



SISTER MAC SPECIAL

DECEMBER 2025

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Happy December, Sister MacNamara Families!

Welcome to December!

It's getting cold outside, but warm in our building and certainly in our hearts!

Our first term was full of many events with exciting learning opportunities. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who connected with teachers to celebrate student learning and plan next steps. If you were unable to communicate with your child's teacher in person or by phone, please call them to schedule an appointment.

A gentle reminder: temperatures are getting cold, so please do not send your children to school before 8:45 AM or 12:50 PM. Pickups must be at 12:00 PM and 3:30 PM sharp to ensure safety and punctuality. Students are expected to go outside twice daily until the temperature drops to - 25 degrees Celsius. Please help your child by ensuring they are dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

We are happy to announce that we received a generous gift of new coats for each student from the Operation Warm project. The coats were distributed on November 25, 2025, and students are encouraged to wear their coats during outdoor activities.

All families are invited to attend our winter concert in person. Grades one to six will perform in the gym on Wednesday, December 17th, at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 and close at 5:20 p.m., so please take care to arrive on time. Each family will receive two tickets for the evening concert. The tickets are for adult members of the household, but of course, you are welcome to bring your children who are not performing, with you! Remember to bring the tickets for entry. You MUST have your tickets to enter. If you do not plan to use the tickets, kindly return them by December 15 to help us manage seating and planning effectively.

The Nursery and Kindergarten classes will perform on Thursday, December 18th, at 10:30 AM for morning classes and 1:30 PM for afternoon classes.

Winter break begins on Monday, December 22nd, 2025, and students will return to school on Monday, January 5, 2026. There are several special events at school during December. Please check out the rest of the newsletter for details.

It is always a great honor to work with this fantastic family and community!

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a wonderful winter holiday season!
We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday.

M. Sackey
Principal



C. Couture
Vice Principal

SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026



JANUARY 2026

- 5 School re-opens after Winter Break
- 15 Family Gathering 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2026

- 2 Professional Development Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 5 Family Gathering 5:00 PM
- 16 Louis Riel Day-HOLIDAY — **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 27 Jump Rope for Heart assembly 2:30 PM

MARCH 2026

- 4 Classroom Photos
- 5 Family Gathering 5:00 PM
- 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
- 23 Family Gathering 5:00 PM
- 24 Volunteer Celebration 10:30 AM

MAY 2026

- 8 School Planning Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 7 Family Gathering 5:00 PM
- 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



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.

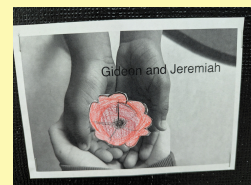


NEWS FROM THE GYM

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 Room 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.





**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OPERATION WARM AND FED EX FOR
GIVING EVERY STUDENT A WARM COAT.
FED EX DELIVERED THE COATS AND THE VOLUNTEERS CAME TO HELP
FIT EACH CHILD WITH A COAT! OUR HEARTS ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY—AND OUR COMMUNITY IS A LITTLE BRIGHTER WITH ALL
THE BEAUTIFUL COATS!**



Lunch Program Update



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to share some important updates about our school's lunch program.

As you may know, our lunch program is now free of charge. While this is wonderful news, it also means that we have limited spots available and just enough supervision to safely accommodate all students. For this reason, only students who are officially registered in the lunch program may stay at school for lunch.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept drop-ins at this time.

To ensure fairness and safety, we are currently prioritizing families who meet the following criteria:

- Both parents are working or attending school during the day.
- Your child does not receive lunch program services from their daycare provider.

We understand that every family's situation is unique, and we will consider special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

If you would like your child to be considered for the lunch program, please fill out the Lunch Program Registration Form, available at the school office. We also have a waiting list, and we will do our best to accommodate families as space becomes available.

As the year progresses, we hope to gradually open more spots so that all students who need lunch supervision can participate—regardless of their parents' work or school status. However, we must expand slowly to ensure student safety.

Please note that students in the lunch program are expected to follow all safety rules.

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times
- Use kind words to solve problems
- Ask a grown-up to help
- Respect and listen to the lunch supervisors
- Remember to respect yourself, respect others and respect the world around you

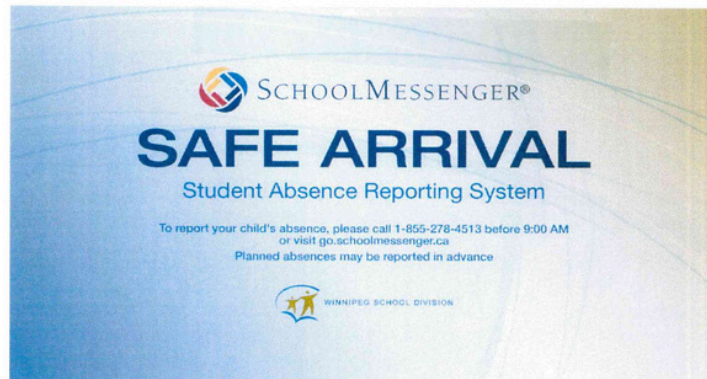
If a student is unable to meet these expectations, we may ask families to make alternative lunch arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to provide a safe and inclusive lunch environment for all.



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.



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

1. 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**.
2. 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**.
3. 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.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 204-942-6965.

Thank you,

M. Sackey
Principal

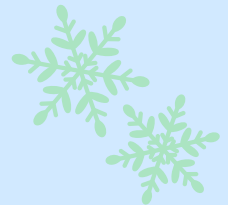
WATCH FOR THE SIGNS Look for the sign on the entrance door!



A green sign on the door means... it is too cold to wait outside. You are welcome to come in and line up.



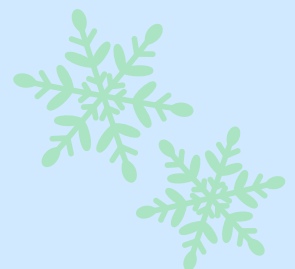
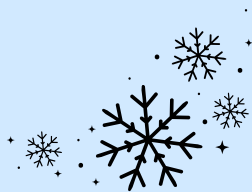
A red sign on the door means ...we are asking students to play outside until the bell rings. Line up as usual and wait for your teacher.



WINTER IS ON IT'S WAY!!!

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

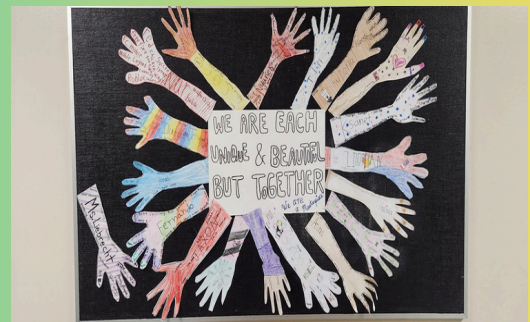
- ⇒ **-28°C , (including windchill,) There will be indoor recesses—(Temperature reading at the Forks)**
- ⇒ **-28°C There will be no patrols and adult crossing guards will be on duty for reduced times**
- ⇒ **DO NOT** send your children to school before 8:50 and 12:50
- ⇒ If your child needs mitts/hats 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



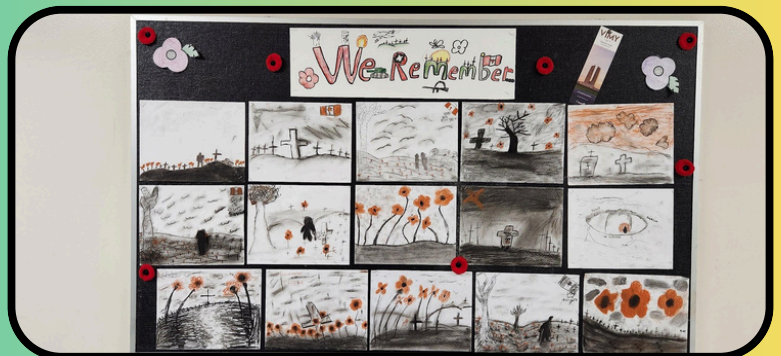
Grade 6 Room 128

Hello Students, Staff, and Families We have been really busy doing so many wonderful things in Room 128, Grade 6. Let me tell you all about some of the learning we have been doing.

In health we talk a lot about identity, managing stress and maintaining positive mental health. When we work together to talk about what we feel like when we are overwhelmed, what makes us feel worried, or happy, sad, or mad, it helps us understand our stressors. When we recognize our own emotions, behaviours, and physical reaction to stress, we can work on ways to reduce it. One way we displayed our learning was through an art project using a blow paint technique with paint colors that match an emotion, to create our personal emotion monsters. Have a look at our bulletin board display picture!



Also, we learned about different battles, wars, and conflicts in history. We had some rich discussions on why there has been conflict in history. We created a beautiful wreath with tissue paper poppies. Then we wrote postcards to veterans to thank them for their service and passed them along to our special military visitors at the Remembrance Day assembly. Have a look at these beautiful charcoal pictures, created to represent symbols of remembrance.



Some other things we have been doing to increase our independence and responsibility is having learning buddies with a grade one class. We meet once a cycle to do a variety of activities. Our most recent was to take advantage of our beautiful Fall weather, take a nature walk, and do a scavenger hunt in our playground. We were to use our 5 senses to explore nature!



ROOM 129



Students in room 129 created an amazing Halloween display in the front display case of the school. We crafted spooktacular ghosts, cute little hanging bats and explored patterns in creating these beautiful 3D pumpkins.

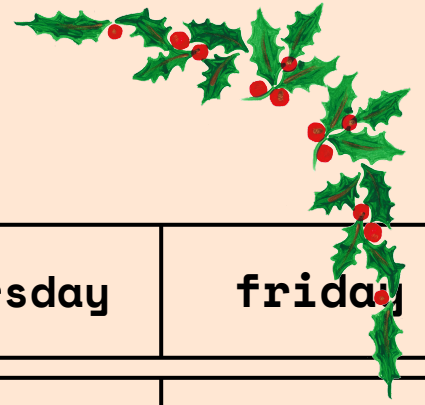
Our classroom of grade 6 students have been studying the diversity of living things in our World. We have been exploring the 5 Kingdoms of living things and the different animal groups. Students learned how to classify living organisms according to their similarities and differences. Students also chose to research their own animals and wrote fantastic reports about their animal's habitat, diet and amazing adaptations.








Family Room

December



monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
				
<div>Craft Time 1:15 pm</div> <div>1</div>	<div>Cooking Class 1:15 pm</div> <div>2</div>	<div>Nutrition Bingo 2:30</div> <div>3</div>	<div>Family Gathering 5 pm</div> <div>4</div>	<div></div> <div>5</div>
<div>Craft Time 1:15 pm</div> <div>8</div>	<div>Family Event 4:30 pm</div> <div>9</div>	<div>Painting 9:15 am</div> <div>10</div>	<div></div> <div>11</div>	<div></div> <div>12</div>
<div>Craft Time 1:15 pm</div> <div>15</div>	<div>Cooking Class 1:15 pm</div> <div>16</div>	<div>Holiday Party 1:30 pm</div> <div>17</div>	<div></div> <div>18</div>	<div></div> <div>19</div>
<div>Winter Break - School Closed</div> <div></div> <div>22</div> <div>23</div> <div>24</div> <div>25</div> <div>26</div>				

Family Room Newsletter

December 2025

Family Gathering

Thursday, December 4th @ 5-6 pm
Please join us for school news and dinner.
Childcare provided!



Family Event: Cookie Decorating



Tuesday, Dec 9th
4:30-5:30 pm



A note will come home with your student.
Please call if you will attend this event - 204-942-6965
*a parent or caregiver will need to attend with their student

Craft Time @ 1:15 pm

Dec 1 - clay village

Dec 8 - paper stars

Dec 10 - painting class

Dec 15 - snowman decoration

Nutrition Bingo

Dec 3 and 17th
@2:30 pm
Food prizes for all
participants!

Cooking Class

Dec 2 & 16th @ 1:30
Christmas Baking!

Holiday Party - Dec 17th

1:30: Snacks, hot chocolate,
ornament craft

2:30: Housewares Bingo:
Prizes of toilet paper, cleaning
supplies, etc.

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MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1	Day 2	2	Day 3	3	Day 4	4	Day 5	5	Day 6
						Family Gathering 5:00			
8	Day 1	9	Day 2	10	Day 3	11	Day 4	12	Day 5
		 Grades 2 - 5 to the Convention Centre Grade 6 Tripleball Tournament at Greenway						School Wide Pancake Breakfast 	
15	Day 6	16	Day 1	17	Day 2	18	Day 3	19	Day 4
 Grade 5 / 6 tripleball tournament				 Winter Concert Grades 1-6 5:30 - 6:30		N/K concert 10:30 & 2:30 		last day before winter break Movie Day 	
24		25		26		27		28	
 		  				No matter how you celebrate the holidays.... we wish you and your family a restful, relaxing, fun-filled winter break!			
		Monday January 5, 2026		Looking ahead		School resumes			

