



École Sir William Osler October 2023 Newsletter



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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

What an amazing start to the school year! It is hard to believe we are already into October! Students and staff have all settled into a positive learning and teaching routine. It promises to be a wonderful year!

Thank you to all of the families that were able to attend the "Meet the Teacher" information evening and visit the school. Our teachers worked hard to prepare their course outlines and share valuable information with you. We also had an amazing turnout for the first virtual Parent Advisory Council meeting of the year. Minutes will be posted on our website under the "Community and Family" tab.

Thank you to our fantastic community for supporting our Terry Fox Run. We were able to have the grades 1-6 run together and the N/K students did their own run as well. The children had a lot of fun running for a great cause. Thank you also to all the families who were able to support our first fundraiser of the year - Farm to School with Peak of the Market. A reminder that pick-up is on Friday, October 6 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser go towards the enhancement of our playground.

October is a month where we continue to discover our students' strengths, challenges and their next steps. Our first reporting period will take place in November. Report cards for nursery - grade 6 will go home on Monday, November 13. Tri-conferences (parent, student (your child is required to attend with you), teacher) for grades 1-6 will take place Thursday, November 16 (3:30-8:30 p.m.) and Friday, November 17 (8:30-11:00 a.m.) Nursery/kindergarten parent/teacher conferences (your child is not required to attend) will take place Wednesday, November 15 (3:30-8:00 p.m.),

Thursday, November 16 (3:30-8:30 p.m.) and Friday, November 18 (8:30-11:00 a.m.)

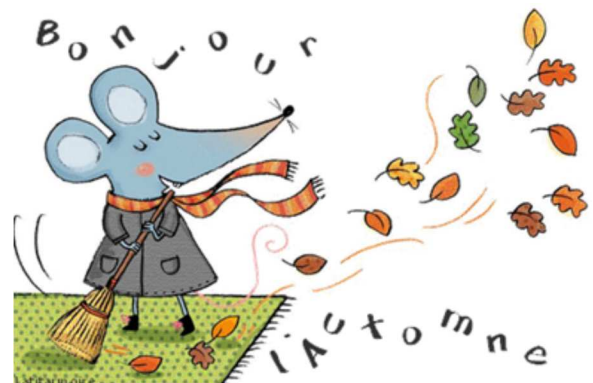
Watch your emails from Sabrina closer to the date for information on how to book your conference.

The Scholastic Book fair will run during the tri-conferences and parent/teacher conferences. Books make great gifts for children. We have asked Scholastic that they send more French books this year. Trying to think of a great Christmas gift for your child's teacher? Get them a book for their classroom library! It's the gift that can be shared with many for years to come.

October also brings the start of cooler weather. There are already a number of items that have accumulated in our lost and found. Please make sure your child's clothing is labeled so that we can return items to their owners and keep our Lost and Found items to a minimum. Just a reminder that there is an ongoing fundraiser for the school through Oliver's Labels www.oliverslabels.com/sirwilliamosler, which makes labeling your child's clothing, water bottles and accessories easy.

A reminder that there are no classes on Election Day, Tuesday, October 3; Thanksgiving, Monday, October 9; and province wide in-service on Friday, October 20.

Mme Ostermann
Directrice/Principal



Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 22, 2023



THE TERRY FOX
for cancer research **RUN**

A huge thank you to all of our families that raised money for the Terry Fox Foundation. The total amount raised will be in

our November newsletter.

School Bus Evacuation Drills

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Manitoba Regulation 465/88R –

“The school board shall ensure that at least twice in each school year each pupil is instructed in safe school bus riding practices and participates in emergency school bus evacuation drills which shall be conducted at least once during the Fall term and at least once during the Spring term of each school year”



The Transportation Department strives to have an excellent safety record. To achieve this we must carry out School Bus Evacuation Exercises at all schools in the early Fall and late Spring of each school year.

These practice drills are required so that in the event of an emergency, students can evacuate the bus as safely and as quickly as possible.

“The safety of our children is of the utmost importance and must be given first consideration...Please assist us by reviewing the school bus rules and regulations with your child.” The rules and regulations are located on the Winnipeg School Division website (www.winnipeg.sd.ca Family & Community / Buses & Transportation).



Farm to School Fundraiser



Thank you to all our Sir William Osler families that supported our first fundraiser. The amount raised going towards our playground enhancement fund will be in the November newsletter.

Don't forget orders will be available for pick on **Friday, October 6, 2023 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Picture Day

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

School picture day is coming up. To help your child get ready, consider the following tips from LifeTouch:

1. Help your child pick out clothes and colours that look good on them. After all, your child is the star of the photo - not their shirt, so avoid slogans, logos, and big patterns. Small jewelry and accessories are fine but nothing too big or distracting. Make sure to check your flyer to see sample poses for your Picture Day. Some poses may show pants or skirts, so plan the complete outfit.
2. Glasses are okay! Lifetouch photographers know all the tricks to reduce glare.
3. Any hairstyle works for Picture Day. Schedule haircuts a few weeks ahead of time to allow hair to grow back a little, or you can go for a fresh-cut look.
4. Keep kids relaxed and ready to be themselves. Smiles can look fake if they are practiced ahead of time. Remember, smiles are like french fries - they're better when they're fresh.
5. Don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now - and you'll enjoy looking back on that for years to come.



Parent Council



Our École Sir William Osler Parent Council always welcomes new members! Please consider joining us to help support school programs such as the École Sir William Osler Lunch Program, playground enhancements, and fundraising events.

These programs and initiatives cannot happen without a strong parent support and council!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Music at SWO

Hello École Sir William Osler Families!

The year is off to a great start for all of our SWO students. This month, we have learned a number of songs and body-percussion poems to review music learning from last year. Ask your grade 1 and 2 students to teach you "Chop Chop Chippity-Chop," and have fun cooking up a delicious soup together! Ask your grade 3s to sing you a French song about snakes called "Serpent." Your grade 4s have learned a song in Norwegian called "Sol Sol Sol" including a fun body percussion pattern. Grade 5 and 6 students know a clapping game from Japan called "Omochi" with your help - make sure to keep a steady beat!

In October, we will begin our grade 1-6 choral program.

Grade 1-3 students will sing in choir on day 2, and grade 4-6

students will sing on day 3. We are lucky to belong to a school community that sings together in choir.

Last thing! You'll notice some posters outside the music room. One area is for community events. If you have a music event that would appeal to our SWO families, please send me an email! I'd love to highlight music experiences in our community. The other poster includes a QR code. Follow the code to listen to a song we've been listening to in the music room.

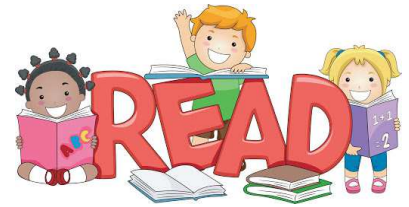
Mme Heinrichs



Home Reading Tips

Here are 5 tips to encourage reading at home:

- 1. Set Aside a Special Reading Time and Place:** Find a cozy reading nook, comfy couch, or snuggle in bed. Having a special place and time to read makes reading part of family time. Children will come to look forward to this time.
- 2. The Power of Picture Books:** The possibilities are endless when a child looks at the illustrations of a wordless book and uses their imagination to create their own story! Just think of the vocabulary and expression children will use as they communicate the adventure. This process also helps young children flex their imaginations and develop oral language skills.
- 3. Rhyme Time:** Rhymes help younger children notice and hear sounds within words, an essential skill for reading. While driving, grocery shopping or cooking dinner, you and your child can challenge each other to rhyme words. You may be surprised to find how much your child loves challenging you! Nursery rhymes and rhyming books can help your children not only hear the rhyme, but also see patterns in the words.
- 4. Host a Reading Party!** Combine food, fun, and reading! Host a party where children read a book and illustrate the story through a creative avenue such as play, song, or drawing. A "Popcorn, Pizza and Poetry Party" or "S'mores and Scary Stories Party" can be a fun opportunity that even the most reluctant reader can't turn down.
- 5. Technology, Tweens and Teens:** Having difficulty engaging your tweens and teens in reading? Teens are social beings - using technology to connect with other readers, discussing books through author blogs or joining book clubs may help inspire teenage readers.



Whatever the age of your child, you can instill the love of reading by encouraging reading at home. There's no better time to pick up a book and encourage reading at home than today!

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween safety tips from the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and Winnipeg Police Service.

Costume Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters:

- Wear a bright and reflective costume.
- Carry a flashlight and use glow sticks or reflective tape as part of your costume.
- Stay away from open flames and make sure you know how to stop, drop and roll if your clothing catches fire.
- To prevent falls, ensure your costume fits well and isn't too long.

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips:

- Trick-or-treat when it is still light outside and never enter a stranger's home.
- Children and youth should be accompanied by an adult while trick-or-treating. Young people should trick-or-treat in a group, especially if an adult is not present.
- Parents should discuss with children and youth the route they will be travelling and what time they are required to return home. Plan a trick-or-treat route ahead of time and pick well-lit streets.
- Stay on sidewalks, and look left, right and left again to be sure no cars are approaching before crossing the street. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Always cross the street at corners and crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Do not take short cuts, especially through alleys.

Candy and Treat Safety Tips:

- Trick-or-treaters should only eat treats that have been examined by an adult caregiver.
- When examining treats, caregivers should look for signs of tampering including unusual appearance or discolouration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Avoid homemade treats. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

- Choking occurs most frequently among children under 2 years of age, but can happen at any age. Eating while playing, running, jumping, or talking increases the likelihood of choking.
- Only commercially-wrapped candy should be handed out to trick-or-treaters.
- Caregivers should be aware that many Halloween treats are not labeled with ingredients and can contain nuts, eggs, dairy products, and other allergens. Care should be taken to only allow children with food allergies to consume treats that have the ingredients listed. Treats should also be removed from packages prior to consuming to avoid cross contamination with non-safe products.

Home Safety Tips:

- Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and away from trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, and walkways.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure your home is well-lit and your yard is clear and safe.
- Keep your pets secure so no harm comes to them or trick-or-treaters.

Drivers:

- Children will be very excited and their actions could be sudden and unpredictable. Exercise caution and drive slowly.



Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 13 - Report Cards Sent Home

Nov. 15 - N/K Tri-Conferences 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.,
Scholastic Book Fair

Nov. 16 - Tri-Conferences 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Scholastic Book Fair

Nov. 17 - No Classes: Tri-Conferences
Scholastic Book Fair

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

Nov. 29 - Picture Retakes - AM Only

Dec. 1 - Room 9 AM & PM to MB Museum in AM

Dec. 18-22 - Spirit Week

Dec. 21 - Fun Lunch

Dec. 22 - Last Day of Classes

Dec. 25 - Winter Break Begins

Jan. 8 - Classes Resume

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

Jan. 19 - No Classes: Admin Day

Jan. 24 - Open House 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 1- 29 - I Love to Read Month

Feb. 2 - No Classes: Admin Day

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. 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. 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



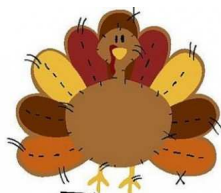
World Teacher Day

Thursday, October 5, 2023



Remember to thank a teacher!

We wish all our
École Sir William Osler families a



Happy Thanksgiving

on Monday, October 9, 2023

Wishing everyone a safe and
Happy Halloween!



on Tuesday, October 31, 2023



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October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Day 2	3 Day 3 No School Provincial Elections 	4 Day 4	5 Day 5 World Teacher Day  Bus Ridership 	6 Day 6 Farm to School Pick-Up 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. 
9 Day 1 No School Thanksgiving Day 	10 Day 1 Picture Day 	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4
16 Day 5	17 Day 6 Parent Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 No School Administration Day 
23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2
30 Day 3	31 Day 4 Halloween Parade 1:00 p.m. 			