



École Sir William Osler February 2025 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.

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.

A family information meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in our gym. This meeting will provide a building update about École Sir William Osler and share plans about the Middle Years programming starting next year. The division superintendent will also be on hand to share future catchment area changes for the south district and French Immersion.

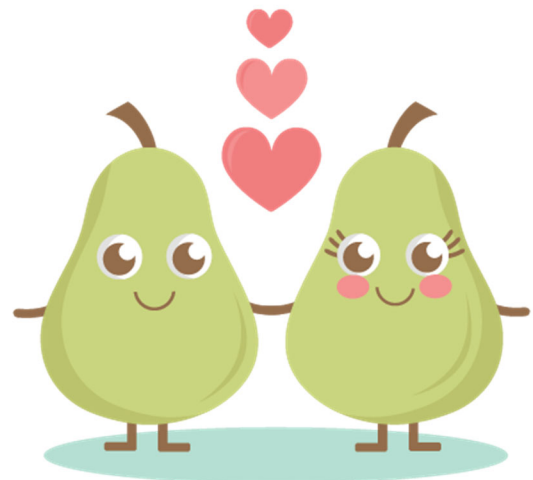
There is no scheduled open house for Nursery & Kindergarten this year, however we are happy to schedule individual meetings and tours with new families.

WSD is streamlining the student registration process for all WSD schools for the upcoming 2025/26 academic year. Key dates include February 10 - registration for students in the catchment area, March 3 - school of choice applications. Online registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on both dates. If you have family, friends or neighbours with children who will be 4 years old for nursery (born in 2021) or 5 years old for kindergarten (born in 2020) by December 31, 2025, please encourage them to check out the division website at [student registration](#)

Our enrolment projections come up very soon as well. Student intention forms will go out February 7 through permission click and are due back February 14. 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.

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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. Meetings take place virtually at 6:00pm on Google Meet.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 18
- April 15
- May 20 – AGM and executive elections

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 **Enviornment 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.



2025-2026 Intentions



Intention forms will be sent home Friday, February 7 to all parents through Permission Click regarding your intentions for the 2025-2026 school year. Please complete the form by Friday, February 14.

Please notify the school office if you are leaving our school for the 2025-2026 school year.

2025-2026 School Year

Starting February 10, 2025, online registrations for the 2025-2026 school year will open at 9:00 a.m. for students who live in the school's catchment area. On March 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. the WSD will start accepting registrations for those students who live outside of the school's catchment or outside of the school division boundaries.

Nursery students must be four years of age by December 31, 2025 (born in 2021).

Kindergarten students must be five years of age by December 31, 2025 (born in 2020).

Grade 1-7 students must be born between 2019 and 2013.

Q: Can my child attend a school outside our catchment area?

Yes, you can apply but acceptance is not guaranteed. It depends on the school's space and resources. The provincial guidelines prioritize:

- Students designated for that school.
- Students within the WSD boundaries.
- Students outside of the WSD boundaries.

Q: When can I apply for a School of Choice for my child?

First, all students must register with their catchment schools **BEFORE** applying for a School of Choice. Applications for School of Choice are accepted for the next school year between March 3 and May 15, 2025. WSD will inform families of application results by the last week of the current school year, at the latest.

Q: How can I apply for a School of Choice for my Child?

The School of Choice application process is different for students, depending on whether they live in WSD.

Please see the section about within-division and outside-division students on the WSD website under student registration FAQs. You can also access it through the following link: [student registration FAQ](#)



Festival du Voyageur!

The Manitoban **Festival du Voyageur** will take place this year at Voyageur Park in St. Boniface, from **Friday, February 14 to Sunday, February 23, 2025**. 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 17	No School: Louis Riel Day 
Tuesday, February 18	 <i>Journée de la tuque/ Toque Day</i>
Wednesday, February 19	<i>Journée de la chemise à carreaux/ Checked Shirt Day</i> 
Thursday, February 20	 <i>Journée de la ceinture fléchée/ Sash Day</i>
Friday, February 21	<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 2025

I Love to Read Month

Theme: Building Bridges



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Prepared by: Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg.</p> 						<p>1 Read a book with a family member.</p>
<p>2 Read <i>How to Make an Umi: The Story of Elliott and Élodie</i> by Amy Warr and Kristy Maan.</p>	<p>3 Greet someone in French today.</p>	<p>4 How do you say "I love to read" in French?</p>	<p>5 What languages are spoken in Manitoba?</p>	<p>6 Go for a walk and look for signs in different languages.</p>	<p>7 Write as many words as you can in 5 minutes.</p>	<p>8 Visit your local library.</p>
<p>9 Read <i>When We Are Kind/ Nihá'ádaahwiniit'ígoo</i> by Monique Gray Smith</p>	<p>10 What does kindness mean to you? Make a list of ways to be kind.</p>	<p>11 Complete 3 random acts of kindness today.</p>	<p>12 Write a thank you note to someone special.</p>	<p>13 Make a bookmark about kindness.</p>	<p>14 Say I Love You in a different language.</p>	<p>15 Read <i>Luli and the Language of Tea</i> by Andrea Wang.</p>
<p>16 Make a cup of tea and listen to a story.</p>	<p>17 Find someone that speaks a different language and ask them to teach you a word.</p>	<p>18 Write down 3 things you are grateful for.</p>	<p>19 Read <i>Next Door</i> by Deborah Kerbel. If there were words, what would they say?</p>	<p>20 Learn a word in American Sign Language (ASL).</p>	<p>21 Create your own wordless picture book.</p>	<p>22 Play a game of charades or Pictionary, using no words.</p>
<p>23 How many ways can you say "Hello"?</p>	<p>24 Trade books with a friend.</p>	<p>25 Create a poem about your identity.</p>	<p>26 Read a dual language book of your choice.</p>	<p>27 Play a word game like Boggle, Scrabble or Bananagrams.</p>	<p>28 Share your favourite story with someone.</p>	

7 Ideas for Valentine's Day Fun

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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?

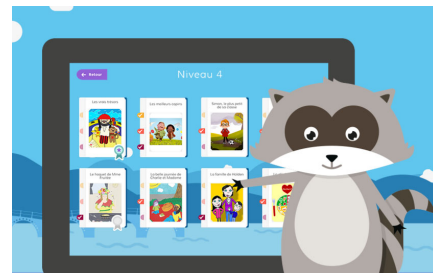


Here are some websites you can try:

- 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 2024-2025 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Mar. 10 - Report Cards Sent Home
Mar. 13 - Student-Led Conference 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 14 - No Classes: Student-Led Conferences
Mar. 19 - Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre
Mar. 24-28 - Spirit Week
Mar. 28 - Last Day of Classes
Mar. 31 - Spring Break Begins

Apr. 7 - Classes Resume
Apr. 9 - International Day of Pink
Bus Ridership
Apr. 10 - Spring Picture Day
Apr. 11 - No Classes: Admin Day
Apr. 15 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 18 - No School: Good Friday
Apr. 24 - Fun Lunch: Pita Pit
Apr. 30 - Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre

May 9 - No Classes: Admin Day
May 15 - Mobile Vision Clinic
May 19 - No School: Victoria Day
May 20 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
May 21 - Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre
May 27 - Grade 6 Immunizations

Jun. 11 - PAC School Picnic
Jun. 16 - Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre
Jun. 19 - Fun Lunch: McDonalds
Grade 6 Farewell
Jun. 23 - No Classes: Admin Day
Report Cards Sent Home
Jun. 27 - Last Day of School



February is
I Love to Read Month

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Groundhog Day

Sunday, February 2

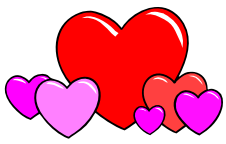
Will the groundhog see its shadow?



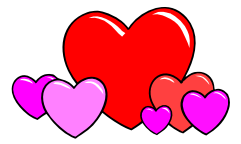
Valentine's Day

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





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February 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Grades 4-6 Skating Club 	5 Day 3 Grade 7 Parent Information Meeting 7:00pm 	6 Day 4 Grades 2-3 Skating Club 	7 Day 5 MLA Mike Moroz Reading to the School 
10 Day 6 Grades 4-6 Skating Club 	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 Grades 2-3 Skating Club 	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 Valentine's Day 
17 No School Louis Riel Day 	18 Day 5 Festival Week Toque Day  Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	19 Day 6 Checked Shirt Day  Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre 	20 Day 1 Sash Day 	21 Day 2 Dress Like a Voyageur  IHOP Fun Breakfast  Rooms 2 & 4 to WSO 
24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6 Swimming Counts!  Grade 4s in Session 1 to Swimming Damien Lussier Performance 	28 Day 1