



École Sir William Osler April 2026 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 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.

Wednesday, April 8 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

The Glenlea Plant fundraiser orders are due Wednesday, April 15. All orders must be placed online at <https://www.glenleagreenhouses.com>. Delivery and pick up is on Thursday, May 14.

Registrations for the 2026-2027 school year continue to be accepted for grades N-7. Nursery students must be 4 years old by December 31, 2026 (born in 2022) and Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by December 31, 2026 (born in 2021). Registrations must be done online through the school division at [student registration](#)

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 2026-2027 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 before Friday, April 24. 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 22. 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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School Bus Evacuation Drills

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Manitoba Regulation 465/88R –

The Transportation Department strives to have an excellent safety record. To achieve this we must carry out School Bus Evacuation Exercises at all schools in the early Fall and late Spring of each school year.

These practice drills are required so that in the event of an emergency, students can evacuate the bus as safely and as quickly as possible.



Please assist us by reviewing the school bus rules and regulations with your child.” The rules and regulations are located on the Winnipeg School Division website (www.winnipeg.sd.ca Family & Community / Buses & Transportation).

Picture Day

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

School picture day is coming up. To help your child get ready, consider the following tips from Lifetouch:

1. Help your child pick out clothes and colours that look good on them. After all, your child is the star of the photo - not their shirt, so avoid slogans, logos, and big patterns. Small jewelry and accessories are fine but nothing too big or distracting. Make sure to check your flyer to see sample poses for your Picture Day. Some poses may show pants or skirts, so plan the complete outfit.
2. Glasses are okay! Lifetouch photographers know all the tricks to reduce glare.
3. Any hairstyle works for Picture Day. Schedule haircuts a few weeks ahead of time to allow hair to grow back a little, or you can go for a fresh-cut look.
4. Keep kids relaxed and ready to be themselves. Smiles can look fake if they are practiced ahead of time. Remember, smiles are like french fries - they're better when they're fresh.
5. Don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now - and you'll enjoy looking back on that for years to come.



Parent Advisory Council



The Parent Council's spring fundraiser is partnered with **Glenlea Greenhouses** this year! **Ordering closes on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.**

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: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Phys Ed News

Fit Run Club is going to be starting up at the end of April for students in grades 3-6. Information for this and a permission slip is going to be coming out soon. April dates we will run are Monday, April 20, Wednesday, April 22, Tuesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 30.

Stay tuned for upcoming intramurals if we get into the new gym for grades 5-6 volleyball and grades 3-6 badminton.



Check Out What the Kids are Saying at Club de perlage at ÉSWO!

J'aime le club de perlage parce que...

- You get to learn Indigenous culture.
 - They are fun to make.
- When you learn it here, you can do it at home.
 - I love making crafts.
 - I always wanted to try it.
 - The beading looks nice.
 - I like jewelry.



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.

Important Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

May 8 - No Classes: Admin Day

May 14 - Mobile Vision Clinic

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

May 15 - Rooms 1 & 3 to Oak Hammock Marsh

May 18 - No School: Victoria Day

May 20 - PAC Meeting & AGM 6:00 p.m.

May 21 - Grades 1-6 Spring Concert

May 25 - Grade 6 Immunizations

Jun. 1 - Grade 6 to Camp Manitou

Jun. 18 - Fun Lunch: McDonald's

Jun. 19 - Rooms 2 & 4 to MB Museum

Jun. 22 - Report Cards Sent Home

Jun. 26 - No Classes: Admin Day

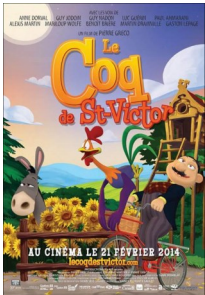
Jun. 30 - Last Day of School



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



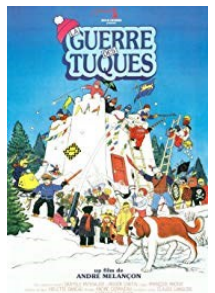
Ernest et Célestine



La mystérieuse mademoiselle C.



La guerre des tuques



Most of these movies can be found on Netflix, YouTube or the St. Boniface public library and rent them there.



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Visit our website: www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/sirwilliamosler

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April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 SPRING BREAK	2	3
6 Day 4 Classes Resume 	7 Day 5 Spring Picture Day 	8 Day 6 Celebrate Diversity Day of PINK International Day of Pink Bus Ridership 	9 Day 1 Rooms 5 & 7 to the WSO 	10 Day 2 No School Administration Day 
13 Day 3	14 Day 4 Yom HaShoah 	15 Day 5 Last Day to Order Glenlea  Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	16 Day 6	17 Day 1
20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5 Rooms 5 & 7 to Historical Thinking Symposium  Boston Pizza Fun Lunch 	24 Day 6
27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	