



École Sir William Osler May 2026 Newsletter



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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

April showers bring May flowers (we hope!) and we look forward to watching your children's learning grow and bloom as we head into the final months of this school year. It is amazing how quickly the time goes by and these next two months will definitely be a whirlwind of learning and activities.

Our PAC continues to be hard at work! Our Glenlea plant fundraiser is a success again this year! Thank you for supporting the playground enhancements. Plant pick up is on Thursday, May 14. The last PAC meeting of this year is the AGM which takes place on Wednesday, May 20. PAC is also working on the year end picnic. Stay tuned for more information!

The staffing process is just beginning and our teachers have been tentatively assigned grades. As the staffing process continues, there may be other changes. One of our biggest changes is that we will be welcoming a full-time, French speaking music/band teacher! We are very excited to have M. David Betz join our ÉSWO team. The other announcement comes with mixed emotions. I am very proud to announce that Mme Sara has accepted a teaching position with the Faculty of Education at University of St. Boniface. Although this is a huge loss for our students, family and staff it is a huge comfort knowing that she will be influencing the practice of future teachers. If these future teachers can come away with even just a bit of Sara's knowledge, passion, and empathy the students will be very lucky.

As we begin to plan for next year, we are still compiling information to use in the class formation process. Great care and consideration goes into the make-up of all classrooms in consultation with our classroom teachers. Our classroom teachers know the students well and have school-based knowledge about the following criteria: class size, social dynamics, academics,

friendships and parent information. We rely on the professional judgements of our teachers to assist us with the process of determining class makeup for the 2026-2027 school year. The classroom placement information will be part of the final report card, which will be sent home on Monday, June 22. The final decision on student placement will be made by school administration, based on the best interests of all our students.

We continue to accept in-catchment registrations for the 2026-2027 school year for nursery - grade 7. Schools of Choice applications must be submitted to the division by Friday, May 15 to be considered for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have family or friends who live in the catchment area, please refer them to the website to register online. Children who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2026 (born in 2022) are eligible for nursery and children who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2026 (born in 2021) are eligible for kindergarten.

Mme Ostermann



Important Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

- Jun. 1 - Grade 6 to Camp Manitou
- Jun. 16 - PAC Year End Picnic
- Jun. 18 - Fun Lunch: McDonald's
- Jun. 19 - Rooms 2 & 4 to MB Museum
- Jun. 22 - Report Cards Sent Home
- Jun. 25 - Rooms 9 AM & PM & 14 AM to Morning Sound Farm
- Jun. 26 - No Classes: Admin Day**
- Jun. 30 - Last Day of School



Teacher Placement for 2026-2027

Subject to Change

- Nusery/Kindergarten AM & PM - M. Robert Rozière
- Grade 1/2 - Mme Nicole Ferraro
- Grade 1/2 - Mme Evelyne Violy
- Grade 2/3 - Mme Kaila Allegro
- Grade 3/4 - Mme Melanie Farrage
- Grade 4/5 - Mme Meredith McGuinnes
- Grade 4/5 - Mme Leianne Wood
- Grade 6 - Mme Awa Mbodje
- Grade 6/7 - Mme Amanda Toews



**School
Directory**

Learning Support Teachers - Mme
Hélène Constant-Ruest, Mme Anelise
Poutes, TBD

Music - M. David Betz

Phys. Ed. - Mme Carissa Van Lieshout

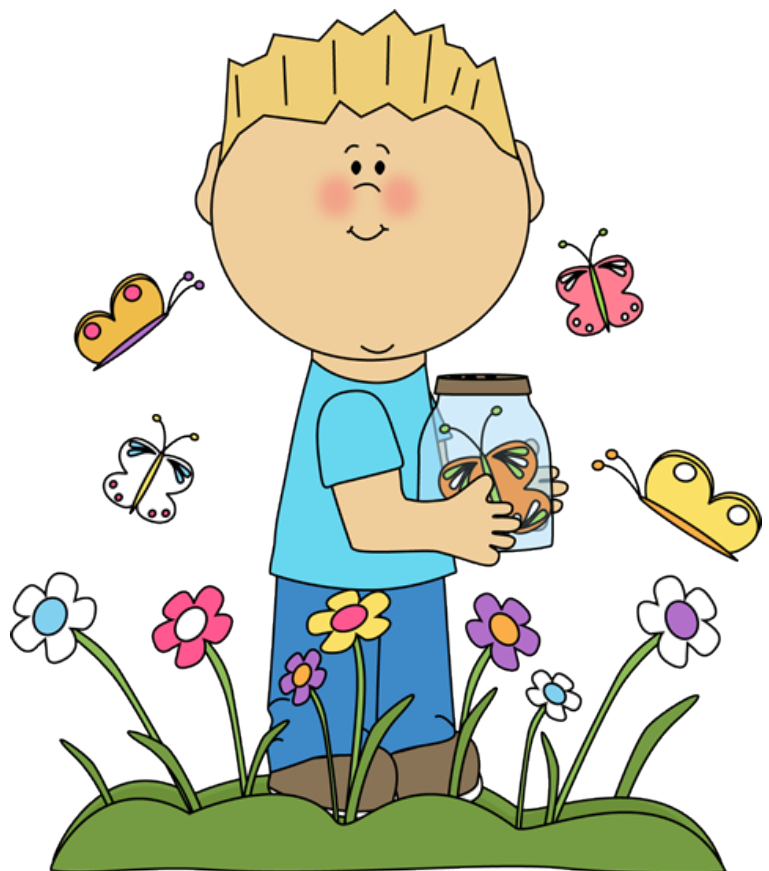
Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council's spring fundraiser is partnered with **Glenlea Greenhouses** this year! **Orders can be picked up Thursday, May 14, 2026 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.** Thank you to all of our families who supported our fundraiser!

We are always looking for new members! Please consider joining us to help support school programs such as the École Sir William Osler Lunch Program, the Greenspace Committee, and other fundraising events.



**Last meeting of the school year and AGM:
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.**



French Activities



Are you looking for some fun things your child can do *en français*? Visit the Radio Canada website at radio-canada.ca/oniva for some great games, videos and television series!

The *Oniva!* series is a television show created for Canadian kids. It takes place all around Canada and often includes students from other French Immersion schools in the country.

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Nobody's Like You, Mom

Nobody's quite like you, Mom.
You're special in every way.
You cheer me up, you fill my cup
With tenderness, come what may.

Nobody loves me like you, Mom.
No matter what I do,
Good or bad, happy or sad,
You support me; You always come through.

Nobody's equal to you, Mom.
With you in my life, I'm blessed.
I love you so, and I want you to know
I think you're the very best!



Math Corner!



Reading to your child is both a wonderful way to spend time together and also an effective way to engage your child in conversation. Students of all ages love stories and love to talk about stories. *"Literature provides students with opportunities to make connections with their own lives, provides a context to think and practise*

mathematics and enriches students' view of the world of mathematics" - *A Guide to Effective Instruction in Mathematics, Kindergarten to Grade 6.*

Listed below are a few titles to begin the conversation about mathematics at home. These picture books are connected to several math strands of the Manitoba Mathematics Curriculum from your child's report cards:

- Caps for Sale - by Esphyr Slobodkina (Number Sense & Patterning)
- The Doorbell Rang - by Pat Hutchins (Number Sense)
- Count to 10 with a Mouse - by Margaret Wise Brown (Number Sense)
- Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There IS? - by Robert Wells (Number Sense & Measurement)
- Actual Size - by Steve Jenkins (Measurement)
- One Grain of Rice - by Demi (Number Sense & Multiplication & Division)
- Grandfather Tang's Story - by Ann Tompert (Geometry)
- Stone Soup - by Heather Forest (Data Management & Probability)

If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, then read to your child in that language. Your local public library may be helpful in choosing books connected to mathematics.



Recommended French Apps

Recommended Apps for Nursery - Grade 1 French Immersion

Basic Vocabulary & Interactive Activities

- **Mini-TFO:** Devine qui vient jouer?
- **Mini-TFO:** ABC (find & count, where is it?, matching activities)
- **TFO:** traditional French songs
- **MindSnacks:** Grade 1-2
- **FeedMe:** Fun vocabulary activities with hungry monsters
- **Mes premiers mots gratuits:** My first words free
- **Boowa & Kwala:** Series on a variety of topics with activities
- **Duolingo**
- **Frenchie Teachie:** Abcs, games, food and object vocabulary

Stories (reading with and without audio support)

- **TFO:** Zoubi Doubi (animated story about cars series - listen or read)
- **Tembo 4 French:** By Bubble Books - reading with or without audio
- **Lire-tot:** Basic first reader e-book, no audio
- **Ana Lomba Early Languages:** Story series - read and/or listen
- **Les comptines de Zoreil:** Songs with amusing video & lyrics

Recommended Apps for Grades 2 - 3 French Immersion

Fun & Educational Grammar, Vocabulary & Content Video Activities

- **Revise ta conjugaison LITE:** verbs
- **French Vocabulary Games Lite:** Word search games by Neil Coffey
- **TFO & mini-TFO:** Many apps at different levels and on different topics
- **Brain Pop:** Educational video + 10 Q quiz
- **Clever Dragons:** Fun vocabulary activities
- **Quizlet:** Many quizzes at different levels - search "French"
- **Passeport LITE:** By Hachette Education - read along story with audio, and interactive listening and math activities

- **Revise tes tables de multiplication:** Quizzes by Hachette Education

Recommended Apps for Grade 3 & Up French Immersion

Fun & Educational

- **French Vocabulary Games Lite**
- **La Cibile:** Marshmallow slingshot with questions on math, language and heritage
- **Brain Pop:** Educational video + 10 Q quiz
- **Quiz Animo (CBC):** Challenging quizzes on different animal species
- **Orthofolio:** Spelling - race the clock
- **Letris 4:** Like Tetris, but you have to spell words to make the blocks disappear - challenging, but fun!
- **Quizlet:** Many quizzes at different levels - search "French"

References

- **Verb forms:** Translation, verb forms and full conjugation for many common verbs
- **Le La:** French Gender
- **Le Robert Dixel Mobile:** Dictionary App \$6.99
- **Larousse French Dictionary:** \$6.99, picture dictionary \$8.99

Recommended for parents who want to learn too!

Fun & Educational

- **French Vocabulary Games Lite**
- **Vacances**
- **24/7 French LE**
- **Quizlet:** Many quizzes at different levels - search "French"
- **Rosetta Stone:** Travel French
- **French for Travel:** Great for parents planning to travel
- **Essentials:** Beginner vocabulary with flashcards, and reading and listening quizzes
- **Tres Bien:** Beginner words and advanced phrases for the not-so advanced learners





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May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 <p>Don't forget that Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10, 2026.</p>				1 Day 5
4 Day 6	5 Day 1 Grades 3-6 Running Club 	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 Grades 3-6 Running Club 	8 Day 4 No School Admin Day 
11 Day 5	12 Day 6 Grades 3-6 Running Club 	13 Day 1	14 Day 2  Mobile Vision Clinic Grades 3-6 Running Club   Glenlea Plant Pick Up 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	15 Day 3 Rooms 1 & 3 to Oak Hammock Marsh 
18 No School Victoria Day 	19 Day 4 Grades 3-6 Running Club 	20 Day 5 PAC Meeting & AGM 6:00 p.m. 	21 Day 6  Grade 4s at Swimming Counts Grades 3-6 Running Club 	22 Day 1
25 Day 2 Grade 6 Immunizations 	26 Day 3 Grades 3-6 Running Club 	27 Day 4	28 Day 5  Grade 4s at Swimming Counts Grades 3-6 Running Club 	29 Day 6