



# École Sir William Osler April 2024 Newsletter



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

**W**elcome 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 the spring weather, we are anticipating 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.

Friday, April 12, 2024 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. We continue to work on our kindness campaign and eliminating bullying in the school and on the playground. Each classroom was tasked with making a visual representation of: why do we have recess? handling a conflict at recess; making friends and including others; what can we do at recess throughout the different seasons; and how to create/maintain respectful boundaries.

The Glenlea Plant Fundraiser orders are due Saturday, April 13, 2024. 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 2024-2025 school year continue to be accepted for kindergarten - grade 6. Due to very low enrolment in the nursery program, and the division phasing out nursery over the next two years, we will not be having a nursery program at the school. Kindergarten enrolment is still low as well so if you know any friends, family, neighbours that live in the catchment area that are still looking for a great school, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. We currently have only enough children to offer one morning class. Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 (born in 2019).

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## Administrator's Message Continued

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: 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 2024-2025 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 Tuesday, April 26, 2024. 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 24, 2024. 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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## Parent Council



The Parent Council's spring fundraiser is partnered with **Glenlea Greenhouses** this year! **Ordering closes on Saturday, April 13, 2024.**

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 16, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

## 2024-2025 School Year

We are now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration forms are available on our school website.

**Kindergarten students must be five years of age by December 31, 2024 (born in 2019).**

**Grade 1-6 students must be born between 2018 and 2013.**

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).

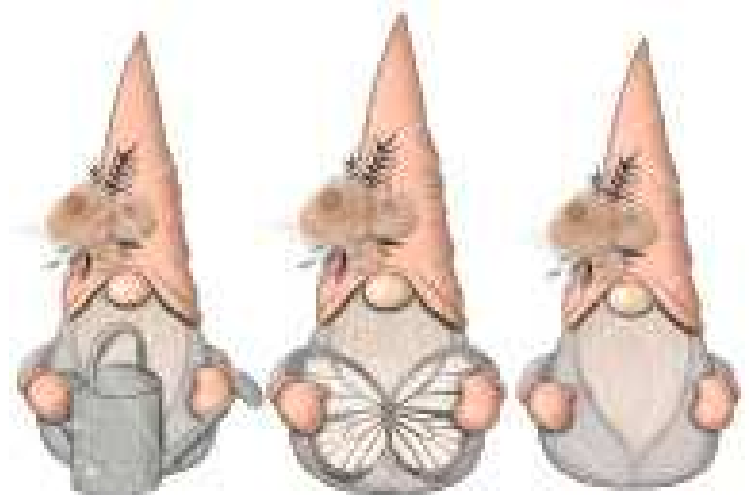
Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are registering your child for kindergarten - grade 6 and live outside the Winnipeg School Division you will be put on a waitlist and advised as soon as possible if space is available.



## Please Note

Intention forms have been sent home to all parents regarding your intentions for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please notify the school office if you are leaving our school for the 2024-2025 school year.



## 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.



# Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

**\*All Dates Subject to Change\***

**May 6 - No Classes: Admin Day**

May 13 - Glenlea Plant Pick Up 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**May 20 - No School: Victoria Day**

May 21-24 - Mobile Vision Clinic

May 21 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 31 - Rooms 5 & 7 to Wildlife Haven

Jun. 6 - Division Pow Wow

Jun. 12 - Spring Concert 6:00 p.m.  
at Grant Park High School

Jun. 13 - Room 9 AM & PM to Morning Sound Farm  
(ALL DAY)

**Jun. 14 - No Classes for Nursery & Kindergarten**

Jun. 20 - Fun Lunch  
Grade 6 Farewell

**Jun. 24 - No Classes: Admin Day**

Report Cards Sent Home

Jun. 28 - Last Day of School



# French Activities

Do your kids like to watch movies?

Why not watch some en français?

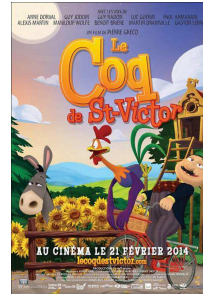
There are lots of fun kids movies in

French. Here are some of our

favourites:



Le coq de St-Victor



Ernest et Célestine



La mystérieuse mademoiselle C.



La guerre des tuques



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

Monday, April 22, 2024



## Happy Passover

April 22 - April 29, 2024







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## April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> Day 1 Classes Resume 	<b>2</b> Day 2	<b>3</b> Day 3 Room 2 to WSO 	<b>4</b> Day 4 Bus Ridership 	<b>5</b> Day 5
<b>8</b> Day 6	<b>9</b> Day 1 Nursery - Grade 2 Fine Motor Presentation 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. 	<b>10</b> Day 2	<b>11</b> Day 3 Spring Picture Day  Grade 4s at Swimming Counts 	<b>12</b> Day 4 International Day of Pink 
<b>15</b> Day 5 Glenlea Greenhouse Orders Due 	<b>16</b> Day 6 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	<b>17</b> Day 1	<b>18</b> Day 2 Grade 4s at Swimming Counts 	<b>19</b> Day 3  <b>No School Administration Day</b> Grade 6 Babysitting Course 
<b>22</b> Day 4	<b>23</b> Day 5	<b>24</b> Day 6	<b>25</b> Day 1 Grade 4s at Swimming Counts 	<b>26</b> Day 2
<b>29</b> Day 3	<b>30</b> Day 4 Grade 6 Immunizations 