



CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

**A safe and
caring learning
Community,
Where Every-
one Counts!**

Champlain School is a nursery to Grade 6 elementary school nestled in Winnipeg's North End.

We are home to approximately 230 students, 40 staff (teachers, educational assistants, clerks, custodians, and clinicians), and parent/community volunteers.

We have eight grades 1-6 and three Nursery/Kindergarten classrooms.

We are also home to Champlain Community Child care Centre.

Dear Champlain families,

December was a busy month of joyful learning experiences. Our whole learning community participated in learning in and outside the classroom. The snow and colder weather has made outdoor learning fun. A reminder to all families to continue to send your children with warm winter clothing like jackets, toques, mitts, boots, ski pants, and sweaters.

Students and staff from room 207 shared their learning with the school on our school

Winter Solstice Celebration Wednesday, December 17. Staff organized a traditional snack to be enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Meriam, Ms. Harjot & Ms. Elizabeth.

Our staff's continued learning about our Road to Reconciliation will continue in the new year with some shared learning with our students. We look forward to cross-grade group community learning.

Our staff's continued Professional Learning with MathUp with a focus on high impact teaching strategies of difference. We also took time to review and update our students' academic and social/emotional support plans.

We had our first SNOW day this December and had to reschedule our Santa Breakfast for **Friday, December 19**. A special thanks to all the volunteers for pivoting with an alternate date and breakfast plan. Our students were so happy to meet Santa and enjoy some yummy breakfast snacks.

Our first day back in the new year is **Monday, January 5th, 2026**.

Our Parent Council Meeting schedule will be in late January.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paulo Teixeira
Principal

Follow us on Instagram [@champlain_school_wsd](https://www.instagram.com/champlain_school_wsd)

Champlain is a PBIS school and we follow our 3 Beliefs:

We are Safe

We are Respectful,

We are Ready to Learn!

These beliefs help us to be a caring learning community by learning from our mistakes and reinforcing positive choices.

School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2nd Bell - School day begins
9:00 - 9:10	Morning Meetings
9:10 - 10:40	First Learning Block
10:40 - 10:55	Morning Nutrition Break
10:55 - 11:25	Morning Recess
11:25 - 12:55	Second Learning Block
1:00 - 1:55	Lunch hour
1:55	1st Bell - Students enter school
2:00 - 3:30	Third Learning Block
3:30	Dismissal

Playground supervision

The playground supervision in the morning only begins at 8:50am. Students may arrive at 8:30am for breakfast.



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 1:55 PM.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children to “check in” with home before staying to play. Our desire is for all students to be safe.



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

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.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?

Champlain School Code of Conduct

Input provided by:
Champlain staff, students and families



Who Am I ?

Peace I will:

- accept others as they are and welcome everyone
- seek help and support for myself and others when needed
- work to resolve conflicts peacefully and contribute to a positive school environment

Land and Environmental Care I will:

- recognize our school is on traditional Indigenous territories
- care for the land
- care for the land and environment and am aware of environmental issues

Where do I come from?

Equity

I recognize that:

- each of us have different identities, strengths, abilities, and needs
- this school provides me with opportunities to enhance my strengths and abilities to meet my needs
- support and assistance is available to all

**Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Ready to learn**

Champlain School Code of Conduct

Online Safety

I will:

- adhere to the Winnipeg School Division online safety policy and am aware of digital and online safety strategies
- demonstrate responsibility, respect, and care in all my online and social media activities

Rights and Responsibilities

I have the right to:

- ask for help and the responsibility to get help
- have the opportunities and desire to succeed
- make my own decisions and accept the consequences to those actions

Sharing and Respect

I understand that:

- I share this school with students, staff, parents and community members from diverse backgrounds and social identities
- I am to respect students, staff, and all community members and I am worthy of their respects

Courage I know:

- when and how to respectfully stand up for myself and others
- I must report wrongful acts such as: bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, assault, and words or actions motivated by hate, bias or discrimination

Truth I know:

- how to be true to myself and others and to tell the truth
- that my actions can either have a positive or negative impact
- how to take responsibility for my own words, thoughts, and actions

Why am I here?



Champlain school follows the Winnipeg School Division's Code of Conduct for safe and caring schools.

Where am I going?

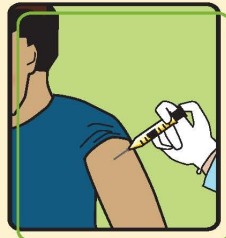
What You Can Do to Fight the Flu



1. Cover your coughs and sneezes.



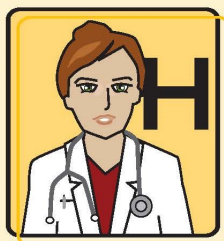
2. Wash your hands a lot.



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.

Healthy Child Manitoba
Putting children and families first
Manitoba



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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Land-Based Learning & Winter Solstice Celebration



For the month of December, land-based learning took place outside and we were all so delighted with the beautiful snow blanket finally arriving.

A few classrooms had the opportunity to demonstrate generosity by shoveling around the community. We ensured neighbors sidewalks were cleared up to their home steps.

Learning concepts this month included:

- Observing snowflakes and the different textures of snow.
- Learning about the traditional foods we eat at a traditional feast (strawberries, blueberries, corn, rice, and meat).
- Continued awareness of being outside for our mental well-being to get fresh air, for mindfulness, and grounding techniques

*The Winter Solstice occurred during the day on Wednesday December 17, 2025, where room 207 shared their wonderful learning with the school, created visual posters on the traditional foods we eat in a feast. A big Miigwetch to room 207 for the awesome learning and engagement they explored for the month of December.

Please have your child dress appropriately with many layers of clothing for Land-Based learning.

Weekly classroom Day Cycle rotation:

	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
11:55 - 12:25	207	215	213	214
12:25 - 12:55	211	209	212	216



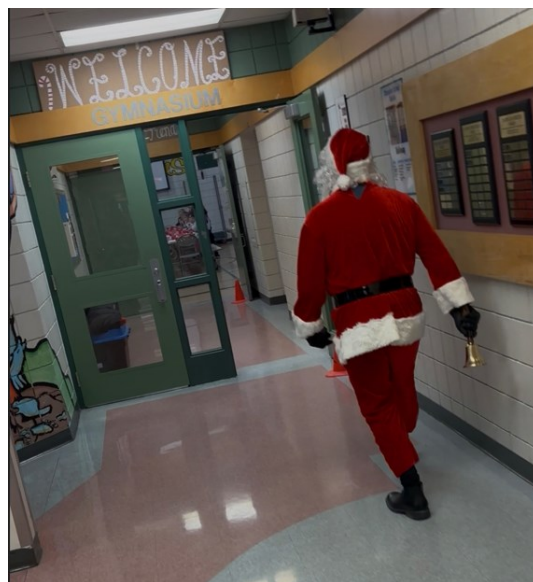
WINTER CONCERT 2025



Our Winter Concert with the theme, Celebration of Peace and Love was an amazing performance of the students from Nursery- Grade 6 last December 4, 2025. The hardwork, dedication and joy of our students brought to the stage is a life experience. Congratulations! We are proud of you! To our families and friends, your presence made a significant difference and we are truly grateful. A huge thank you to Mr. Paulo, teachers, staff and all who shared their time and talents to the success of this event. A joyous holiday season of peace and love to everyone!



Santa Breakfast



ROOM 214 — Ms. Celestino

WHATTA COLD DECEM-BRRRR it has been! But the cold did not bother our learning! In Math, we learned how to draw and create a number line! Now, we know how to add and subtract using a number line! GREAT WORK CLASS! We also did some group activities where everyone represented a number in various ways. In ELA, we are doing Read To Me with Room 213 & Room 216 and Ms. Grant is helping us. In writing we constructed some sentences and had fun drawing it out after. We read a lot of winter story books. We had fun doing our word work as well. One more thing! Kudos to their families for doing a phenomenal job for reading and writing with them every night. Thank you! In Science we are learning about the water cycle - learned new words: evaporation, condensation, evaporation, and collection! In Social Studies, we are learning about Canadian inventions. In art class, we drew gingerbread man, penguin, Christmas tree, elf and candy canes. Lastly, we had so much fun attempting to build a snowman outside during outdoor recess! The Winter Concert was unforgettable and thank you for participating with our Spirit Week! Happy New Year!



Champlain Library



The library is welcoming Christmas and winter with decorated areas and a selection of books about the season.




Students' effort for preparing the library were amazing and they enjoyed reading books about Christmas and winter. They also loved decorating and seeing their crafts displayed in the library.

Now, our library is getting ready to share more good news in the New Year.



Day	Date	Item
5	Monday, January 5	First day back from winter break
6	Tuesday, January 6	Common Area Training
4	Monday, January 12	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
1	Monday, February 2	PD day non-instructional day
6	Monday, February 9	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
	Monday, February 16	Louis-Riel Day – No School
1	Thursday, February 19	Celebration of Learning – 5 to 7pm
2	Monday, March 2	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
6	Monday, March 16	Report cards go home
3	Thursday, March 19	Student-led conferences evening – 4:00 to 7:30 pm
4	Friday, March 20	Student-led conferences non-instructional day
3	Friday, March 27	Last day before spring break
4	Monday, April 6	First day back from spring break
5	Tuesday, April 7	Common Area Training
4	Tuesday, April 14	Bus Ridership
2	Friday, April 10	PD Day non-instructional day
3	Monday, April 13	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
5	Thursday, April 23	Family Night – 5 to 7pm
4	Thursday, April 30	Spring Photos
6	Monday, May 4	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
4	Friday, May 8	PD Day non-instructional day
	Monday, May 18	Victoria Day – No School
6	Thursday, May 21	Celebration of Learning – 5 to 7pm
1	Monday, June 1	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
3	Thursday, June 11	Community Year End Gathering – 5 to 7pm
5	Monday June, 15	Admin Day non-instructional day
5	Tuesday, June 23	Grade 6 Farewell 11:00am
4	Tuesday, June 30	Last day of school – 11:30am dismissal

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Day 5 First Day of School 	6 Day 6 Common Area Training 	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3
12 Day 4 Staff Meeting - 3:40pm 	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2
19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1
26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6



Looking ahead.....

Monday, February 2 Non-instructional Day—No school
Monday, February 9 Staff Meeting (3:40pm)
Monday, February 16 Louis Riel Day—No school
Thursday, February 19 Celebration of Learning (5 – 7pm)