



École Sir William Osler September 2023 Newsletter



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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Bonjour et bienvenue à l'École Sir William Osler! We would like to welcome all of our new and returning nursery to grade 6 students and their families to our French Immersion milieu school! I hope that you all had a restful summer and were able to enjoy lots of family time and outdoor play. I am looking forward to meeting with our returning students as well as all our new students and families!

The staff have been in working hard to create a fun, welcoming, and safe environment for all our students. We are fully committed to ensuring ESWO is a safe and equitable place to learn and work. Throughout the month of September, the staff and students will be settling into their classes and learning all the new routines.

Each month, we will be sending home a school newsletter. Please take a few moments to read over our newsletter, and note any important dates and activities. In order to be environmentally friendly, after September, we will be sending all newsletters home electronically. Newsletters will also be available on our school website at: www.winnipegds/sirwilliamosler.ca. Please ensure the office has your current email address. If you would prefer a paper copy of our monthly newsletter, please fill out the form in this newsletter, return it to the office, and we will gladly ensure you receive a copy.

Communication between home and school is very important in ensuring your child's success. Please watch for information from your child's teacher on how best to communicate with them. At any time during the school year, should you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, we would encourage you to contact your child's teacher. We value your input and wish to work with you to support your child! Our "Meet

the Staff" evening is taking place on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m.

The province approved the expansion and renovation of the school! Construction is expected to start this fall and will take approximately 2 years to complete. The new school will include a full size gymnasium, music room, and a two-story classroom addition complete with an art room, science lab and life skills suite. A new building for the daycare will also be built. We are expecting some disruption to play areas in the field, but the classroom wing and recess entrances/exits will not be affected. Students will line up at their regular spots by the southwest entrance. I will keep you informed as the phases of construction progress.

Just a reminder to all families and students that cell phones are not permitted for use on school property during the school day. We understand that students may have a cell phone for safety reasons for walking to and from school. That is certainly allowed, but once on school grounds phones must be turned off and stored in backpacks. Students found using their phones during the school day, will have the phone taken away and parents will be responsible for picking up the phone from the office.

We are looking forward to seeing the happy smiles of the children on the first day of school. We want to wish you all a successful beginning to the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

Mme Ostermann
Directrice/Principal



École Sir William Osler Mission Statement

At École Sir William Osler, we are dedicated to working in partnership with our students and families to nurture an enriching French learning community, in a caring and inclusive environment, to ensure the success of all students. By creating a welcoming and positive atmosphere, and by acknowledging and celebrating success, we will guide and challenge all children to develop to their full academic, artistic, physical, social and emotional potential and inspire a passion for learning in French.



Le personnel à l'école Sir William Osler
École Sir William Osler Staff List
2023-2024

Directrice/Principal
Secrétaire/Secretary
Concierge en chef/Head Custodian
Concierge/Night Custodian

Mme D. Ostermann
Mme S. Smith
M. G. Prairie
TBD

ENSEIGNANTS/TEACHERS

M. A. Saiko	Pré-maternelle/Maternelle AM & PM Nursery/Kindergarten AM & PM	Salle/Room 9
Mme M. McGuinnes	1 ^e /2 ^e année/Grade 1/2	Salle/Room 7
M. R. Rozière	1 ^e /2 ^e année/Grade 1/2	Salle/Room 5
Mme K. Allegro	3 ^e année/Grade 3	Salle/Room 4
Mme M. Farrage	3 ^e /4 ^e année/Grade 3/4	Salle/Room 2
Mme A. Toews	5 ^e année/Grade 5	Salle/Room 1
Mme A. Poutes-Manzanares	6 ^e année/Grade 6	Salle/Room 3
Mme S. Tham	Enseignant ressource en éducation inclusive/ Conseiller d'orientation Inclusive Education Resource Teacher/Guidance Counselor	
Mme H. Constant-Ruest	Support de littératie/Literacy Support (Days 1, 3, 5)	
Mme B. Heinrichs	Musique/Music (Days 1, 3, 5)	
Mme C. Van Lieshout	Éducation physique/Physical Education (Days 2, 4, 6)	

ASSISTANTS ÉDUCATIVES/EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

Mme G. Enns
Mme K. Irving
Mme D. Martin

BRIGADIÈRE/CROSSING GUARD

Mme K. Irving

SERVICES DE SOUTIEN CLINIQUE/CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Mme L. Gibson	Psychologue/Psychologist
Mme N. Jacobson	Clinicien en lecture/Reading Clinician
Mme C. Ryczak	Orthophoniste/Speech & Language
Mme C. Bergeron	Assistante sociale/Social Worker



School Day

8:10 a.m.	Outdoor supervision begins
8:20 a.m.	School entry for nursery - grade 6 students
8:30 a.m.	Morning classes begin
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	Recess
11:00 a.m.	Dismissal for nursery & kindergarten students
11:30 - 12:25 p.m.	Lunch (grades 1 - 6)
12:25 p.m.	School entry for nursery - grade 6 students
12:30 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
1:45 - 2:00 p.m.	Recess
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal for nursery - grade 6 students



Please remember it is extremely important for students to be at school on time so they do not miss instructional time.

Office Hours

The office is open from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. During the lunch hour, messages may be left on our school answering machine.



School Doors



All our exterior doors are locked. The main front exterior door (daycare entrance) will be unlocked but the interior door will be locked. There is a buzz in system to get into the school. If you do need to pick your child up during the regular school day, please use the main entrance, and then proceed to the office. We will have your child come to meet you there so that classes are not disrupted.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late please bring them to the daycare entrance doors to get buzzed into the school. They will then need to stop at the office for a late slip to insure their attendance is correct for the day.

Sorry, I'm late.



Early Pick Up



Should you need to drop off or pick up your child during the day, we have a buzz-in system at the northeast doors (main daycare entrance). We ask that you buzz the office, proceed to the office. We will get your child out of class and have them meet you at the office.

Transportation

If your child takes the school bus from school it is important that you **advise the school office** if they will **not be on the bus** for a particular day.

If there is no phone call or note, your child will be placed on the bus.



Please inform us **before 10:40 a.m.** and **2:40 p.m.**



SafeArrival Reminders

Some pointers about *SafeArrival*:

- Calls to the system need to be done by 8:30 a.m. for full day or morning absences, and by 12:30 p.m. for afternoon absences.
- If your child is going to be late, please put it in the system as there is a Late option. This will avoid you receiving a call from the system after 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
- When using the telephone system to put in an absence, please make sure you receive a confirmation number. If you do not receive a confirmation number the absence has not been recorded.



You can access *SafeArrival* in one of three ways:

1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a **toll free number (1-855-278-4513)** through which absences can be reported.
2. Parents can log into a **website, go.schoolmessenger.com** to authenticate their Portal account to report absences and update contact information.
3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download the **SchoolMessenger App** that can be used to report absences.

**The system is available
24 hours/day, 7 days/week.**

Future absences can be reported at any time.

Crossing Guard



Our adult crossing guard is Mme Karen. She will be on duty on Grant Avenue from 8:05 - 8:30 a.m., and from 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Please feel

free to say "Bonjour!" (Hello!) or "À demain!" (See you tomorrow!) to her each day!

School Patrols

Our patrols monitor and cross pedestrians across Grant Avenue. In the morning the patrols are on post from 8:05 - 8:20 a.m. After school, patrols are on from 3:00- 3:15 p.m.



Please teach your children to cross the street where and when patrols are working. Encourage your children to respect student patrols and adult crossing guards.

Parking



We want all children to have a safe arrival and departure from school! The school parking lot is not available for visitor parking. All spots are reserved and paid for by staff. Some staff members come and go throughout the day. **Please do not use these staff parking spots for pick-up or drop-off.**

We would suggest the following areas for parking:

- Brock Street just east of the school
- Cordova Street across Grant Avenue and cross with the lights at the pedestrian crossing
- The parking lot in the southwest corner of our playground and walking across the field.

Child Custody

Child custody in most cases, when parents are divorced, both mother and father continue to have equal rights where their children are concerned. If you have a court order that limits the rights of one parent in matters such as custody or visitation, please bring a copy to the office. **Unless your court order is on file with us, we must provide equal rights to both parents.**



Health Care Plans and Medication for Students

Each child with special health care needs, such as allergies, asthma, or other needs requires a **Health Care Plan**. The plan gives detailed information so the school may respond to your child's needs. Please inform the school if your child has any special health care needs.



We know that from time to time, children may need to receive medication while at school. We are happy to oblige, within Winnipeg School Division policy. The school is able to administer medication, that is prescribed by a health care provider, **upon completion of the required forms**. All medication **must be in the original container with the child's name** on it. Please speak with the office for more information.

Pets on School Grounds

Winnipeg School Division policy states that only certified service dogs may be permitted on school grounds. Walking to school with your dog is a terrific family activity and will leave you with many wonderful memories. However, please ensure your family pet is not brought onto the school property.



Emergency Practices



During the course of a school year, we are mandated to practice **10 Fire Drills (1 per month)** and also prepare children in the school for a **Lockdown** in the event there is an emergency within the school. We also take the time during the school year to practice a total school **Evacuation**. Our offsite safe location is Brock Corydon School.

Staff will always debrief with children after every drill for all emergency measure practices. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you need any clarification.

What To Do When You Have a Problem at Your Child's School



Problems can arise but can be solved by open discussion. Our schools are a community and everyone is part of making it a safe and welcoming environment.

If you have a problem:

- First talk to the Teacher.
- If you can't solve the issue - talk to the Principal.
- If the issue is still not settled - talk to the director of your child's school. The Directors are part of the Superintendents' Office and may involve other members of the Superintendents' team in the discussion.
- If these steps don't help you resolve the issue - then you should contact the Board and Community Liaison Officer who will work with you and the Board of Trustees to find a solution.

We all have the same goal in Winnipeg School Division - to see your child succeed.

Let's work together!

Clinical Support Services (CSS)

The Winnipeg School Division Clinical Support Services provides specialists to all Winnipeg School Division schools, to assist students who require additional support to be successful in school. Our CSS clinicians will work with students who meet criteria, and only when it is recommended by school staff and with parental consent.



Our CSS staff for this school year are:

- Psychologist - Ms. Leah Gibson
- Reading Clinician - Mme Nancy Jacobson
- Speech and Language Pathologist - Ms. Christine Ryczak
- Social Worker - Ms. Carmen Bergeron

Lost and Found

Each year, hundreds of articles find their way to the lost and found bin. To reduce losses we suggest that all students' articles be labeled, especially outdoor clothing and boots. It is difficult even for adults to identify articles which they have not seen for some time. Since a considerable number of students' belongings remain in the school it is important that they be identifiable. Lost



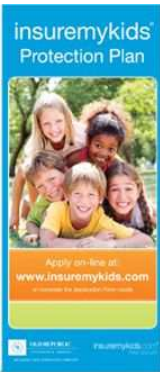
items can be found on the rack located outside of the office. Small items like jewelry, keys, etc. can be found in the office.

Student Fees

Nursery and kindergarten parents are reminded to send \$70.00 to their child's classroom teacher as soon as possible for school supplies and field trips. Grades 1 - 6 students are asked to pay \$80.00.



Student Accident Insurance



Student Accident Insurance forms are being sent home. If you are interested in having your child covered by the plan, please fill out the form and mail it directly to the company using the return addressed envelope, or apply online at www.studentaccidentinsurance.ca. We encourage you to take advantage of the program. The plan is effective 12 months of the year.



Milk Program

White milk (250 mL) is available during the lunch hour (Wednesday's, chocolate milk). Students must be signed up to receive milk on a daily basis. If you are interested and have not already signed up forms are available in the school office or on our website.



The cost of milk for the year is **\$50.00, or 2 payments of \$25.00**. If your child would like to receive **just chocolate milk it is \$10.00**.

Please make cheques payable to École Sir William Osler Lunch Program.

Lunch Program

The supervision of students during the lunch hour is the responsibility of the École Sir William Osler Lunch Program which is run by the Parent Advisory Council.

All children, attending the lunch program at École Sir William Osler must have a registration form completed in order to attend. These forms are available from our office or our website if you have not completed it yet.

All students, will eat lunch in their classroom. The parent run committee collaborates with all parents to meet the needs of École Sir William Osler students throughout the school year.

Microwaves are not available. If you would like your child to have something warm, please heat it at home and put it in a thermos or thermal container.



If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact Amy Campbell at swolunchprogram@gmail.com. All other questions can be sent to the Lunch Program Coordinator, Karen Irving at swolunchsupervisor@gmail.com.

Lunch Monitors Needed: If you are interested in being a lunch monitor please contact the school. This is a paid position for 1 hour a day.

Volunteers

At École Sir William Osler, we believe that volunteers make our school great! We are very grateful for any time you are able to give to us! For the safety of our students, all volunteers must have up to date volunteer forms, even if you are only volunteering once or twice during the school year. Volunteers may help us with our monthly special events and activities, participate in class field trips, assist in our school library, help serve at Fun Lunch, conduct hearing screening, help in the classrooms or listen to students read. Please contact

Mme Tham, our resource teacher, at sthamb@wsd1.org if you are interested in becoming a school volunteer!



Parent Advisory Council

Our École Sir William Osler Parent Advisory Council is always looking for new members! Please consider joining us to help support school programs such as the École Sir William Osler Lunch Program, the Parent Advisory Council School Picnic, and other fundraising events.

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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Our meetings will continue to be virtual until further notice.



Terry Fox Event

On Friday, September 22, 2023 students will take part in the annual Terry Fox Event. Classes will either walk or run around the playground for a designated time period.



Pledge forms will be sent home the week before or you can donate online at <http://www.terryfox.ca/EcoleSirWilliamOsler>.

Money raised from this event will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Orange Shirt Day

When Phyllis Webstad was taken to residential school in the 1950s in Williams Lake, BC, she had her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school. Phyllis' story has become an annual opportunity to discuss what happened at residential schools in Canada.

Staff and students are invited to wear orange shirts on Friday, September 29. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.



Orange Shirt Day represents an opportunity for First Nations, École Sir William Osler, and the River Heights community to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Oct. 3 - No School: Provincial Election Day

Oct. 5 - Bus Ridership

Oct. 9 - No School: Thanksgiving Day

Oct. 10 - Picture Day

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

Oct. 20 - No Classes: MTS PD Day

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade 1:00 p.m.

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. 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



École Sir William Osler Newsletter

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletters, please complete and return this form to the school office.

Yes, I would prefer to receive a paper copy of the schools monthly newsletter.

Child's Name:

Room #: _____





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SEPTEMBER 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4 No School Labour Day 	5 No School Administrative Day 	6 <i>First Day of School</i> First Day of School for Grades 1 - 6 Nursery & Kindergarten Gentle Entry	7	8 Milk Program, Lunch Program and Student Fees Due 
11 First Day for Nursery & Kindergarten <i>First Day of School</i>	12 Meet the Staff 5:30 p.m. 	13	14	15
18	19 Virtual PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	20	21	22 Terry Fox Run 
25	26 Grade 6 Immunizations  Kindergarten Hearing Screening 	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day 