



École Sir William Osler March 2025 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. We had guest readers come for I love to read; Valentine's Day; Damien Lussier who performed for the school and we enjoyed a pancake breakfast and a fun winter activities 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 place your order [Glenlea spring fundraiser](#). 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 13 and Friday, March 14. 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 17. The last day of classes before Spring Break is Friday, March 28.

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 or 5 years old for nursery (born in 2021) or kindergarten (born in 2020) by December 31, 2025, please encourage

them to check out our school website for school information at [ESWO school information](#). Just a reminder that all registrations are taking place online through the division website [student registration](#). All families must register at their catchment schools first. School of Choice registrations will open Monday, March 3.

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

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Spirit Week

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

Monday, March 24: Sports Day! Wear something with your favourite sports team on it.



Tuesday, March 25: Mismatch Day! Wear your wackiest mismatched outfit!

Wednesday, March 26: Hat Day! Wear any hat you like!



Thursday, March 27: School Colours Day! Show school spirit by wearing your school gear or something blue.



Friday, March 28: 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 17, 2025 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 **Tuesday, March 25, 2025 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!

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](#)



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

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Outdoor Activities

- Plant an edible garden.
- Go on a nature walk in your backyard or around the block.
- Learn to fly a kite.
- Sleep underneath the stars by camping in the backyard.
- Plan an outdoor scavenger hunt.
- Have a picnic in the park.
- Break out the bonfire pit and make s'mores.
- Decorate the driveway with chalk.
- Shoot hoops or kick a soccer ball.
- Take a bike ride.

Indoor Activities

- Build a fort with blankets and pillows.
- Test out a new recipe.
- Make a book report of your child's favourite story.
- Host a fashion show to mix and match fun outfits.
- Make a movie - develop the characters, story, and script, then film it.
- Practice a new skill.
- Research a favourite topic and create a report.
- Plan an at home spa day.
- Have a photo shoot throughout the house.

Crafty Activities

- Make a collage with nature (twigs, leaves, flowers, etc.)
- Make play dough.
- Create collages using bits of paper, buttons, and other crafting materials.
- Make jewelry with beads, string, shells, or clay.
- Whip up some homemade slime.
- Create paper bag puppets - then put on a puppet show for the whole family.
- Build DIY bird feeders to hang in the yard.

- Paint rocks to use as decorative paperweights.
- Make a castle out of a cardboard box.
- Create homemade cards for friends and relatives.
- Develop a time capsule about your family - then bury it in the backyard.

Energetic Activities

- Set up an obstacle course (you can do this indoors or outdoors.)
- Throw a dance party with your family's favourite tunes.
- Go bowling outdoors; you simply need some bottles and a ball.
- Try out an online exercise video.
- Bike around the block.
- Host your own family Olympic games in the backyard.
- Play "floor is lava".

Whole Family Activities

- Have a family movie night (and don't forget the popcorn!)
- Lay out sleeping bags for a living room slumber party.
- Tackle household chores together (washing the car, giving the dog a bath, etc.)
- Play board games like Clue, Sequence, or Monopoly.
- Reminisce by looking at old home videos or photos.
- Make a special dinner together.
- Do a family book club - everyone reads the same book and then discusses it.



Important Dates for the 2024-2025 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

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 12 - Glenlea Plant Pick-Up 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
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. 16 - Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre
Jun. 19 - Fun Lunch: McDonalds
Jun. 23 - No Classes: Admin Day
Report Cards Sent Home
Jun. 27 - Last Day of School



Daylight Savings Time Starts



On **Sunday, March 9, 2025**
move your clocks forward one hour.

St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 17, 2025





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March 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5  Grade 4s in Session 1 to Swimming Divisional Speed Skating Races 4:00 p.m. 	7 Day 6
10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4  Grade 4s in Session 1 to Swimming Student-Led Conferences 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	14 Day 5 No School  Student-Led Conferences 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17 Day 6  Report Cards Sent Home Concours d'art oratoire School Finals 9:00 a.m. 	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Room 3 to Poseidon Care Centre 	20 Day 3	21 Day 4
24 Day 5 Spirit Week Sports Day 	25 Day 6  Mismatch Day Concours d'art oratoire Division Finals 6:00 p.m. 	26 Day 1 Hat Day 	27 Day 2 School Gear or Colour Day  	28 Day 3 Last Day of Classes  Pyjama Day 
31 Spring Break 				
SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025, SCHOOL DAY 4				