



École Sir William Osler March 2023 Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

March is here, already! It is hard to believe that we are looking at Spring Break at the end of the month. We have seen great gains in our students' learning as they continue to grow academically, artistically, physically and socially.

During the month of February, we had many activities. Thank you so much to the volunteers who assisted with creating our enchanted forest for January and February. The students had so much fun playing, learning and exploring in the trees. Thank you to the volunteers that came to read to classes.

Thank you to our amazing Parent Advisory Council and parent community for supporting the school in so many ways! The Glenlea Greenhouse spring fundraiser, that supports the playground enhancement, is now open. Click on the link to browse the [catalogue](#). Please remember to order early as much of their stock sold out quickly last year. You can order and pay online at [gleanlea orders](#).

Our Student-Led Conferences will take place Wednesday, March 15 (N/K Only), Thursday, March 16 and Friday, March 17. The students are putting together their work so that they can take you through their learning and what they have done this year. Report cards will be sent out electronically on Monday, March 13. The last day of classes before Spring Break is Friday, March 24.

Just a reminder that we are still accepting registrations throughout the remainder of the year. 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 check out our school website. [SWO registration information](#)

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the students and families of École Sir William Osler. I truly feel that this is an amazing and caring community, of which we are all fortunate to be a part. Your support and encouragement throughout this crazy year has been heartwarming.

"It is vital that when educating our children's brains that we do not neglect to educate their hearts"

- Dalai Lama

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Festival du Voyageur

February 22, 2023



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Spirit Week

Lots of fun is planned for the last week of school before Spring Break!

Monday, March 20: Sports Day! Wear something with your favourite sports team on it.



Tuesday, March 21: Mismatch Day! Wear your wackiest mismatched outfit!

Wednesday, March 22: Hat Day! Wear any hat you like!



Thursday, March 23: School Colours Day! Show school spirit by wearing your school gear or something blue.

Friday, March 24: Pyjama Day! Snuggle up and wear your favourite pjs to school!



Concours d'art oratoire



This year, our grades 3 - 6 students had a choice to participate in our French speech competition. Those participating have been learning to write and rehearse their own French speeches. Our "*Concours d'art oratoire*" will take place in our school gymnasium on **Monday, March 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** Our grades 3 - 6 students have been writing, revising and rehearsing their speeches and we are looking forward to seeing all of their hard work! Judges will select one student for each of the categories (3/4 immersion, 5/6 immersion). These students will participate in the Winnipeg School Division's Canadian Parents for French "*Concours d'art oratoire*" taking place at our school on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

We are so proud of all of our students and their developing French speaking abilities!
Bravo les ami(e)s!

2023-2024 School Year

We are now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Registration forms are available on our school website.

Nursery students must be four years of age by December 31, 2023 (born in 2019).

Kindergarten students must be five years of age by December 31, 2023 (born in 2018).

Grade 1-6 students must be born between 2017 and 2012.

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 were sent home to all parents regarding your intentions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please notify the school office if you are leaving our school for the 2023-2024 school year.

Fun Spring Break Ideas

www.todaysparent.com

1. **Be Exposed:** Love ethnic food but afraid the kids will balk at sushi or Pad Thai? Spend an afternoon learning about the culture before exposing them to the cuisine. It'll be a fun family project that'll expand their palates and their minds.
2. **Get Wired:** You know your kids love video games, so why not indulge them and make it a family game day? They'll love watching you learning the notes of Guitar Hero and you'll love the workout you get from Dance Dance Revolution.
3. **Be Sweet:** Spend the day in the kitchen decorating delectable cakes, cookies and cupcakes with yummy icing and edible treats.
4. **Be Creative:** Inspire your kid to be a photojournalist for the week by capturing all of their March break activities on camera and creating a journal of their pictures. Allowing them full control of the camera (or their own disposable) will inspire some truly magnificent shots.

www.savvymom.ca

1. **Sports Day:** Dress for the weather and get out to do your favourite sport. Swimming, karate, yoga. You can also do seasonal stuff like skiing or tobogganing.
2. **Pirate Day:** Talk like a pirate. Eat like a pirate. Walk like a pirate. And repeat.
3. **Movie Day:** Not just a movie marathon. Make movie-ish food. Roll play movie characters. Film your own movie!
4. **Build Something Day:** Lego. Living room fort. Cookie tower.
5. **PJ Day:** Stay in pjs all day. See what happens.
6. **Book Day:** Read one. Write one. Draw one. Colour one. Write a letter to an author.



7. **DIY Day:** A favourite for tweens and teens. DIY your room make-over. DIY a spa day.
8. **Food Day:** Eat backwards (dinner, lunch, and then breakfast.) Eat in alphabetical order.
9. **Backwards Day:** Start your day like you finish it. Put your clothes on backwards. Walk backwards. Or backwards family (kids are the parents and parents are the kids).
10. **Travel Day:** Go someplace or PRETEND to go someplace. Paris anyone?...
11. **Rainbow Day:** Eat a rainbow. Draw a rainbow.

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1. **Rock Stars:** Get inspired by *The Voice* and have your junior vocalists try out some tunes. A site like lyrics.com can help with the words.
2. **Mad Scientists:** Don a white coat - and turn your home into a lab by visiting the Science Bob website. Fun projects in the home-experiments section help kids learn about everything from making their own slime to growing rock candy.
3. **Rockin' Artists:** Everyone has heard of pet rocks, but who actually has one? All your kids need for this craft project is acrylic paint, brushes and rocks.
4. **Little Astronomers:** The crisp, clear skies of winter and early spring make it a perfect time for stargazing. During the day, kids can log onto NASA's website to learn about outer space through games, factoids and interactive tools.
5. **Meet Some Local Heroes:** What child doesn't dream about being a firefighter at some point? Call the general inquiry line of your local fire services to book a tour of the fire hall. Often kids get a lesson in fire safety as well as the chance to sit in the shiny red engine.
6. **Make Your City New to You:** Act like a tourist and visit exhibitions and events.

Supporting Regular Daily Attendance

Did You Know?

- Missing 10 percent of the school year (or just 2-3 days every month) can mean that by grade three, a student has failed to master basic reading skills, and by grade nine, they are at risk of dropping out of school. Everyday, starting in nursery and kindergarten, students are learning and practicing basic literacy skills in order to be competent readers, spellers, and writers as adults.
- Attending school regularly helps a child feel connected to classmates and staff.
- Regular school attendance every year, starting in nursery and kindergarten, will help your child to do well later in high school, university or college, and at work.

How You Can Help

- No matter their age, set a regular bedtime and morning routine for your child.
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to their teacher about this concern. Together, you both can make a plan to help your child.
- When possible, avoid medical appointments or trips with your child when school is in session. Take advantage of non-instructional days, or days during the winter, spring, or summer break to schedule appointments or trips.

**School success goes hand in hand
with good attendance!**

ATTENDANCE 
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20 Things to Say to Encourage your Children

1. Great job! Thank you for doing that.
2. Way to go. I'm proud of you!
3. That was so kind of you!
4. Fantastic - thanks for listening the first time.
5. Wow - you really rocked it!
6. You know what? You are a great kid!
7. I appreciate what you did.
8. I'm praying for you.
9. Look at what you've accomplished!
10. What a great decision you made!
11. Thanks for doing that before I could even ask.
12. I'd love to hear about it.
13. You figured it out - that's awesome!
14. One step at a time - you're doing it!
15. Fabulous job - you were really listening.
16. I know that was a new thing for you - excellent try!
17. I love your creativity!
18. Thank you for sharing.
19. Keep going - you can do it!
20. I love you.



Important Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Apr. 3 - Classes Resume

Apr. 6 - Bus Ridership

Apr. 7 - No School: Good Friday

Apr. 12 - International Day of Pink

Apr. 13 - Spring Picture Day

Rooms 2 & 3 to WSO in PM

Apr. 14 - No Classes: Admin Day

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

May 1 - No Classes: Admin Day

May 15 - Glenlea Plant Pick-Up 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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



Daylight Savings Time



On **Sunday, March 12, 2023**
move your clocks forward one hour.

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17, 2023





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1 Winter Fun Day 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. 
6 Day 2 Room 1 to Freeze Frame Rooms 2 & 3 to Freeze Frame Concours d'art oratoire School Finals 8:30 a.m. 	7 Day 3  Rooms 4, 5 & 7 to Freeze Frame	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6
13 Day 1 Report Cards Sent Home 	14 Day 2 Concours d'art oratoire Division Finals 6:00 p.m. 	15 Day 3 Student-Led Conferences (N/K Only) 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. 	16 Day 4 Student-Led Conferences 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	17 Day 5 No School  Student-Led Conferences 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
20 Day 6 Spirit Week Sports Day 	21 Day 1 Mismatch Day 	22 Day 2 Hat Day 	23 Day 3  School Gear or Colour Day Fun Lunch 	24 Day 4 Last Day of School  Pyjama Day 
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SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023, SCHOOL DAY 5				