



École Sir William Osler January 2024 Newsletter



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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire École Sir William Osler Staff, welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday filled with fun, laughter and family time. As we begin 2024, 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.

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. Items left in the lost and found will be donated at the end of each month.

We had beautiful weather during the month of December, but I'm sure we will have some cold wintery days. We have an amazing 90 Polar Bear students in grades 1-6! Polar Bear students always have the choice on whether or not they want to come out to play. They must be fully dressed in all their appropriate outdoor winter clothing.

Please try to send your children within minutes of the entry bell. Entry times are 8:20am and 12:25pm. 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. Please follow the guidelines from "How sick is too sick for school" information that was sent out in December. Children must be 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medicine) and 48 hours with no vomiting or diarrhea.

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 by in the corner of the field near the southwest entrance (near the parking lot) any time **from December 26 - January 5**. 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

Our Open House will be taking place January 24 from 5:30pm-6:30pm! 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 Dec 31, 2024, please encourage them to come check out our open house. Registration will be open starting February 1. 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 2024-2025 school year, please let the office know.

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

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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 \$339.33 and all the proceeds will be given to the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

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 16, 2024
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 corner of the field by the parking lot, any time **from December 26, 2023 - January 5, 2024**. 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

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

Have a Family Party!

Saturday, January 27, 2024

1. **Create Your Own Invitations:** Make invitations to your party. They can all be the same or different. Send them to family and friends a few weeks before the big day.
2. **Decorate Your Party Room:** Draw pictures of your family's favourite stories, books, and characters. After you colour them, use them as decorations for your party.
3. **Make Yummy Party Food:** Create a menu filled with fun party foods. Look in cookbooks, online, and talk with family about traditional recipes. Ask family members to help, and make your party foods together.
4. **Sing and Dance:** Make up a song or dance. Make a video while you perform for your party guests and watch it together afterwards.
5. **Dress-Up for Your Party:** Have fun planning what you'll wear for the party. Will you dress as your favourite story characters or with a certain theme? Have fun and show off your individual styles!
6. **Take Pictures in Your Own Photo Booth:** Create a fun photo area. Gather fun and silly accessories to wear. Make party signs for people to hold. Set up your area with a colourful backdrop created by you!
7. **Make a Toast:** Write a toast to celebrate 25 years of *Family Literacy Day* and taking time to learn as a family. Your toast can talk about learning or about the people at your party.
8. **Play Fun Games:** Plan fun party games like BINGO, Go Fish, I Spay, Pictionary, or Memory. You could even make up a new game and teach it to everyone.
9. **Eat Cake to Celebrate:** Lots of parties have cake. Bake something yummy as a family. Use a favourite family recipe or find a new one in a cookbook or online.
10. **Thank Your Guests:** Everyone loves getting fun mail! Write and send a kind thank you note to each of your guests after the party. Share what you liked best, and make plans for the next get-together.

Find more fun family activities at:
www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca





OPEN HOUSE

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

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Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Feb. 1– 29 - I Love to Read Month

Feb. 2 - No Classes: Admin Day

Feb. 6 - Grade 6's Visit Collège Churchill

Feb. 19 - No School: Louis Riel Day

Feb. 20-23 - Festival Week

Feb. 20 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

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. 12 - International Day of Pink

Apr. 16 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Apr. 19 - No Classes: Admin Day

Apr. 30 - Grade 6 Immunizations

May 6 - No Classes: Admin Day

May 20 - No School: Victoria Day

May 21-24 - Mobile Vision Clinic

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

Jun. 6 - Spring Concert 6:00 p.m.

Jun. 12 - PAC School Picnic

Jun. 20 - Fun Lunch & Grade 6 Farewell

Jun. 24 - No Classes: Admin Day

Report Cards Sent Home

Jun. 28 - 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 for tips on helping your child with homework and encouraging French at home.
- Visit 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.winnipeg.ca/schools/sirwilliamosler

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January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2</p> <p>Friday, January 1</p> <p> WINTER BREAK</p>		3	4	5
<p>8 Day 1</p> <p>School Resumes</p> <p></p>	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5
15 Day 6	<p>16 Day 1</p> <p>Virtual PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p> <p></p>	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	<p>19 Day 4</p> <p>No School Administration Day</p> <p></p>
22 Day 5	23 Day 6	<p>24 Day 1</p> <p>Open House 5:30 p.m.</p> <p></p>	25 Day 2	26 Day 3
29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6		