



## École Sir William Osler March 2024 Newsletter



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### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

**M**arch 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. We had guest readers come for I Love to Read; Valentine's Day; TiBert and Douzie who performed to kicked off our Festival du Voyageur activities; and we enjoyed a Pancake Breakfast and a fun Winter Fun day.

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 still open. Click on the link to browse the [2024 catalogue](#). Please remember to order early as much of their stock sold out quickly last year. Place your order and pay online. You will select **École Sir William Osler on the cart page** after you select your products but before checkout.

Our Student Led Conferences will take place Thursday, March 14, 2024 and Friday, March 15, 2024. 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 11, 2024. The last day of classes before Spring Break is Friday, March 22, 2024.

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 5 years old for kindergarten (born in 2019) by December 31, 2024, 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 continued support and encouragement is heartwarming.

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

*- Dalai Lama*

Mme Ostermann



## Spirit Week

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

**Monday, March 18:** Sports Day! Wear something with your favourite sports team on it.



**Tuesday, March 19:** Mismatch Day! Wear your wackiest mismatched outfit!

**Wednesday, March 20:** Hat Day! Wear any hat you like!



**Thursday, March 21:** School Colours Day! Show school spirit by wearing your school gear or something blue.



**Friday, March 22:** 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 **Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 9:00 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 École Garden Grove on **Thursday, March 21, 2024 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!

## 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.

## 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**   
**MATTERS**

## 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.



# 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.

## canadianfamily.ca

1. **Rock Stars:** Get inspired by *The Voice* and have your junior vocalists try out some tunes. A site like [lyrics.com](http://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](http://Science Bob website). Fun projects in the [home-experiments section](http://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](http://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.

# Easter Egg Decorating Ideas

## Whipped Cream Dyed Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- 1 container of whipped cream
- Neon food colouring
- Vinegar
- Toothpicks
- Disposable Gloves



Directions:

1. Soak hard boiled eggs in vinegar for about 10 minutes.
2. Add your whipped cream to a cookie sheet. Spread cream to cover entire pan.
3. Mix 2 tbsp. of vinegar into each colour you decide to use. Add dots of the colouring on the top of the whipped cream leaving an inch in between.
4. Swirl the colours using a toothpick or a knife.
5. Dry off your eggs that were soaking in the vinegar. Then roll the eggs in the whipped cream.
6. Let them sit for 30 minutes then wash them off with water and dry with a paper towel.

## Melted Crayon Easter Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- A colourful collection of crayons



Directions:

1. Carefully remove the eggs from the pot you boiled them in (to make hard boiled eggs) and let them stand for about 1-2 minutes (the eggs will be very hot, so be sure to use tongs when removing them from the pot).
2. Using crayons, start drawing on your egg. Because of the hot exterior of the egg, the crayon will melt on the egg's surface.
3. Once finished place the egg into the original egg carton and place it into the fridge. After a few minutes they will be cool.

## Kool-Aid Tie-Dye Easter Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- Different flavours/colours of Kool-Aid
- Water
- Disposable gloves



Directions:

1. Empty contents of 2 drink mix envelopes into a container. Add 2 tbsp. of water, stir until mix is completely dissolved. Repeat with all colours.
2. Place eggs on cooling rack in sink; rinse with tap water.
3. Spoon Kool-Aid mixture, 1 colour at a time, over wet eggs to create tie-dye patterns.
4. Pour small amount of tap water over each egg to set colours. Use tongs to transfer eggs to paper towel-covered baking sheet to dry.

## Nail Polish Marbled Eggs

Need:

- Hard boiled eggs
- Nail polish
- A plastic cup or a bowl filled with room temperature water. This is very important. If the water is too cold or too hot, the polish won't work.
- Toothpicks
- Disposable gloves



Directions:

1. Drop lots of nail polish into the water. If it sinks, the temperature isn't right. You want it to spread out over the top of the water.
2. Then take a toothpick and swirl the colours a bit.
3. Hold your egg between your fingers so that you cover the least amount of surface area on the egg. Then dunk straight down into the water, hold for a second underwater and then bring it up.
4. Sit the egg in a carton and let it dry.



# WSD NEW STUDENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 26!

If your child is turning four or five by December 31 this year, it's time to register them for Nursery or Kindergarten.

Starting Nursery or Kindergarten is an exciting time and we're here to help.

Find your neighbourhood school on [winnipegdsd.ca](http://winnipegdsd.ca) and learn more about your child's school and the special role it has in your community.

Start your child on the journey of a lifetime of joyful and deep learning.

Visit [winnipegdsd.ca](http://winnipegdsd.ca)



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# Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

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

- Apr. 1 - Classes Resume
- Apr. 3 - Room 2 to WSO
- Apr. 4 - Bus Ridership
- Apr. 9 - Nursery - Grade 2 Fine Motor Presentation  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
- May 31 - Rooms 5 & 7 to Wildlife Haven

- Jun. 12 - Spring Concert 6:00 p.m.  
at Grant Park High School
- 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



## Daylight Savings Time Starts



On **Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
move your clocks forward one hour.

## St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17, 2024



## Happy Easter

Sunday, March 31, 2024





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## March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Day 3
4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1 Concours d'art oratoire School Finals 9:00 a.m. 	8 Day 2
11 Day 3 Report Cards Sent Home 	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Student-Led Conferences (N/K Only) 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. 	14 Day 6 Student-Led Conferences 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	15 Day 1 <b>No School</b>  Student-Led Conferences 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
18 Day 2 Spirit Week Sports Day 	19 Day 3 Mismatch Day 	20 Day 4 Hat Day 	21 Day 5  School Gear or Colour Day Fun Lunch 	22 Day 6 Last Day of Classes  Pyjama Day 
25 Spring Break 	26	27	28 Concours d'art oratoire Division Finals 6:00 p.m. 	29 Good Friday 
<b>SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024, SCHOOL DAY 1</b>				