



SISTER MAC SPECIAL

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Welcome Back Sister MacNamara Families!

Happy New School Year, Sister MacNamara Family!

My name is Mrs. Mercy Sackey, and I am the principal of Sister MacNamara School. Mrs. Christina Couture, our vice principal, and I are excited to welcome you and your child/ren back to school this year, a new school year, filled with possibility.

This September, we begin with renewed purpose and a commitment to helping every student reach their full potential. Our vision is to foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and academic excellence where every member of our school community feels valued, empowered, and inspired to succeed. By working together as educators, students, families, and community partners, we will create an environment built on trust, respect, and shared responsibility for student success.

Our staff have thoughtfully prepared engaging, supportive learning environments, reflecting their dedication to making every child and family feel valued. I'm excited for the creativity, curiosity, and confidence our students will build throughout the year. Please share your child's gifts, strengths, and questions with their teacher. We look forward to working with you and your amazing children this year. All staff at Sister MacNamara believe every child and family is unique and important; please contact them with any needs. Their information is included in this newsletter.

We will be hosting our 'Meet the Staff' Evening on September 24, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the gymnasium. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with your child's teachers, learn about the upcoming year, and feel part of our school community. The school year overview will outline the themes your child will explore this year. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Our enhanced school safety entry doors have been very successful. All exterior doors are locked, and students will enter the school through the back doors at 8:50 am and 12:55 pm. If your child is late, they should enter through the Receiving Doors, ring the buzzer, and wait for office staff to assist them. 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, participate in meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential schools, and explore ways to move toward reconciliation. We are looking forward to our Terry Fox Run Day on September 25th, 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 school events, and visit our website for the full calendar of activities and important dates. This will help you stay informed and engaged with upcoming activities and community events.

All Parent Gathering meetings are open to our parents and we encourage your participation. These meetings, with childcare supervision and light refreshments, are great opportunities to stay informed about school activities, share feedback, and connect with other families. Your involvement helps strengthen our school community.

Please remember that we are always here for you. Whether you visit the school, call, or email, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have or support you with your needs. Please say hello when you drop off or pick up your child(ren). 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 2026-2027 school year our best year yet.

M. Sackey
Principal



C. Couture
Vice Principal

TEACHERS NAMES FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Toban Moroz, Nursery (am/pm)
Motunrayo Oladele, (am/pm) Kindergarten
Jackelyne Gudz, Grade 1
Rivera Lorelyn, Grade 1
Amandeep Panaich, Grade 1
Anna Santos, Grade ½
Leslie Marnoch, Grade 2
Bernadette Valinado, Grade 2/3
Sarah Albiani, Grade 3
Odesa Lewis-Coutain, Grade 4
Marilena Kowalchuk, Grade 4
Lana Bouteiller Grade 5
Gulshan Sharma, Grade 5
Candace Liebrecht, Grade 6
Steve Benevides, Grade 6

Specialists

Maggie MacDonald - Physical Education
Hannah Muns - Arts
Larissa Hrabí - Music (1, 3, 5)
Janis Severloh - 50% STEAM (Days 2,4,5)

Learning Support Teachers

Kawser Ali, Janet Toews, Keith Robins, Vanessa Bartlett and Gurinder Randhawa.



OCTOBER

October 2, 2026	Grade 6 Immunization
October 6, 2026	WSD All Staff Meeting - NO CLASSES
October 12, 2026	Thanksgiving - NO CLASSES
October 20, 2026	Bus Ridership
October 23, 2026	MTS Professional day - NO CLASSES
October 26, 2026	Photo Day

NOVEMBER

November 2, 2026	Professional Development - NO CLASSES
November 11, 2026	NO CLASSES
November 16, 2026	Photo Retakes
November 19, 20, 2026	evening of 19 and all day November 20 - Student Led Conference NO CLASSES

DECEMBER

December 2, 2026	Winter Concert for Grades 1-6 6:00 PM
December 3, 2026	N-K Winter Concert 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM
December 18, 2026	Last day before Winter Break

JANUARY

January 4, 2027	School resumes
January 7, 2027	Mobile Vision Clinic

FEBRUARY

February 5, 2027	Professional Development - NO CLASSES
February 15, 2027	Louis Riel Day - NO CLASSES
February 26, 2027	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 2:30 PM

MARCH

March 18, 19, 2027	evening of the 18 th and all day March 19 - Student Led Conference NO CLASSES
March 26, 2027	Good Friday NO CLASSES
March 29 - April 2, 2027	Spring Break

APRIL

April 5, 2027	School resumes
April 14, 2027	Day of Pink Assembly - PM
April 16, 2027	Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES
April 21, 2027	Bus Ridership
April 23, 2027	Volunteer Celebration 10:30 AM

MAY

May 7, 2027	School Planning Day - NO CLASSES
May 24, 2027	Victoria day - NO CLASSES

JUNE

June 11, 2027	Field day
June 16, 2027	Year End Celebration AM
June 21, 2027	National Indigenous People Day
June 23, 2027	Grade 6 Farewell - 1:15 PM
June 30, 2027	Talent Show 9:15 AM
June 30, 2027	Last day of school - 11:30 dismissal for all

***Due to allergies and food restrictions of some students and staff,
we ask parents and guardians
not to bring snacks, treats or any food products for the class for any
occasion.***



Classrooms are often a place of celebration, which sometimes includes snacks and treats. If there is a class celebration, teachers will provide any refreshments.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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.





SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026-27



If your child was born in **2022**, they are eligible to start Nursery this September!

If they were born in **2021**, they are eligible to start Kindergarten.

Nursery and Kindergarten are half day classes either in the morning or afternoon.

- Registrations will be done online for the upcoming school year. You are welcome to go to the Sister MacNamara website. There you will see the tab **Registrations**. Please follow the instructions and register online. If you do not have access to online registration, you are welcome to come into the office to either fill out electronically or fill out a paper copy.

Please bring your child's:

- 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 sisternac@wsd1.org.



*****If your child already attends Sister MacNamara, they are automatically registered for the next school year.**

SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL

MEET THE STAFF

THURSDAY, SEPT 24TH

5:00 PM

**PLEASE JOIN US TO MEET OUR
STAFF, TOUR YOUR CLASSROOM,
AND HAVE REFRESHMENTS!**





Sept 2026

WELCOME BACK! **FAMILY ROOM** **SEPT 2026**

We hope you had a great summer!
We are so excited to see you again and we
welcome new faces to our school.

**Please check the
board at the
receiving doors for
Family Room news.**

Please feel free to contact us!

Nicole: nichristmas@wsdl.org

Hamda: hahmed@wsdl.org

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