

SISTER MAC SPECIAL

NOVEMBER 2024

REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOVEMBER 11

Message from the Administrative Team

Dear Sister MacNamara families,

Two months of joyful learning have been completed already and everyone has settled into their school routines. Strong relationships between students and staff have been created during this time. Teachers have worked hard every day to prepare excellent learning opportunities for all students at their learning levels. Teachers have also used various assessment tools to find out where students are at in their learning over the past two months. This information will be used for planning and to record progress over time, all year long. Student-Led conferences will be a time that teachers will review your child's achievements and to share next steps in learning. It is rewarding to watch all students grow in their social and academic skills each day.

Our Student-Led conferences will take place during the evening of November 28th and all day on November 29th. Report cards and your conference appointment time will be sent home on November 26th. These meetings will be a time for sharing your child's learning and progress with you. It is a celebration of all the accomplishments that have been made in Term 1. Please make time to participate in this important meeting. If you are unable to be a part of the conference, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment for another date.

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Friday, November 8th at 11:00 AM. Students and school staff will attend the service in the gym. Students will share songs, poems and their learning to honour our Veterans. It is also a time to focus on the importance of peace and love in our world.

The weather seems to be quite mild these days. When the temperatures become colder, be sure your child(ren) are dressed to comfortably play outside at recess time. If your child needs a jacket, boots, hat or mitts please let us know and we would be happy to support you in getting what you need for the winter months. A reminder that students should be arriving at 8:45 AM and 12:50 PM to start the learning in the morning and afternoon.

We really appreciate seeing all of our families at drop-off and pick-up times. We need all families to be on time for pick up of students at lunch and the end of the day. If you have any questions or things you would like to share with us about our school, do not hesitate to call us at 204-942-6965 or drop in at school.

Please take care of yourself and one another so we can all be happy and safe in our community.

School will be closed on -
Monday, November 11th for Remembrance Day
Friday, November 22nd for teacher professional development
Friday, November 29th for Student-Led Conferences

D. Lenhardt Mair
S. Medaglia Dos Santos
Principal
Vice Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-25



DECEMBER 2024

- 18 WINTER CONCERT—6:00 PM FOR GRADES 1-6
- 19 N-K WINTER CONCERT—10:00 AM & 1:30 PM
- 20 MOVIE DAY
- DEC 23 – JAN 3 WINTER BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

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

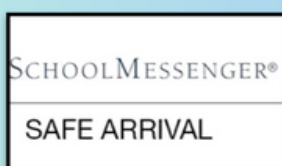
- 13 FIELD DAY
- 19 YEAR END CELEBRATION—9:00 AM
- 20 GRADE 6 FAREWELL—1:15 PM
- 20 REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- 21 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
- 27 TALENT SHOW – 9:15 AM
- 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—STUDENT DISMISSAL AT 11:30 AM

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.



At Winnipeg School Division, ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day, one of our greatest priorities is

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing a more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You must call the system before 9:00 AM if your child is going to be away that day. Otherwise the system will call you

Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

If you do not call the system to report your child's absence, the system will be calling you!

Intramurals have started for grade 4, 5, and 6 students. Our school intramural program is a chance for students to participate in extra physical activity over the lunch hour. Each month will be a new activity, such as basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, dance, tennis, juggling, and fitness.

Intramurals will be held at 12:00 in the gym on the following days:



Grade 4- Wednesday

Grade 5- Tuesday

Grade 6 - Monday

Students will meet in the gym at lunch, play for 30 minutes then eat lunch with Ms. Macdonald in the gym. Any grade 4, 5, or 6 students who would like to take part can see Ms. Macdonald for a permission slip.



WE ARE HIRING

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.** Applicants 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.



DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

Thick sweater

With a hood to keep your head warm



TIP:

Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

Winter Accessories

HAT

For your head and ears

SCARF

For your neck and face

GLOVES

Insulated – water-proof would be ideal



TIP:

During extreme cold, keep all skin covered and spend as little time as possible outside

Winter boots

Water-proof footwear will keep your feet dry, with good grip for when walking on snowy or icy paths



Light jacket

Wind-resistant would be ideal



TIP:

For extra warmth, wear extra undergarments (like tights and thicker socks)

Winter jacket

Thick outerwear to keep out wind and wet snow – longer length would be ideal



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A SCARF OR KNIT MASK THAT COVERS FACE & MOUTH

A HAT

A WATER-RESISTANT COAT









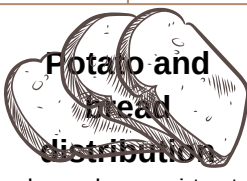



MITTENS OR GLOVES

SEVERAL LAYERS OF LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHING

WATER-RESISTANT BOOTS



Family Room - NOVEMBER 2024

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
								1	DAY 6
								Cooking Class 1:15 	
4	DAY 1	5	DAY 2	6	DAY 3	7	DAY 4	8	DAY 5
Clothing Giveaway • please make an appointment		 POTATO AND BREAD DISTRIBUTION please make an appointment				Family Gathering 5 pm		Cooking Class 1:15 	
11		12	DAY 6	13	DAY 1	14	DAY 2	15	DAY 3
Remembrance Day - No Classes 		 Potato and bread distribution please make an appointment		Nutrition Bingo 2:30 		Beading 1:30 - 3:00 pm		Cooking Class 1:15 	
18	DAY 4	19	DAY 5	20	DAY 6	21	DAY 1	22	DAY 2
		 Potato and bread distribution please make an appointment		Nutrition Bingo 2:30 		Family Event 5 pm		Professional Development NO CLASSES	
25	DAY 3	26	DAY 4	27	DAY 5	28	DAY 6	29	DAY 1
		 Potato and bread distribution please make an appointment		Nutrition Bingo 2:30 				STUDENT LED CONFERENCES NO CLASSES	

Family Room News - November 2024



Family Gathering

November 7th @ 5pm

Please join us for Family Gathering!

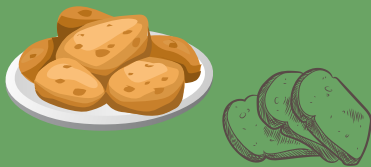
We will have a light supper.



KOATS FOR KIDS

**NEED WINTER GEAR FOR YOUR CHILD?
PLEASE LET NICOLE KNOW WHAT SIZE JACKET
AND/OR BOOTS YOUR CHILD WILL NEED. WE WILL
PLACE AN ORDER AND LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT
ARRIVES.**

Potato and Bread Distribution



Please make an appointment with Nicole if you would like to pick up food on Tuesday afternoons.

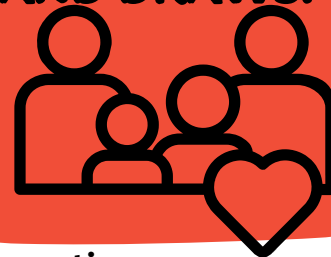
Family

**EVENT
NOVEMBER 21ST**

5-6 PM

**COME OUT FOR A TIME
OF FAMILY FUN!**

**THERE WILL BE
ACTIVITIES, SNACKS,
AND DRAWS!**







**Please contact Nicole with any questions
nichristmas@wsd1.org
204-942-6965**



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4	DAY 1	5	DAY 2	6	DAY 3	7	DAY 4	8	DAY 5
		HEARING SCREENING		HEARING SCREENING		HEARING SCREENING <i>Family gathering 5:00</i>		Remembrance day Assembly 11:00 AM	
11		12	DAY 6	13	DAY 1	14	DAY 2	15	DAY 3
Remembrance Day - No Classes 						GRADE 6 INDOOR SOCCER @ U. OF W. 			
18	DAY 4	19	DAY 5	20	DAY 6	21	DAY 1	22	DAY 2
				Picture Day RETAKES 				Professional Development NO CLASSES	
25	DAY 3	26	DAY 4	27	DAY 5	28	DAY 6	29	DAY 1
						STUDENT LED CONFERENCES 4:00 - 8:00		STUDENT LED CONFERENCES 9:00 - 3:30 NO CLASSES	