

SISTER MAC SPECIAL

DECEMBER 2024

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Message from the Administrative Team



Dear Sister MacNamara Families,

Welcome to the month of December. Our first term was full of wonderful events and a great deal of joyful learning. We thank all of our families who connected with teachers to celebrate student learning and to make plans for next steps. If you were not able to meet with your child's teacher in person or by phone, please call them to set up an appointment time to celebrate your child's learning.

Reminder: As the temperatures are getting colder, please do not send your children to school before 8:45 A.M. and 12:50 P.M. Pickups need to be at 12:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. sharp. If you are picking up children in a vehicle please remember to use Deacon Street safely—pull to the side of the road, stop and wait. This is a no idle zone. Everyone needs to do their part in keeping the area a safe place for students and families at dismissal times. It is important to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Students go outside for recess and sometimes during Phys. Ed. classes. If you need support in this area, please let us know. We do have a supply of mitts, hats and scarves for children to use when needed. We can connect you with Koats for Kids for other needs.

We have received a wonderful gift of pyjamas for each student at our school. We thank [The Pyjama Project](#) for the donation. These will be presented at an assembly in December and students are encouraged to wear their new pyjamas on December 20th for our last day of school celebration at our Movie Day.

Our families are invited to gather in person for our Winter Concert. Grades 1-6 will perform in the gym on Wednesday, December 18th, at 6:00 P.M. Doors will be closed by 6:10 P.M, so ensure you are on time. We will continue to provide each family with two tickets to attend the performance that your child will be participating in for Grades 1-6, as we did last year. *You must bring the tickets with you to enter.* Nursery and Kindergarten classes will perform on Thursday, December 19th at 10:30 AM for morning classes and 1:30 PM for afternoon classes. This is to ensure we have enough seats for everyone to attend. *If you are not going to use the tickets, please return them to school.*

Our Winter Break begins on December 20th and students will return to school on Monday, January 6th, 2025. There are several special events taking place at school during the month of December—check out the rest of the newsletter for details.

All our staff extend our very best wishes for a safe, healthy and peace filled holiday season. Our wish is...

That we all find peace in our hearts which will bring peace to our families,
That with peace in our families we will create peace in our community,
That with peace in our community we will have peace in our nation,
That with peace in our nation there will be peace in our world.

D. Lenhardt Mair
Principal



S. Medaglia Dos Santos
Vice Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-25



JANUARY 2025

- 6 SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER WINTER BREAK
- 28 MOBILE VISION CLINIC
- 31 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO CLASSES

FEBRUARY 2025

- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 17 LOUIS RIEL DAY–HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ASSEMBLY 2:30 PM

MARCH 2025

- 14 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – NO CLASSES
- 17-18 IEP MEETINGS
- 20 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES – EVENING
- 21 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES – ALL DAY – NO CLASSES
- 24-28 SPIRIT WEEK
- 28 MOVIE DAY
- MAR. 31-APR. 7 SPRING BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

APRIL 2025

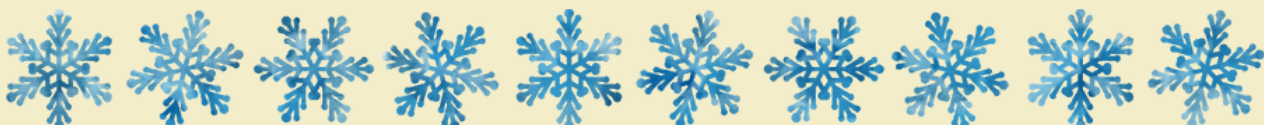
- 7 SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER SPRING BREAK
- 11 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY–NO CLASSES
- 16 BUS RIDERSHIP
- 17 DAY OF PINK – ASSEMBLY 1:15 PM
- 18 GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 25 VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION–10:30 AM

MAY 2025

- 9 SCHOOL PLANNING DAY–NO CLASSES
- 19 VICTORIA DAY–HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE 2025

- 13 FIELD DAY
- 19 YEAR END CELEBRATION–9:00 AM
- 20 GRADE 6 FAREWELL–1:15 PM
- 20 REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- 21 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
- 27 TALENT SHOW – 9:15 AM
- 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL–STUDENT DISMISSAL AT 11:30 AM



NEWS FROM THE GYM

Snow is here! For active and safe participation in physical education classes students need to have proper footwear. Boots and wet shoes increase the risk of injury during play. Please make sure that your child has indoor runners at school.

On November 10th our school held a Remembrance Day assembly. We had a guest speaker Captain Chercuitte, who is a pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg at 435 Rescue and Transport Squadron. He spoke about his job, how we can be kind to one another, and the importance of continuing to reflect and remember the impact that conflict and war has on our world. Room 206 shared a poem called "Poppy", Room 230 sang "in Flanders Field" and 121 did a play based on the story "The Day War Came". Each class made a wreath which we hung on the gym wall. It was a beautiful and reflective assembly. Thank you to all our Sister Mac students for your respectful behaviour.



The grade 5/6 tripleball team has been working hard to get ready for their tournament on December 11. Teams from Victoria Albert School and Weston School will be coming to our school to take part in the tournament. Good luck and keep practicing!

A big congratulations to the grade 6 indoor soccer team who are playing in the WSD Inner City Soccer League. This league is a big commitment, with games and practices running from October until March. We are so proud of the hard work you are putting in and it shows in your game play.



Sister MacNamara School is looking to hire an Adult Crossing Guard for the school year. It is a 3 hour per day position staggered through the school day, coordinating with school starting, noon hour, and ending hours. **This is a paid position.** Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Child

Abuse and Registry check and Criminal Record Check.

This is an important position to ensure the safety of our students and families in coming to and from school.

Position starts as soon as possible. Please contact the Principal, Debbie Lenhardt Mair or Vice Principal Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos for further information.





Lunch Program News

Lunch program is well on its way this year! Thank you for sending healthy lunches for your child to enjoy. We would like to remind you that there is only one microwave per lunch room. Please ensure that your child's lunch is not frozen and can be heated up in a couple of minutes. Your help is much appreciated.

Just a reminder... do not send any peanut or nut products or any fish (including tuna, or salmon) as there are students who have life threatening allergies to these foods.



The City of Winnipeg Police River Patrol Unit wishes to remind all citizens of Winnipeg about the present dangers in and around our waterways. All waterways should be considered dangerous and falling through the ice could cost you your life. All parents are asked to please remind children about these dangers. This includes all frozen bodies of water such as rivers, creeks, ditches and retention ponds.



Take our advice and stay off the ICE.



A SCARF OR KNIT MASK THAT COVERS FACE & MOUTH

A HAT

A WATER-RESISTANT COAT

MITTENS OR GLOVES

SEVERAL LAYERS OF LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHING

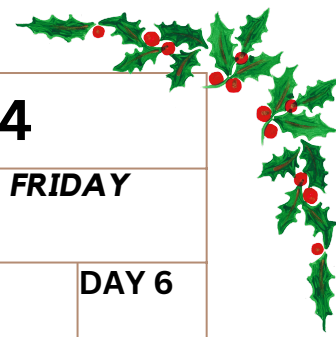
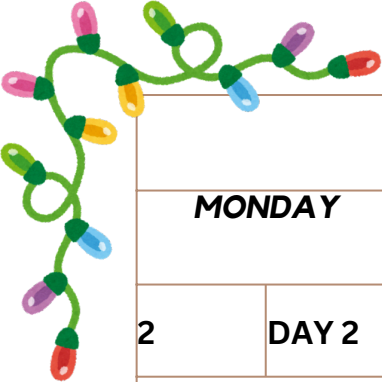
WATER-RESISTANT BOOTS



WINTER IS HERE!!!

With the colder temperatures...
Please keep in mind the following:

- ⇒ **-28°C , (including windchill) There will be indoor recesses—(Temperature reading at the Forks)**
- ⇒ **-28°C There will be no patrols and adult crossing guards will be on duty for reduced times**
- ⇒ **DO NOT send your children to school before 8:50 AM and 12:50 PM**
- ⇒ **If your child needs mitts/hats please have them tell their teacher or have them come to the office.**
- ⇒ **Stay off of and away from water areas as the ice is very thin**
- ⇒ **When crossing the street, please remember that the roads are icy. Please make sure all vehicles are stopped before stepping out on the street.**



Family Room - DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2	DAY 2	3	DAY 3	4	DAY 4	5	DAY 5	6	DAY 6
Wreath Making 1:15 pm		Food Distribution -appointments needed		Baking 1:15 pm		Family Gathering 5 pm		Mason jar cookie mix 1:15 pm	
9	DAY 1	10	DAY 2	11	DAY 3	12	DAY 4	13	DAY 5
Ornament Craft 1:15 pm		Painting 9:15 am PM - Food Distribution		Santa Pics - AM ----- Family Gingerbread Decorating - 5 pm		Baking 1:15 pm		Winter Village Decoration 1:15	
16	DAY 6	17	DAY 1	18	DAY 2	19	DAY 3	20	DAY 4
Beading with Teresa 1:30		Food Distribution -appointments needed		Cookie Decorating 1:15 Bingo 2:30		Room closed		Room closed	
23		24		25		26		27	
Winter Break Begins!									
30		31						School reopens January 6th	



Family Room News December 2024



Holiday Crafts



- Dec 2nd @ 1:15 pm - wreath making
- Dec 9 @ 1:15 pm - ornaments
- Dec 10 @ 9:15 am - painting class
- Dec 13 @ 1:15 pm - winter village decoration

*Pictures
with
Santa!*
Wednesday, December
11th
Please make an
appointment to have
family pictures taken
with Santa in the
Family Room

Holiday Baking

- Dec 4th @ 1:15 pm - mini cheesecakes
- Dec 6th @ 1:15 pm - mason jar cookie mix
- Dec 12th @ 1:15 pm - Nanaimo bars
- December 18th @ 1:15 - cookie decorating

Family

Gathering

Dec 5th @ 5pm



Join us for school news
and pizza dinner.

Childcare is provided.

FOOD

Distribution

-Every Tuesday

Please make an appointment to
receive bread and potatoes.



Please contact Nicole
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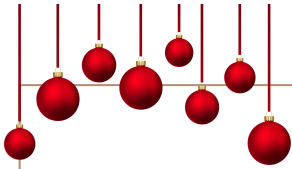


family event - GINGERBREAD HOUSES

December 11th @ 5 pm



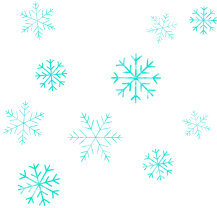








Please watch for a handout to come home
with your child.

RSVPs are required for this event as
space is limited,



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Grade 6 Indoor Soccer 12-1:00 at U. of W.				Grade 5/6 Tripleball Tournament AM					
16	DAY 6	17	DAY 1	18	DAY 2	19	DAY 3	20	DAY 4
				Winter Concert 6:00 doors will open at 5:45 and locked at 6:10 <u>BRING YOUR TICKET!</u>		N/K concerts 10:30 & 1:30 		 Movie Day Wear your PJs! 	
23		24		25		26		27	
								HAPPY KWANZAA!	
30		31							
		Happy New Year 						School resumes Monday, January 6, 2025	