



## École Sir William Osler October 2025 Newsletter

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

**W**hat 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 the families who attended our "Meet the Teacher" evening and visited the school. The teachers had fun meeting all their new families and it made the first day so much easier! The course outlines are on our website under the Academics & Classes tab and the Meet your Teacher information is under the Administration tab.

Thank you also to the PAC executive for organizing the "Family Meet & Greet". What a fun way to meet other children and families! We also had a good turnout for the first hybrid Parent Advisory Council meeting of the year. We will be continuing in this manner so that families have the choice of attending in person or attending virtually. We will also be alternating between Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the meetings so that families who have activities on Tuesdays will be able to attend every other meeting. Minutes will be posted on our website under the "Community and Family" tab after they are approved at the next meeting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Thank you again 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 - Peak of the Market: Farm to School. A reminder that pick-up is on Thursday, October 2 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go towards the enhancement of our playground equipment.

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 17. Tri-conferences (parent, student (your child is required to attend with you), teacher) for grades 1-6 will take place Thursday, November 20 (3:30 - 8:00 p.m.) and Friday, November 21 (8:30 - 11:00 a.m.). Nursery & kindergarten parent/teacher conferences (your child is not required to attend) will also take place Thursday, November 20 (3:30 - 8:00 p.m.) and Friday, November 21 (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. Teachers will once again have a classroom wish list based on requests from the students. It's the gift that can be shared with many for years to come.

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## Administrator's Message Continued

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](http://www.oliverslabels.com/sirwilliamosler), which makes labeling your child's clothing, water bottles and accessories easy.

A reminder that there are no classes on Wednesday, October 8 for division wide professional development; Thanksgiving, Monday, October 13; and province wide in-service on Friday, October 24.

Mme Dominique Ostermann  
Directrice/Principal

## School Bus Evacuation Drills

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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.winnipegsd.ca](http://www.winnipegsd.ca) Family & Community / Buses & Transportation).

## Picture Day

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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.



## Terry Fox Run

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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.





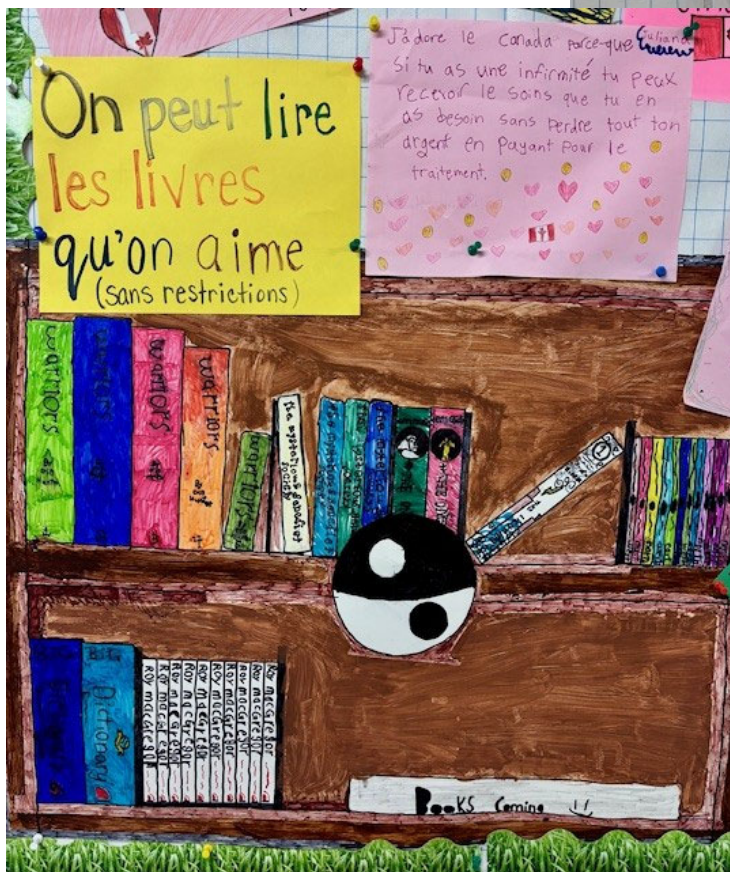
## Salle 5 at the Peace Walk

Students in salle 5 participated in The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Elementary School Peace Walk on Friday, September 12, 2025 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) in Winnipeg as part of Peace Days. The theme of this year's Peace Walk was "Why I Love Canada".

"The Peace Walk is such an amazing event! I had so much FUN! (Joaquin from salle 5)

The CEO of the CMHR, Isha Khan shared that the Peace Walk is her favourite event of the year and was moved by how so many students included feeling safe and included as part of the reason why they loved Canada. Danessa (salle 5) was impressed that Madame Khan could speak French and truly cares about the students.

This important Peace Walk was a great start to our school year and has students in salle 5 beginning to think about possible topics for our future Heritage Fair projects in 2026.



## Parent Advisory Council



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

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

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 22, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

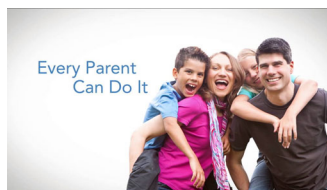
## Motivation Leads to Your Child's School Success

**from Parents Make the Difference! newsletter**

You don't just want your child to learn. You want your child to want to learn! Motivation is part of being a successful student.

Thankfully, studies show that parents can help if they:

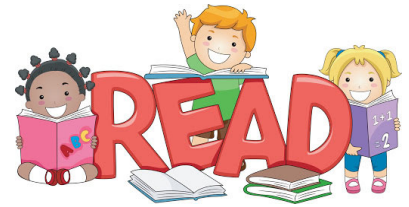
- **Stay involved.** When parents are involved in education, kids do better in school. Make sure you monitor study time and communicate with the teacher regularly.
- **Have a positive attitude.** Let your child know you believe they can succeed in school. And if they struggle, work with the teacher to find solutions.
- **Promote independence.** Give your child age-appropriate freedoms. Let them choose between two places to study, for example.
- **Correct mistakes in a positive way.** Don't say "You are a poor speller." Try, "You spelled everything right except these two words! I bet you can fix them!"
- **Give specific compliments.** It's better to say, "Your report is so neat. I can read the whole thing," than, "I like your handwriting."
- **Add more to learning.** Let school lessons spark your imagination. Visit some interesting, safe, educational websites with your child. Take a trip to the museum, do a science experiment or figure out a server's tip together. The key is to have fun!



## 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 2025-2026 School Year

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

Nov. 5 - Picture Retakes

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

**Nov. 11 - No School: Remembrance Day**

Nov. 17 - Report Cards Sent Home

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

Nov. 20 - Tri-Conferences 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair

**Nov. 21 - No Classes: Tri-Conferences**

Scholastic Book Fair

Dec. 15-19 - Spirit Week

Dec. 18 - Fun Lunch: Wayback Burger

Dec. 19 - Last Day of Classes

Dec. 22 - Winter Break Begins

Jan. 5 - Classes Resume

**Jan 16 - No Classes: Admin Day**

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

Feb. 1- 28 - I Love to Read Month

**Feb. 2 - No Classes: Admin Day**

**Feb. 16 - No School: Louis Riel Day**

Feb. 17-20 - Festival Week

Feb. 17 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 19 - Fun Lunch: Ihop

Mar. 19 - Student-Led Conference 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Mar. 20 - No Classes: Student-Led Conferences**

Mar. 23-27 - Spirit Week

Mar. 23 - Report Cards Sent Home

Mar. 27 - Last Day of Classes

Mar. 30 - Spring Break Begins

Apr. 6 - Classes Resume

Apr. 8 - International Day of Pink  
Bus Ridership

**Apr. 10 - No Classes: Admin Day**

Apr. 22 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Apr. 23 - Fun Lunch: Boston Pizza

**May 8 - No Classes: Admin Day**

May 14 - Mobile Vision Clinic

**May 18 - No School: Victoria Day**

May 19 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 25 - Grade 6 Immunizations

Jun. 18 - Fun Lunch: McDonald's

**Jun. 26 - No Classes: Admin Day**

Report Cards Sent Home

Jun. 30 - Last Day of School



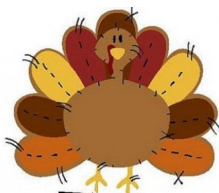
### World Teacher Day

Sunday, October 5, 2025



Remember to thank a teacher!

We wish all our  
École Sir William Osler families a



Happy Thanksgiving

on Monday, October 13, 2025

Wishing everyone a safe and  
Happy Halloween!



on Friday, October 31, 2025



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## October 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1  Bus Ridership Grade 6 Soccer Tournament 	2 Farm to School Pick-Up 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 	3
6 Day 6	7 Day 1 Picture Day 	8 Day 2 No School Administration Day 	9 Day 3	10 Day 4
13 No School Thanksgiving Day 	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2
20 Day 3	21 Day 4 Rooms 5 & 7 to Cinématal Film Festival 	22 Day 5 Parent Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	23 Day 6 Subway Fun Lunch 	24 Day 1 No School Administration Day 
27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 Halloween Parade 1:00 p.m. 