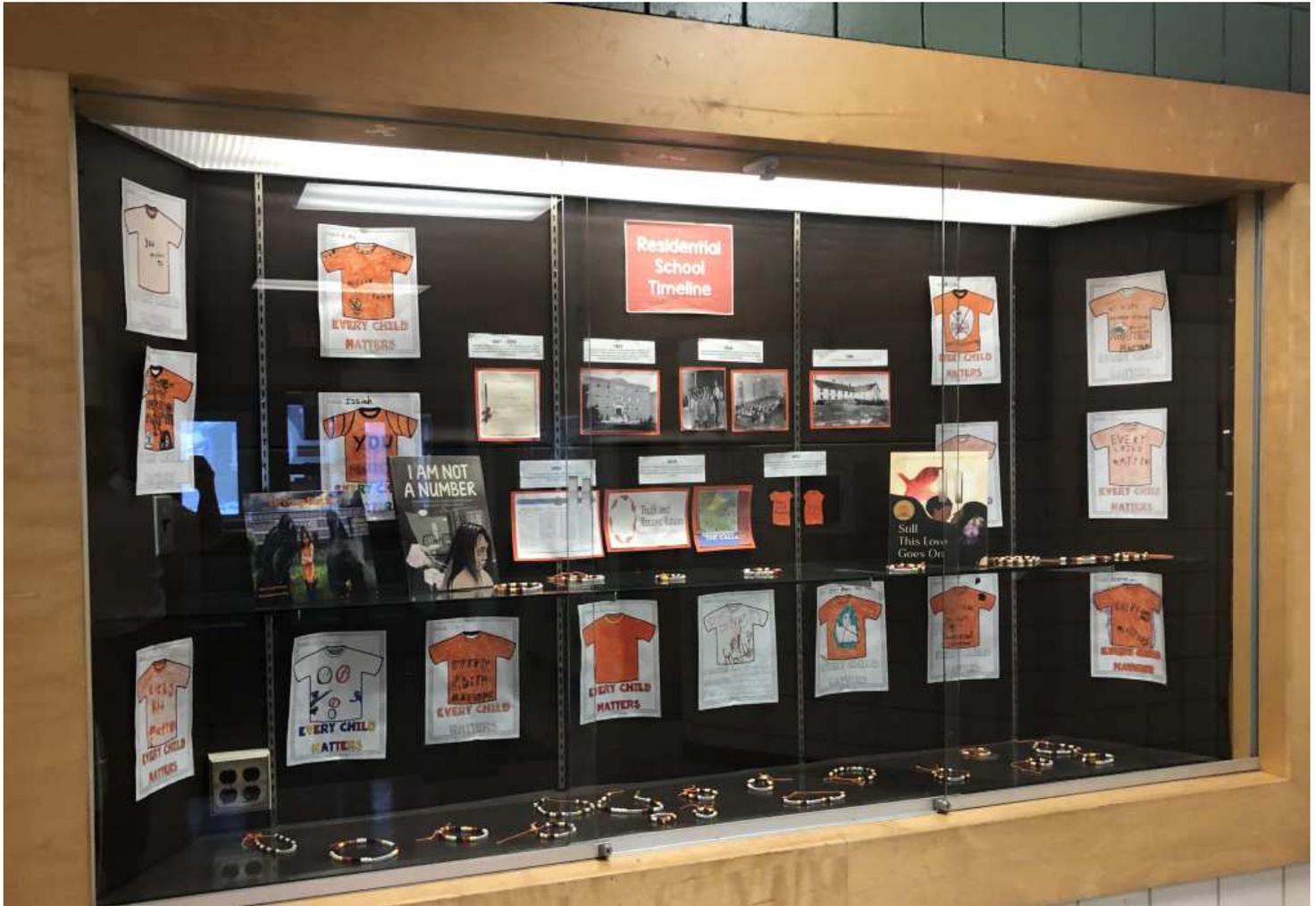
If your child is ill, or you know your child will be away for various reasons, you must report it by 9:00 AM through our automated system. There are various ways to do this:

1. call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-855-278-4513),
2. use the mobile app
3. through the Safe Arrival website.

- If the parents are using the Safe Arrival mobile app, they must download a new School Messenger app for Safe Arrival. Instructions for parents are available on the site.
- School Messenger Safe Arrival will not automatically send an invitation email to parent/guardians of new students.
- Safe Arrival web site for parents to report absences will be go.schoolmessenger.ca. \*\*\*
- The toll free number for parents to report absences will remain as 1-855-278-4513.

The system will be available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week, but you must report the absence by 9:00 AM. Future absences can be reported at any time. By reporting your child absent in advance using SafeArrival, you will NOT receive a call.

**If your child needs any sort of medication during the school day, there are strict guidelines we must adhere to, according to Winnipeg School Division Policy. Children are not allowed to carry any type of medication on them or in their backpack. If you find you are in need of this service, please contact the office at 204-586-5139. We will be glad to assist you as there is certain paperwork that needs to be filled in.**



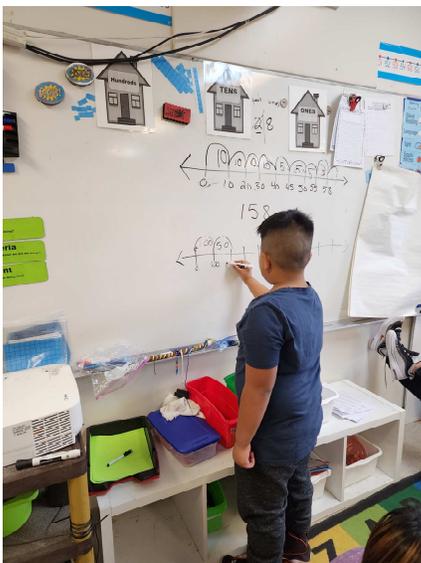
Although the month of September is over, our **Reconciliation journey** continues. Students in room 207 have continued their learning with reading and studying resources such as 'The Secret Path' and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation resource 'Listening to Survivors'. Within that text, students have been reading the poem 'For My Nieces'. In order to share our learning with others, the students created reconciliation bracelets. Each bracelet has the medicine wheel colours as well as a word that they felt represented their learning. Examples are love, peace and warrior. Students will then gift their bracelet and share their learning with each other.

## Ready! Set! Go! Room 212 is off to an amazing start.

Room 212 has had a few visits to St. Johns Park to visit the Healing Forest to learn about the different Indigenous Medicines and be apart Truth and Reconciliation events. Room 212 also found many Reconciliation Rocks that carried positive messages and relocated the rocks for others to find. Many students in 212 have signed up for our many clubs at school such as Choir, Drumming Group, Fun Fridays, and Champlain's afterschool programs.

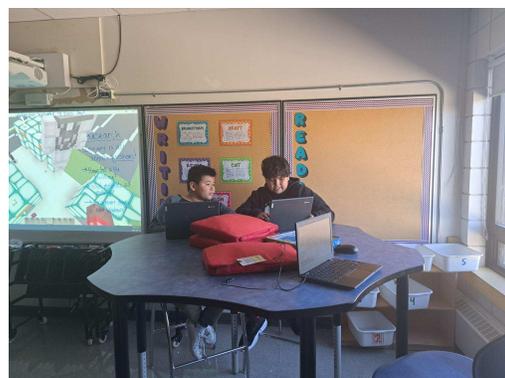
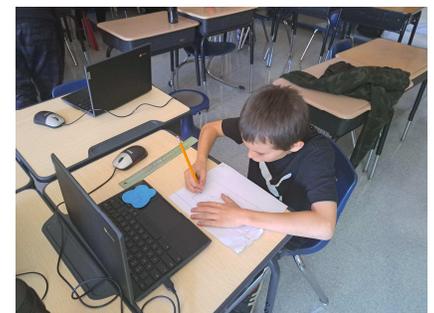
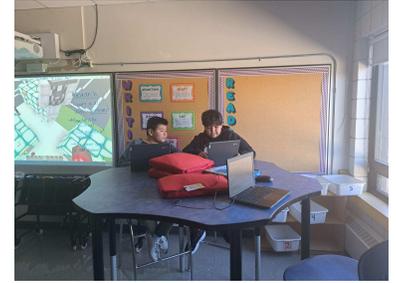
Room 212 students have bee hard at work in math as well. Students have been working hard to understand the importance of place value as well as learning different strategies for multi-digit addition. We are also writing our own scary stories and information pieces about the different colours of poppies and what they mean for Remembrance Day. How many provinces and territories are there in Canada? Don't know? The students of Room 212 are learning all about the different provinces and territories in this enormous country of ours.

As Winter approaches, so does our Winter Concert, which our students will be hard at work designing and learning lines and songs to perform. It will be another spectacular show and we look forward to seeing Champlain School's community out at the show.



## Welcome to Room 209!

The start of our year has been amazing! We have had time to get back into our routines and look at new opportunities for learning in our class! Room 209 has had an amazing opportunity of working with multiple other schools on developing our community in Minecraft Education! We started out by talking about different places in our community that we see as important. We investigated those places both on Google Earth and in-person (when it was possible). We put together a list of different places and then we began to work in groups to discuss how we would build those places. Specifically, how do we scale it into Minecraft? Once building started, we continued discussions around inquiry and how we can make these places more accessible to all, including what we may add to benefit more of the community. Students thought of utilizing the roof of Champlain School for a waterfall and community greenhouse. It has been incredible to see students excited to interact and build spaces that they see in the community. We are hoping that in the near future, we will have an opportunity to show our project off to the rest of the school at an assembly!



## In Flanders Fields

*by John McCrae, May 1915*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

### Winnipeg School Division Cold Weather Guidelines

Here are some guidelines in order to help you during the winter season when your child is getting ready for school. Check the wind chill before going outdoors in the winter, and individuals are to make sure they are well prepared for the weather. Even moderate wind chill values can be dangerous if individuals are outside for long periods.



<u>Wind Chill</u>	<u>Risk of Frostbite</u>	<u>Other Health concerns</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
0-9	LOW	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, with the outside temperature in mind Stay dry.
-10 to -2	LOW	Uncomfortable Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate protection.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear</b>
<b>-28-39 INDOOR RECESS</b>	<b>RISK: Exposed skin can freeze in 10-30 minutes.</b>	Risk of frostbite Risk of hypothermia	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active.</b>
<b>-40-47 INDOOR RECESS</b>	<b>HIGH RISK: exposed skin can freeze in 5-10 minutes</b>	High risk of frostbite. Risk of hypothermia is outside for long periods of time without adequate clothing or shelter.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active. Cover all exposed skin.</b>

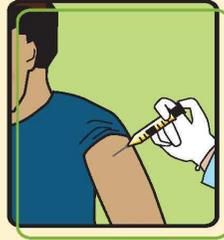
# What You Can Do to Fight the Flu



1. Cover your coughs and sneezes.



2. Wash your hands a lot.



3. Get a flu shot.



4. Stay home and call your doctor if you are sick.



5. Go to the doctor or hospital right away if you get worse or have trouble breathing.



For more information about the flu, call Health Links-Info Santé at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

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## Cover Your Cough and Sneeze



- Cover your mouth and nose using your upper sleeve or elbow.

OR



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Throw used tissue in the garbage.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer can be used.



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# HAND HYGIENE

## USING SOAP AND WATER

Use in all situations where soap and water are available

- Rinse hands with warm running water, add soap to palms and rub hands together to create lather
- Thoroughly cover all the surfaces of your hands and fingers (including nails) for 15 to 20 seconds
- Rinse under warm running water
- Dry hands thoroughly with single-use towel or hand dryer
- Turn off the tap with a clean paper towel

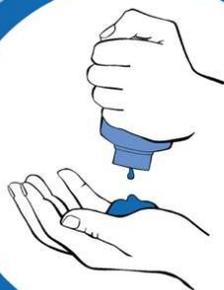


## USING AN ALCOHOL-BASED HAND RUB

Use when soap and water are NOT available, except if hands are visibly soiled

- Take a small amount of alcohol-based hand rub (about the size of a nickel)
- Rub it on your fingertips, both sides of your hands and between your fingers
- Continue to rub until your hands are dry
- There is no need to rinse or dry

Warning: The product is flammable when wet so ensure your hands are dry before performing another task.



HELP  
PREVENT  
THE SPREAD OF  
INFECTION

# Parent Room November News

## **Bead with us !!**

Join us on Mondays in November for a beading group. Charleen Matheson-Littlechief will lead us in a beading group. Each participant will be able to make a pair of earrings.

**November, 13<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>**

## **Sew what?**

Join us on Thursdays in the Parent Room when we will be working on sewing projects. Bring your own sewing, or come out and start something new.

**November, 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Grandmothers Breakfast**

This month our Grandmothers' breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are a Grandmother helping to raise your Grandchildren that attends Champlain School, you are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth in the Parent Room.

## **Parent Meeting**

Parent Meeting this month is on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Child care is available if needed. Please RSVP to Elizabeth in the Parent Room so we have adequate child care for all.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
	6 Parent Room closed today.	7 Parent Room closed today.	8	9 Sew What ? 9:30 -11am.	10 Parent Room closed today.	11
			15 Parent Council Meeting 5:30 pm	16 Sew What ? 9:30 -11am.	17 Parent Room closed today.	18
	13 Come bead with us !	14 Parent Room closed today.	22	23 Sew What ? 9:30 -11am.	24 Parent Room closed today.	25
	19 Come bead with us !	21	22	23 Sew What ? 9:30 -11am.	24 Parent Room closed today.	25
			29 Grandmothers Breakfast:9:30	30 Sew What ? 9:30 -11am.		
26	27 Come bead with us !	28	29	30		

# Champlain Volunteers in the Parent room!

Thank-you so much for all your contributions to our community at Champlain!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Elizabeth in the parent room to register.



## Champlain Calendar of events 2023-2024

Day	Date	Item
	Tuesday, Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	ADMIN day – no school
2	Wednesday, Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of school for grades 1 to 6
5	Monday, Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Nursery/Kindergarten
6	Tuesday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Common Area Training
5	Tuesday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
1	Thursday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Meet the Families/Staff Feast (5 - 7)
1	Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Shirt Day
	Saturday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
3	Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PD - non-instructional day
4	Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
6	Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bus Ridership
	Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving - No school
3	Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	MTS PD day - non-instructional day
4	Monday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Picture Day
5	Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
3	Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
6	Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day - Service
3	Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	PD -non-instructional day
5	Monday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards go home
2	Thursday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
3	Friday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Student-led conferences
4 - 5	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> to Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile-vision clinic
4	Tuesday, Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
6	Thursday,, December 14	Winter concert
3	Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Breakfast
6	Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day before winter break
1	Monday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day back from winter break
2	Tuesday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
1	Tuesday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Assembly

2	Friday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PD - Non-instructional day
	Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Louis-Riel Day - No School
1	Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
3	Thursday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Celebration of Learning (5 – 7)
5	Tuesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
3	Monday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards go home
6	Thursday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Student-led conferences evening (4 – 7:30 pm)
1	Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Student-led conferences - Non-instructional day
6	Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day before spring break
1	Monday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	First day back from spring break
2	Tuesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
2	Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Family Night
3	Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	PD -Non-instructional day
5	Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Assembly
2	Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	PD -Non-instructional day
	Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day - No School
6	Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly
2	Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Celebration of Learning (5 - 7)
	TBA	Spring Concert
4	Tuesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
5	Thursday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Celebration FEAST (5 - 7)
6	Friday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Admin Day - Non-instructional day
2	Tuesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
5	Wednesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Farewell
1	Friday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school -11:30am dismissal

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	2 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	3 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>
6 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>	7 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	8 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	9 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	10 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>Remembrance Day Service 10:30am</i>  
13 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	14 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>	15 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	16 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	17 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  <i>Non-Instructional Day—No Classes</i>
20 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	21 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	22 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>	23 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	24 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>
27 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  <i>Report Cards Go Home</i>	28 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	29 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	30 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  <i>Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 PM</i>	

*Looking ahead.....*

*Friday, December 1 . . . . .Parent-Teacher conferences / No Classes*

*November 7-9 . . . . .Hearing screening*

*December 4-5 . . . . .Mobile Vision Care Clinic*

*December 14 . . . . . Winter Musical*

*December 19 . . . . .Santa Breakfast*

*December 22 . . . . . LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK*