



École Sir William Osler April 2023 Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a relaxing Spring Break with lots of family time. It is hard to believe that it is already April and spring has sprung! The year has gone by so quickly and we are into the last stretch of the school year.

With all the snow that we had this year, we are anticipating very wet conditions in the field. Please make sure to send your child with a change of clothes each day in the event that they need to change. Please make sure all of your child's clothing is labeled.

Report cards were sent out electronically mid-March. The teachers and I are extremely pleased with every students' progress and hope you were able to celebrate your child's learning during student-led conferences. Our dedicated teachers did a fabulous job preparing the students. What a wonderful celebration of learning and the students were so excited to showcase their work and explain all the learning that has taken place.

During the month of April, the learning will continue. Students and staff are excited about taking learning outdoors whether it be a community walk or taking advantage of our outdoor classroom and the beautiful weather to study outdoors.

Wednesday, April 12 is "International Day of Pink", a day to focus on the importance of anti-bullying and inclusiveness. We are inviting all children and adults to wear pink on that day. Friday, April 7 there are no classes as it is Good Friday. Friday, April 14 is a non-instructional day.

The Glenlea Plant fundraiser orders are due Saturday, April 15. All orders must be placed online at <https://www.glenleagreenhouses.com>. Just a reminder that there is an option if you do not want to order plants, but want to help support the playground

enhancements. There is a donation button on the school website in the playground news where you can make a donation at any time and receive a tax receipt for donations of \$20 or more!

Registrations for the 2023-2024 school year continue to be accepted for nursery - grade 6. As we begin to plan for next year, we are compiling information to use in the class formation process. Great care and consideration goes into the make-up of all classrooms in consultation with our classroom teachers. Our classroom teachers know the students well and have school-based knowledge about the following criteria: girl/boy ratio, class size, social dynamics, academics, friendships and parent information. We rely on the professional judgements of our teachers to assist us with the process of determining class makeup for the 2023-2024 school year. If there are special circumstances that may impact your child's learning and you would like us to consider them in our class formation process, please share these with me in writing by Friday, April 28. The information we receive from you may be considered in the context of the above criteria. We are fortunate to have very skilled teachers in all our classrooms. The classroom placement information will be part of the final report card which will be sent home on Monday, June 26. The final decision on student placement will be made by school administration, based on the best interests of all our students.

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Physical Education News

The Winter Fun Day was a great success, and I want to give a big thank you to the grade 6s who ran the stations. We wouldn't have been able to do the day without you guys so thanks a lot.

Also, I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the Winnipeg School Division Speed Skating Races. We had a lot of fun that night even though it was quite cold and all of our relay teams went with three instead of four skaters so a lot of the students had to double up, and we were still very successful in our races getting really good times. A big congratulations goes out to Sarah who got second place in the division for the grade 4 girls, Amélie who got third place in the division for the grade 5 girls and Gavin M. who got third in the division for the grade 5 boys. Great job everyone!



Grades 3 and 4 intramurals are under way as well at lunch hour for the next couple of weeks.

Keep a look out for information regarding

grades 4-6 Fit Run as practices will start in late spring.

Parent Council

The Parent Council's spring fundraiser is partnered with **Glenlea Greenhouses** this year! **Orders are due Saturday, April 15, 2023.**



Our École Sir William Osler Parent Council is always looking for new members! Please consider joining us to help support school programs and initiatives.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

2023-2024 School Year

We are now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Registration forms are available on our school website.

Nursery students must be four years of age by December 31, 2023 (born in 2019).

Kindergarten students must be five years of age by December 31, 2023 (born in 2018).

Grade 1-6 students must be born between 2017 and 2012.

To register your child, the parent/guardian is required to present a copy of the birth certificate, Manitoba health card and proof of address (either rental agreement or property tax bill).

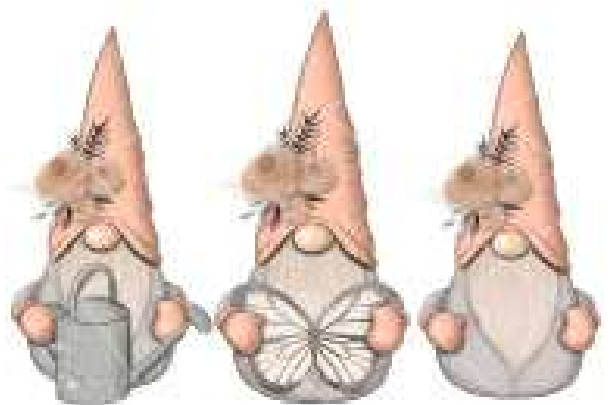
Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are registering your child for kindergarten - grade 6 and live outside the Winnipeg School Division you will be put on a waitlist and advised as soon as possible if space is available. Nursery students living outside the division must pay a fee and are accepted if there is space available.



Please Note

Intention forms were sent home to all parents regarding your intentions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please notify the school office if you are leaving our school for the 2023-2024 school year.



Important Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

May 1 - No Classes: Admin Day

May 15 - Glenlea Plant Pick-Up 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

May 16 - Grade 6 Immunizations

PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 22 - No School: Victoria Day

May 24 - Room 1 to the Aviation Museum

Jun. 26 - No Classes: Admin Day

Report Cards Sent Home

Jun. 30 - Last Day of School

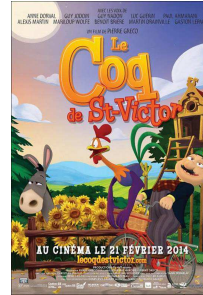


French Activities

Do your kids like to watch movies?
Why not watch some en français?
There are lots of fun kids movies in
French. Here are some of our
favourites:



Le coq de St-Victor



Ernest et Célestine



La mystérieuse
mademoiselle C.



La guerre des tuques



Happy Passover April 6 - April 12, 2023



Good Friday Friday, April 7, 2023



Happy Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023



Most of these movies can be found on Netflix or even
YouTube. You can also go to the St. Boniface public
library and rent them there. Please note that some of
these movies have been translated in English. Just
remember to choose the French option.

Earth Day Saturday, April 22, 2023



Supporting Regular Daily Attendance

What Parents Can Do To Support Learning in Manitoba Schools

Since 2009, Manitoba Education has undertaken a number of initiatives to support improved attendance in schools. In 2012, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) entered into a partnership with Manitoba Education to promote awareness to parents about the importance of regular daily attendance for Manitoba students.

Daily attendance is important for all students. Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have a greater sense of belonging in their communities, and are more likely to graduate.

Did you know...

- Attendance in school is mandatory in Manitoba—not optional.
- If your child is 10 minutes late every day, they will have lost 6 days of instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses only 2 days per month of school, they will have missed 1 month worth of instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses 15 days of school every year, they will have lost 1 year of instruction by the end of grade 12.
- Individuals without a high school diploma are twice as likely to experience unemployment and earn a lower income than high school graduates.

Learning to Age 18 Regulation: In September 2012, Manitoba Education introduced the **Preparing Students for Success Act**, which raised the compulsory school age for attendance from 16 years to 18 years. The goal of this regulation is to ensure that Manitoba enjoys higher graduation rates and learners are offered more opportunities to be successful in life.

What can Families Do to Support Good Attendance?

- Participate in school events and activities to demonstrate your support for school and education.
- Talk to your kids about the importance of attendance, starting at an early age.
- Communicate regularly with the school if there is a problem or a concern and find ways to work together to solve it.
- Help your child with preparing and planning for the upcoming school day to lessen anxiety.
- Plan with other families in your neighbourhood to have children walk to school together.
- Plan appointments around the school day whenever possible.
- Plan vacations and outings around the school year whenever possible.
- Talk to your school about starting a Walking School Bus.

Your actions speak louder than words! Be on time and show that you value regular attendance and education!

What can Schools Do to Provide Support for Good Attendance?

- Work to ensure that each child has a trusted adult in the school to whom they can speak when a problem occurs.
- Communicate regularly with families about special events and promoting family involvement at the school.
- Create a welcoming environment so both students and families feel valued in their school community.



Easter Egg Decorating Ideas

Whipped Cream Dyed Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- 1 container of whipped cream
- Neon food colouring
- Vinegar
- Toothpicks
- Disposable Gloves



Directions:

1. Soak hard boiled eggs in vinegar for about 10 minutes.
2. Add your whipped cream to a cookie sheet. Spread cream to cover entire pan.
3. Mix 2 tbsp. of vinegar into each colour you decide to use. Add dots of the colouring on the top of the whipped cream leaving an inch in between.
4. Swirl the colours using a toothpick or a knife.
5. Dry off your eggs that were soaking in the vinegar. Then roll the eggs in the whipped cream.
6. Let them sit for 30 minutes then wash them off with water and dry with a paper towel.

Melted Crayon Easter Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- A colourful collection of crayons



Directions:

1. Carefully remove the eggs from the pot you boiled them in (to make hard boiled eggs) and let them stand for about 1-2 minutes (the eggs will be very hot, so be sure to use tongs when removing them from the pot).
2. Using crayons, start drawing on your egg. Because of the hot exterior of the egg, the crayon will melt on the egg's surface.
3. Once finished place the egg into the original egg carton and place it into the fridge. After a few minutes they will be cool.

Kool-Aid Tie-Dye Easter Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- Different flavours/colours of Kool-Aid
- Water
- Disposable gloves



Directions:

1. Empty contents of 2 drink mix envelopes into a container. Add 2 tbsp. of water, stir until mix is completely dissolved. Repeat with all colours.
2. Place eggs on cooling rack in sink; rinse with tap water.
3. Spoon Kool-Aid mixture, 1 colour at a time, over wet eggs to create tie-dye patterns.
4. Pour small amount of tap water over each egg to set colours. Use tongs to transfer eggs to paper towel-covered baking sheet to dry.

Nail Polish Marbled Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- Nail polish
- A plastic cup or a bowl filled with room temperature water. This is very important. If the water is too cold or too hot, the polish won't work.
- Toothpicks
- Disposable gloves



Directions:

1. Drop lots of nail polish into the water. If it sinks, the temperature isn't right. You want it to spread out over the top of the water.
2. Then take a toothpick and swirl the colours a bit.
3. Hold your egg between your fingers so that you cover the least amount of surface area on the egg. Then dunk straight down into the water, hold for a second underwater and then bring it up.
4. Sit the egg in a carton and let it dry.



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Day 5 Classes Resume 	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 Bus Ridership 	7 Good Friday 
10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 International Day of Pink 	13 Day 6 Spring Picture Day  Rooms 2 & 3 to WSO 	14 Day 1  No School Admin Day Glenlea Greenhouse Orders Due 
17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 6
24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5