



## École Sir William Osler January 2023 Newsletter

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

**O**n behalf of the entire École Sir William Osler Staff, welcome back everyone! Hopefully you all had a wonderful holiday filled with fun, laughter and family time. As we begin 2023, we reflect on and appreciate how truly fortunate we are to have a school and community where we know one another and work diligently together to not only ensure the safety of all the children, but where we encourage and foster their senses of belonging, independence and caring for one another. Working together enhances the education of all the children. We look forward to another successful school term.

We are sad to say goodbye to one of our staff members, Mme Dana. She has decided to leave part-time teaching for now, but will be back subbing in the school. We are very happy that she will still be involved with our school. At the same time, I would like to welcome Mme Grace Sheppard who will be taking over Mme Dana's position doing ELA in room 3 and literacy support for some of the younger students for the remainder of the year. Welcome Mme Sheppard!

As we move into the month of January, please ensure that your children dress appropriately for all weather conditions. Also, please ensure that all of your child's clothing is labeled so that we can return it to the rightful owner. Please remember that we have the ongoing fundraiser with Oliver's Labels to help you ensure that your child's items can be easily labeled. [www.oliverslabels.com/sirwilliamosler](http://www.oliverslabels.com/sirwilliamosler). Items left in the lost and found will be donated at the end of each month. We had beautiful weather during most of the month of December, but we did have a few days where our Polar Bear Club went outside to enjoy the fresh air. We have an amazing 89 Polar Bear students in grades 1 - 6!

Please try to send your children within minutes of the entry bell. Entry times are 8:20 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. All children are expected to go outside for recess, weather permitting. If children are well enough to be at school, then they are well enough to be outside. If children are ill, we encourage parents to keep them home until they are feeling well enough to participate in all activities, including recess. This will also help ensure that illnesses are less likely to spread to other children.

Our Playground Committee is once again creating an "enchanted forest" for our students. Our temporary forest of natural Christmas trees will "grow" along the fence and in the school yard (depending on if there is enough snow to stand them up steady). After you have removed all decorations from your natural tree, you can drop it off in the baseball diamond on the east side of the school (off Brock Street), any time **from January 1 - 7, 2023**. Your tree will help create opportunities for more imaginative play and will be incorporated into outdoor education lessons. Last year, the students loved playing among the trees and were able to see animals that also made use of the trees! We have arranged for the trees to be picked up and recycled when the snow melts.

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## Administrator's Message Continued

We are very excited to announce that the Playground Committee has been working with Hinterland to create a curling/broomball rink on our hardtop! We are on the hunt for loaner curling rocks, but if need be we can make our own with milk jugs, cans or log slices and handles. Hinterland is including bird feeders and signage planks as donations - these will be items the students could paint/decorate as class projects, and can be placed in the enchanted forest. We will be using hay bales as seating around the rink and if we have enough maybe seating out in the enchanted forest as well. Thank you to our Playground Committee for finding ways to get our students outdoors and having fun.

Our Open House will be returning to in person on January 25, 2023! If you have family, friends or neighbours with children who will be 4 years old for nursery (born in 2019) or 5 years old for kindergarten (born in 2018) by December 31, 2023, please encourage them to come check out our Open House. Registration will be open starting February 1, 2023. If your child is already registered in the school, you do not need to register for the following year. Our enrolment projections come up very soon as well. If you know already that you will not be returning for the 2023-2024 school year, please let the office know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please remember you can always call or email me.

Mme Ostermann

## Winter Bazaar

Thank you to all our Sir William Osler families for your donations to our Winter Bazaar. It was a huge success!



The children had a blast picking out gifts for their immediate family and wrapping it up. Thank you to all our volunteers for helping set up and wrap presents.

Our Winter Bazaar made \$444.75 and all the proceeds will be given to Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective.

## 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, January 17, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

## Enchanted Forest

**Donate your Real Christmas Tree for our Enchanted Forest, After the Holidays!**

The Playground Committee is planning an Enchanted Forest for the new year! Our temporary forest of natural Christmas trees will "grow" along the fence and in the school yard (we will stand them up in the snow). Your tree will help create opportunities for more imaginative play and will be incorporated into educators' lessons.

After you've removed your ornaments, you can drop off your natural Christmas tree in the baseball diamond on the east side of the school (off Brock Street), any time **from January 1 - January 7, 2023**. We have arranged for the trees to be picked up and recycled when the snow melts.



# SafeArrival

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

### SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>).
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.



### Web and Mobile Web: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**.



### Interactive Toll-Free Phone 1-855-278-4513

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.
3. Record the confirmation number at the end of the call. **If you hang up before this is given the absence will be cancelled and will not be reported to the school.**



Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using the communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include

push notifications to the app, email, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

**If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.**

**If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the 3 methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.**

### Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day.
- 7 days a week.
- For any school day in the school year.
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence.



## How to Keep your Child's Self Image Strong



- Say something positive to your child each day.
- Try to see that your child achieves success in some way each day by offering a variety of activities.
- Give your child recognition for the effort they make even though it may not come up to expectations.
- Make your child feel that they belong.
- Listen to your child and look the child in the eyes when they are talking.
- Answer your child's questions openly, honestly, and immediately if possible.
- Do not embarrass your child, especially in front of others; do not make the child question their worth.
- Compliment the child when possible on creative ideas, improvement in performing tasks, etc.
- Encourage your child to be proud of their name, ideas, improvement in performing tasks, etc.
- Do not set goals so high that the chance of failure prevents your child from trying.
- Emphasize what your child does right instead of what your child does wrong.
- Treat your child as you would like to be treated.

## Family Literacy Day

Celebrate your Heritage  
Friday, January 27, 2023

1. **Research your Family's Place of Origin:** Go online together and research where your parents, grandparents, and other relatives were born. What interesting information can you find out?
2. **Interview a Family Member:** Speak to them about where they grew up and what it was like. Do they have any interesting facts about your family? Write a story about them.
3. **Learn a New Language:** Check out books from the library or use free online tools to learn new words in another language. Be sure to practice every day!
4. **Listen to Traditional Music:** Many cultures have traditional music. Do some research and listen to different types of traditional music. What style to you like the best?
5. **Look at a Map:** Whether it be a map of Canada or another place your relative once lived, you can learn a lot about geography by looking at a map.
6. **Make a Photo Collage:** Take out the family photo album or old magazines and newspapers to create a collage about what your family and heritage means to you.
7. **Make a Craft of Traditional Designs:** Research traditional designs of your culture and replicate them in the form of a craft. Be as creative as possible!
8. **Read a Story:** There are a lot of books about different places and cultures. Visit your local library and ask the librarian for books about your heritage.
9. **Learn About Where you Live:** Do you know about the history of where you live? Together as a family, learn about the culture and heritage of the place you call home.
10. **Cook a Traditional Recipe:** Learn how to make your family's signature dish or look up a recipe for a famous meal from your culture. Yum!

Find more fun family activities at:  
[www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca).



## Important Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

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

Feb. 1– 28 - I Love to Read Month

**Feb. 3 - No Classes: Admin Day**

**Feb. 20 - No School: Louis Riel Day**

Feb. 21-24 - Festival Week

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

Feb 24 - Winter Fun Day

Mar. 13 - Report Cards Sent Home

Mar. 15 - N/K Student-Led Conferences 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 16 - Student-Led Conference 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Mar. 17 - No Classes: Conferences**

Student-Led Conferences 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Mar. 20-24 - Spirit Week

Mar. 24 - Last Day of Classes

Mar. 27 - Spring Break Begins

Apr. 3 - Classes Resume

Apr. 6 - Bus Ridership

**Apr. 7 - No School: Good Friday**

Apr. 12 - International Day of Pink

**Apr. 14 - No Classes: Admin Day**

Apr. 18 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**May 1 - No Classes: Admin Day**

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



## Know Your Zone

École Sir William Osler is in Snow Zone F



Usually two or three times per year a residential parking ban is called to facilitate the city's snow clearing operation. All residential streets have been assigned to a snow zone. It's important that all

city residents become familiar with their zone. You can look up your residential street snow zone with the City of Winnipeg **address lookup tool** or by **contacting 311**.

The city will announce the snow zone plow schedule prior to a residential plow operation. Vehicles parked in violation of the residential parking ban will receive a \$150 ticket (\$75 if paid early), and may be towed to a nearby street that is not scheduled to be plowed or that has already been cleared.

## French Activities

Are you wondering how you can help with homework even though you don't speak French? Are you looking for activities in French?



Here are some ideas:

- Visit [www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca](http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca) for tips on helping your child with homework and encouraging French at home.
- Visit [www.samamuse.ca](http://www.samamuse.ca). This Manitoba based website offers thematic games for kindergarten to grade 6. Students can practice their math and French skills.





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Visit our website: [www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/sirwilliamosler](http://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/sirwilliamosler)



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>2</b>  <b>WINTER BREAK</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Day 3</b> <b>School Resumes</b> 	<b>6</b> <b>Day 4</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Day 5</b> <b>Grades 5 - 6 Skating Club</b> 	<b>10</b> <b>Day 6</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Day 1</b> <b>Grades 2 - 4 Skating Club</b> 	<b>12</b> <b>Day 2</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Day 3</b> <b>Room 4 to WSO</b> 
<b>16</b> <b>Day 4</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Day 5</b> <b>Grades 5 - 6 Skating Club</b>  <b>Virtual PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>Day 6</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Day 1</b> <b>Grades 2 - 4 Skating Club</b> 	<b>20</b> <b>Day 2</b>  <b>No School Administration Day</b> <b>Grade 6 Babysitting Course</b> 
<b>23</b> <b>Day 3</b> <b>Grades 5 - 6 Skating Club</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>Day 4</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Day 5</b> <b>Grades 2 - 4 Skating Club</b>  <b>Open House 6:00 p.m.</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Day 6</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Day 1</b> <b>Family Literacy Day</b> 
<b>30</b> <b>Day 2</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Day 3</b> <b>Grades 5 - 6 Skating Club</b> 