



École Sir William Osler

February 2024 Newsletter



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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

The month of January is now a memory for our school and community. The days may still be cold but the learning indoors is really heating up. In the classroom, we continue to see growth in all areas of students' development. They have been learning so much and have been working diligently. We are looking forward to seeing some of their gains as we approach the next reporting period.

As administrators and as a staff, we have been reading, *"The Heart-Centred Teacher"* by Regie Routman. So far, we have read and discussed Chapter 1: Loving Our Students. What captured my attention was how the author redefines "love" and how we can love our students. *"Perhaps most of all, we need to be seen. Then "I love you" means, "I see you. I know who you are. I am here for you. I appreciate your gifts. I respect you."... "Seeing" means looking through lenses that capitalize on strengths, rejecting a mentality of differences-as-deficits, and providing equitable opportunities for all.*" (pg. 2) *"Showing the love - and expanding our definition of love promotes social and emotional wellbeing, which must be an integral part of all teaching, learning and living - not separate from it."* (pg. 22). Let's continue loving our students and families!

During the month of February, classes will be celebrating Festival du Voyageur, la St Valentin, 100 day, as well as some I Love to Read activities.

The weather usually starts to warm up this month but continue to refer to the school's Cold Weather Guidelines. Students are expected to take part in outdoor recess when weather permits so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed and their clothing is labelled. There is indoor recess when

temperatures drop to -28°C (with the wind chill) and colder. We will continue to head outdoors with our Polar Bear Club when temperatures dip below the division guidelines.

Our Nursery & Kindergarten Information evening took place Wednesday, January 24. We are now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have family, friends or neighbours with children who will be 4 years old for nursery (born in 2020) or 5 years old for kindergarten (born in 2019) by December 31, 2024, please encourage them to check out our school website at [École Sir William Osler Open House](#).

There is also a tab with registration information [Registration information](#).

Our enrolment projections come up very soon as well. Student intention forms went out Monday, January 22 through permission click and are due back Friday, February 9. Please make sure to complete your forms as soon as possible as these help to create what our classrooms will look like next year as well as our staffing.

Thank you for all your support and assistance. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or your classroom teacher if there is anything we can assist you with or if you have any questions.

Mme Ostermann



Parent Advisory Council



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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Wind Chill & Recess

We will be checking on the Winnipeg School Division website before each recess to check the wind chill factor. The wind chill reading used by the Winnipeg School Division will be that of **Environment Canada at The Forks**.

- -17°C to -27°C we will be going outside.
- -28°C and below we will have indoor recess. When this happens, students remain in their classrooms and play games, etc.

Please remember to have your child dress appropriately for all weather...boots, hats, mitts (insulated gloves), scarves, face masks, ski pants, etc. If they are attending school they will be expected to go outdoors for recess.



2024-2025 School Year

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

Nursery students must be four years of age by December 31, 2024 (born in 2020).

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. Nursery students living outside the division must pay a fee and are accepted if there is space available.



Please Note





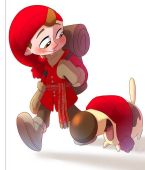
Intention forms have been sent home to all parents regarding your intentions for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Festival du Voyageur!

The Manitoban **Festival du Voyageur** will take place this year at Voyageur Park in St. Boniface, from **Friday, February 16 to Sunday, February 25, 2024**. The Festival du Voyageur is the largest winter festival in Western Canada, and a fun-filled family event with music, food, and activities for young and old, including viewing snow sculptures, horse-drawn sleigh rides and tobogganing! Snow sculptures will be on display in Voyageur Park, as well as in various locations around Winnipeg. For more information, please visit <https://heho.ca/>.

Theme days at our school for our Festival week are:

Date	Theme
Monday, February 19	No School: Louis Riel Day 
Tuesday, February 20	 <i>Journée de la tuque/ Toque Day</i>
Wednesday, February 21	<i>Journée de la chemise à carreaux/ Checkered Shirt Day</i> 
Thursday, February 22	 <i>Journée de la ceinture fléchée/ Sash Day</i>
Friday, February 23	<i>Journée du voyageur/ Dress Like a Voyageur Day</i> 



Students, staff and volunteers are encouraged to dress for our theme days! For “Sash Day,” while some students may have an actual “ceinture fléchée,” many students choose to tie a scarf around their waist, as a sash. On Friday, we hope everyone will dress as a voyageur, including toque, sash, checkered shirt, and jeans. Beards are optional!

The staff are working hard to prepare for this week! Many engaging French activities will take place in your child’s class.

We are looking forward to celebrating this Manitoban cultural festival!

He ho héros! Bon Festival!




February 2024

I Love to Read Month



Theme: Our Voices are Unique

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Prepared by: Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg.</p> 				<p>1</p> <p>Read or view on YouTube, <i>I Am Me: A Book of Authenticity</i> by Susan Verde</p>	<p>2</p> <p>What does it mean to be unique?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Create a word splash of things that make you unique.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Write an "I Am" poem all about you!</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Design a puzzle piece that shows who you are.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tell a friend one thing you find unique about them.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Write a pen pal letter to someone outside of your community.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Buddy read with someone younger or older than you.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Start a gratitude journal.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Visit your local library and take home a new book.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Read a book with a family member.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Read or view on YouTube, <i>Only One You</i> by Linda Kranz</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Paint a rock to represent you!</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Share Valentine's Day cards with people you care about.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>National Flag of Canada Day! Create your own Canadian flag.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>What does kindness mean to you?</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Complete 3 random acts of kindness in your community.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Listen to an audiobook by a new author.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Celebrate Louis Riel Day by reading with someone you love.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Watch "<i>We are all Different - And that's Awesome</i>" by Cole Blakeway on YouTube</p>	<p>21</p> <p>What questions would you ask Cole Blakeway?</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Read <i>Remarkably You, Out of My Mind</i>, or <i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i>.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>What advice would you give someone about being authentic?</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Volunteer to help someone in your neighbourhood.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Create a bookmark showing all of your favourite things.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Read <i>It's Okay to be Different</i> by Todd Parr.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Design a new book cover for <i>It's Okay to be Different</i>.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>If you could create another book page for <i>It's Okay to be Different</i>, what would it say?</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Celebrate the Leap Year by reading your favourite book!</p>		

COLLÈGE CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE/PORTE OUVERTE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

Collège Churchill High School invites you to join us for an information evening for prospective students and families to experience everything Collège Churchill High School has to offer!

Highlights include: French Milieu and English Programs, Athletics, Performing Arts, Practical Arts, Churchill Hockey Academy, Churchill Softball Academy, and Extracurricular activities.



Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
510 Hay Street, Winnipeg, MB
204-474-1301





OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY FEB 8, 2024 **6:00PM**

GYMNASIUM

ÉCOLE RIVER HEIGHTS SCHOOL

1350 GROSVENOR AVE

204 488-7090



7 Ideas for Valentine's Day Fun

www.parenting.com

1. **Give love a thumbs-up.** Decorate valentines with thumbprint hearts. Have your child dip their thumb (finger works fine, too) in red poster paint, then show them how to press it onto paper twice to create a heart shape.
2. **Eat your hearts out.** Make a pan of Rice Krispies Treats, cool slightly, and then let your kids use a heart-shaped cookie cutter (coated with cooking spray) to punch out edible valentines. Decorate with frosting and/or candies.
3. **Look for love.** Play the "I love you to pieces" game: Cut out a big heart from construction paper, and tear it up. Hide the various pieces around the house for the kids to find and then reassemble with tape.
4. **Go cocoa.** Melt a bag of chocolate chips in the microwave then stir in raisins, marshmallows, candy hearts, etc. Drop spoonfuls of the mixture onto a baking sheet, and let set in the fridge until hard. Wrap the candies in pink cellophane and tie with ribbon to give to friends, sitters, and teachers.
5. **Name that passion.** At dinner, hand out three scraps of paper to each family member and ask them to write down something they love on each one (parents can write for little ones). You might write "cheese", "tennis", and "sleep" on yours, for example. Fold up the papers, put them in a bowl, and take turns picking one out and guessing who loves what.
6. **Get carded.** Make a pop-up Valentine's card : Cut out three hearts of descending size from decorative paper. Fold all the hearts in half, and adhere the largest one to the inside of a blank card with a single line of glue down the fold line. Layer the smaller hearts on top the same way for a three-dimensional greeting.
7. **Cozy up.** Cuddle together on the couch and watch Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown.



French Activities

Does your child like to spend time on the computer, laptop or tablet? Why not integrate some of that playtime with French online games?

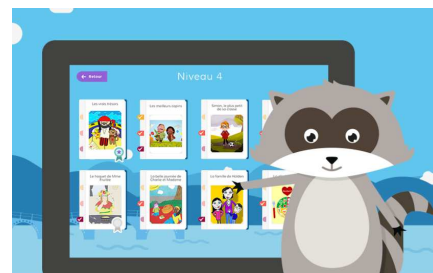
Here are some websites you can try:

- www.samamuse.ca. French thematic games that focus on numbers, letters, themes, math and verbs. Turn up the volume for this one!
- www.idello.org/en. A bilingual site with a tab for parents and students. There are tons of videos for kids of all ages. Scroll to the bottom.
- www.french-games.net. French games that focus on thematic vocabulary. The site is in English, but all the games are in French.



Boukili

Free Illustrated Children's Books!



Boukili is a free application that provides a variety of illustrated books for children. It aims to encourage children to read and helps them attain different levels of reading proficiency.

With Boukili you can practice reading in French with your child while keeping track of his or her reading progress.

Visit boukili.ca/en for more information.

Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Mar. 7 - Concours d'art oratoire School Finals
Mar. 11 - Report Cards Sent Home
Mar. 13 - N/K Student-Led Conferences 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Mar. 14 - Student-Led Conference 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 15 - No Classes: Student-Led Conferences
Mar. 18-22 - Spirit Week
Mar. 21 - Fun Lunch
Concours d'art oratoire Division Finals
Mar. 22 - Last Day of Classes
Mar. 25 - Spring Break Begins

Apr. 1 - Classes Resume
Apr. 3 - Room 2 to WSO
Apr. 4 - Bus Ridership
Apr. 11 - Spring Picture Day
Apr. 12 - International Day of Pink
Apr. 15 - Glenlea Ordering Closes
Apr. 16 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 19 - No Classes: Admin Day
Grade 6 Babysitting Course
Apr. 30 - Grade 6 Immunizations

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.

Jun. 12 - PAC School Picnic
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



February is
I Love to Read Month

I ♥ 2READ

Groundhog Day

Friday, February 2

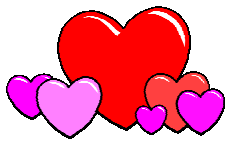
Will the groundhog see its shadow?



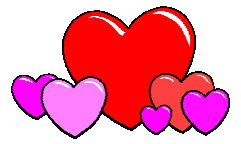
Valentine's Day

Don't forget Valentine's Day is
Wednesday, February 14





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 No School Administration Day 
5 Day 3 MLA Mike Moroz Reading to the School 	6 Day 4 Grade 6s to Collège Churchill for Tour Grades 4-6 Skating Club  Collège Churchill Open House 6:30 p.m.	7 Day 5	8 Day 6 Grades 2-3 Skating Club  École River Heights School Open House 6:30 p.m.	9 Day 1
12 Day 2 Take Pride in Reading  Grades 4-6 Skating Club	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 Valentine's Day  Grades 2-3 Skating club	15 Day 5	16 Day 6
19 Day 1 No School Louis Riel Day 	20 Day 2 Festival Week Toque Day  Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	21 Day 3  Checkered Shirt Day Grades 4-6 Skating Club	22 Day 4  Sash Day Daycare Book Sale 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. 	23 Day 5  Dress Like a Voyageur Winter Fun Day Grades 2-3 Skating Club
26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	