



SISTER MAC SPECIAL

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Message from the Administrative Team

Dear Sister MacNamara Families,

My name is Mrs. Mercy Sackey, and I am thrilled to be the new principal of Sister MacNamara School! I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome I have received from this wonderful community. I am excited to work alongside each of you to create a positive and successful learning environment. I have worked as an educator for over 25 years, and eight of those years were here at Sister MacNamara School. I had a fantastic experience with the staff, students, families, and community members, which makes me excited to return. My most recent position as Principal at Pinkham School has provided me with valuable experience and deepened my passion for working with parents, families, and community members. I am passionate about student achievement and believe that every child deserves a supportive and engaging learning experience. We are committed to ensuring an exceptional year of learning, leadership, and community building at Sister MacNamara School. I look forward to working with each of you to make this vision a reality.

We are excited to welcome our new Acting Vice-Principal, Mrs. Christina Couture, to our school. Mrs. Couture has been with the Division for 20 years and has held diverse leadership roles.

We welcome you and your child(ren) back and look forward to working with you and your child(ren) at our school. We hope you had a great summer with your families and created some good summer memories. Each new school year brings many opportunities for excitement and the development of new routines. We also encourage you to check out our website for information. We are happy to answer any questions you may have or to support you with your needs.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing custodial team, under the leadership of our new Head Custodian, Mr. Kevin Sison. Despite the school being closed to students over the summer, our custodial team has been hard at work. Their efforts have left the school sparkling and gleaming, ready for the new school year!!.

Sister MacNamara staff are eager to see students back at the school, and planning has begun for many of our regular school activities.

This year, it is our pleasure to give a warm welcome to the staff who are new and returning WE WELCOME and WELCOME BACK the following staff members to our school for this year: Toban Moroz, Nursery (AM/PM); Motunrayo Oladele, (AM/PM) Kindergarten; Jackelyne Gudz, Grade 1; Vern Klassen-Wiebe, Grade 1; Anna Santos, Grade 2; Lorelyn Rivera, Grade 2/3; Leslie Marnoch, Grade 2; Sarah Albiani, Grade 3; Odesa Lewis-Coutain, Grade 4; Anika Rizwan, Grade 4; Nadine Avila, Grade 3/4; Preety Randhawa, Grade 5; Gulshan Sharma, Grade 5; Candace Liebrecht, Grade 6; Steve Benevides, Grade 6; Maggie MacDonald Physical Education, Hannah Muns Arts, Learning Support Teachers, Kawser Ali, Janet Toews, Keith Robins and Gurinder Randhawa.



We will be hosting our "Meet the Staff" Evening on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the gymnasium. This event is an excellent opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, learn about the school year overview and summary, and ask any questions you may have. The school year overview and summary will outline the themes your child will learn about in class this year. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Our enhanced school safety entry doors have been very successful. All exterior doors are locked, and entry to the school for students will be through the back doors at 8:50 AM and 12:55 PM. If your child is late, they are to enter the school through the Receiving Doors. Once they are inside, they will ring the buzzer, and the office staff will meet them and let them in. This is just one of the many measures we have in place to ensure the safety of our students.

Our school will be closed on September 30th to observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This will be a day of observance to learn, encourage reflection, and participate in meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential schools, and to explore ways to move towards reconciliation.

We are looking forward to our Terry Fox Run Day on September 26th, a day that holds great significance for our school community. This event is an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in a meaningful cause and learn about Terry Fox's inspiring journey.

Please watch your email for updates regarding these and other school events as our team collaborates to bring various activities and events to our school and community.

All Parent Gathering meetings are open to our parents, so every Sister MacNamara Parent/Guardian can attend with childcare supervision provided. These meetings are an excellent opportunity for parents to stay informed about school activities, share their feedback, and connect with other parents in our community.

Please remember that we are always here for you. Whether you visit the school, reach out by phone, or send us an email, we would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have or to support you with your needs. Please say hello when you drop off or pick up your child(ren) from school. We also encourage you to visit our website for more information. Our doors are always open, and we look forward to building a strong partnership with you.

We look forward to a fantastic year together! I look forward to partnering with all families to make the 2025-2026 school year our best year yet.

M. Sackey
Principal



C. Couture
Vice Principal

SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sister MacNamara School is to create a safe, respectful environment where adults help students achieve academic and social success, appreciating and honouring each other's differences and cultural backgrounds.

SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026



OCTOBER 2025

- 8 WSD All Staff Meeting - **NO CLASSES**
- 13 Thanksgiving Day HOLIDAY – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 20 School Photos
- 24 MTS Professional Development Day -**NO CLASSES**
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 2025

- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly–11:00 AM
- 11 Remembrance Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24-25-26 IEP Meetings
- 27 Student-Led Conferences–Evening
- 28 Student-Led Conferences–**NO CLASSES**

DECEMBER 2025

- 17 Winter Concert–6:00 PM for Grades 1-6 18
- N-K Winter Concert–10:00 AM & 1:30 PM
- 19 Movie Day
- Dec 22 --Jan2 WINTER BREAK -- **SCHOOL CLOSED**

JANUARY 2026

- 5 School re-opens after Winter Break

FEBRUARY 2026

- 2 Professional Development Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Louis Riel Day-HOLIDAY – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 27 Jump Rope for Heart assembly 2:30 PM

MARCH 2026

- 4 Classroom Photos
- 16-17-18 IEP Meetings
- 18 Student-Led Conferences – evening
- 19 Student-Led Conferences – all day - **NO CLASSES**
- 20 Professional Development -- **NO CLASSES**
- 23-27 Spirit Week
- 27 Movie Day
- 30-Apr.6 SPRING BREAK – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

APRIL 2026

- 6 School re-opens after Spring Break
- 10 Professional Development Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 16 Bus Ridership
- 17 Day of Pink - Assembly 1:15 PM
- 24 Volunteer Celebration 10:30 AM

MAY 2026

- 8 School Planning Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 18 Victoria Day - HOLIDAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

JUNE 2026

- 12 Field Day
- 17 Year End Celebration
- 21 National Indigenous People's Day
- 24 Grade 6 Farewell - 1:15 PM
- 30 Talent Show 9:15 AM
- 30 Last Day of School - 11:30 dismissal for all students

Looking ahead to 2025-26 school year Common Closure Dates for the Division

- Tuesday, September 2, 2025 (Metro)
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (WSD)
- Friday, October 24, 2025 - MTS PD Day (Metro)
- Friday, November 21, 2025 (WSD)
- Friday, November 28, 2025 Student Led Conferences (Sister MacNamara only)
- Monday, February 2, 2026 (Metro)
- Thursday, March 19, 2026 Student Led Conferences (Sister MacNamara only)
- Friday, March 20, 2026 (Metro)
- Friday, April 10, 2026 (Metro)
- Friday, May 8, 2026 (WSD)



Lunch Program News

Lunch program has started up again this September. At this time, it is intended for parents/guardians who are working or going to school and other options for supervision over the lunch hour are limited.

Thank you for sending healthy lunches for your child to enjoy. 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 greatly appreciated.

Please pack healthy choices if you are sending extra snacks in your child's lunch. Extra fruit or cheese and crackers are good choices! Foods that are high in sugar and fat content need to be left at home.

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 Lunch Program has behavior expectations. Please review them with your child.

They are:

Listen to the adults at all times

Use kind words to solve problems

Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times

Ask a grown up for help.



All Grades 1-6 students will be served breakfast in their classroom at 9:05 AM every school day. Thank you to our food coordinators who prepare a healthy breakfast for the students every morning!

Please do not send your child to school before 8:45 AM








BUILDING BELONGING

Spence Neighbourhood Association Kids Program for Children Ages 6-12

SEPTEMBER 2025



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 No Program MERC closed	2 No Program	3 No Program	4 No Program	5 No Program
8 BB Advisory Meeting	9 No Program	10 Cooking Class 	11 Sport Exploration 	12 Skateboarding
15 Sport Exploration	16 Kids Garden 	17 Cooking Class 	18 STEM Explorers	19 Skateboarding
22 Sport Exploration	23 Kids Garden 	24 Cooking Class 	25 STEM Explorers	26 BB Advisory Outing
29 Kids Garden 	30 No Program, MERC Closed			

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- For children ages 6-12 years

Located At:

- 430 Langside Street
MERC - Magnus Eliason
Recreation Centre

Program Runs:

- Monday-Friday,
3:30-5:30pm
- Meal served 4pm

Safe Walk Program:

- Pickup from John M King &
Sister MacNamara Schools
- Walk and drive home
5:30-6:30pm

Please contact us to register!

CONTACT:

If you have any questions,
concerns, or comments please
contact our coordinators

Allison & Cynthia

Phone: 204-803-6284

Email: buildingbelonging

@spenceneighbourhood.org



Community Connecting Night: Sept. 9 6:00 pm, doors open at 5:00 pm

Join us for a meal for updates on SNA, programming and 5-Year
Plan. Childminding and kids activities available.



Swimming @ Sherbrook Pool

Bring a swimsuit and towel, 14 spots each week.





If your child was born in **2021**, they are eligible to start Nursery this September! If they were born in **2020**, they are eligible to start Kindergarten. Nursery and Kindergarten are half day classes either in the morning or afternoon.

You are welcome to come to the office and fill out registration forms. You will need to bring:



- their birth certificate
- Manitoba Health card
- A lease or tenant agreement OR a tax assessment letter to validate your address.



For more information, please call the school at 204-942-6965 or email sistermac@wsd1.org.

We love to help celebrate your child's milestones like birthdays or special events! Due to possible allergic reactions that could occur within the school, we ask you not send any snacks or treats for the class to share, whether it be homemade or store bought. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your understanding and consideration.



Families:

If you are dropping off your child for school, have a meeting or are coming to the Family Room for activities, we ask that you please wait at the door and we will assist you as quickly as we can.

If you are coming to pick up your child please ring the office and we will work on having them ready to go as soon as possible.

Thanks for your patience!






Dismissal times are 12:00 and 3:30 PM.

Please be on time to pick up your children.





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MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1		2	Day 1	3	Day 2	4	Day 3	5	Day 4
		Professional Development No Classes						9:00 ASSEMBLY	
8	Day 5	9	Day 6	10	Day 1	11	Day 2	12	Day 3
FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY 				BGC starts					
15	Day 4	16	Day 5	17	Day 6	18	Day 1	19	Day 2
				9:15 SCHOOL WIDE EVACUATION DRILL		MEET THE STAFF 5:00			
22	Day 3	23	Day 4	24	Day 5	25	Day 6	26	Day 1
						GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC		<u>TERRY FOX RUN 11:00</u> 	
29		30							
9:00 ASSEMBLY ORANGE SHIRT DAY 		Day of Truth and Reconciliation NO CLASSES 		Looking ahead Wednesday, October 8, 2025 Professional Devt - NO CLASSES Monday October 13, 2025 Thanksgiving, NO CLASSES Friday, October 24, 2025 Professional development, NO CLASSES					



FAMILY ROOM NEWS

WELCOME BACK!

We are so excited to see lots of returning faces and we welcome new families to our school!

Please check the white board at the receiving doors for up-to-date news on Family Room events.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Unfortunately, there will be no potato and bread distribution this month.

CRAFT TIME!

Mondays
September 15, 22, 29
@2:00 pm

NUTRITION BINGO!

Wednesdays
September 17 and 24th
@ 2:30

COOKING CLASS

Fridays
September 19 and 26th
@ 1:15

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact us! 204-942-6965

Nicole: nichristmas@wsdl.org

Hamda: hahmed@wsdl.org

Family Room

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