



## École Sir William Osler September 2025 Newsletter



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### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

**B**onjour 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 and welcoming environment for all our students. We are fully committed to ensuring ESWO is a safe and equitable place to learn and work. Construction is still underway, and we hope to be able to open the new areas in January. The play structure is back on site! There is still some groundwork to be done but we should have it ready by the end of October.

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, all newsletters will be sent home electronically. Newsletters are also available on our school website at: [www.winnipegssd/sirwilliamosler.ca](http://www.winnipegssd/sirwilliamosler.ca). Please ensure the office has your current email address so that you are able to receive the newsletter and any other important information that gets sent out. If you would prefer a paper copy of our monthly newsletter, please let Sabrina know.

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 2 at 5:30 p.m.

We have many items that end up in our Lost & Found. Please remember to **label all your child's clothing (including hoodies!), water bottles, backpacks, lunch kits and containers**. When items are labeled, we can get them back to the rightful owners.

Just a reminder to all families and students that with the new legislation, **mobile devices** (this includes any and all devices that can connect to the internet, send/receive messages) **are not permitted for use on school property during the full 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 or at the office. 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

### 2025-2026

#### Directrice/*Principal*

Secrétaire/*Secretary*

Concierge en chef/*Head Custodian*

Concierge/*Night Custodian*

**Mme D. Ostermann**

Mme S. Smith

M. G. Prairie

M. K. Josan

#### ENSEIGNANTS/*TEACHERS*

M. R. Rozière	Pré-maternelle/Maternelle <i>Nursery/Kindergarten</i> AM & PM	Salle/Room 9
Mme S. Bhatia	Pré-maternelle/Maternelle <i>Nursery/Kindergarten</i> AM	Salle/Room 14
Mme N. Ferraro	1 <sup>e</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 1/2</i>	Salle/Room 1
Mme E. Violy	1 <sup>e</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 1/2</i>	Salle/Room 3
Mme K. Allegro	2 <sup>e</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 2/3</i>	Salle/Room 4
Mme M. Farrage	3 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 3</i>	Salle/Room 2
Mme M. McGuinness	4 <sup>e</sup> /5 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 4/5</i>	Salle/Room 5
Mme L. Wood	4 <sup>e</sup> /5 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 4/5</i>	Salle/Room 7
Mme A. Toews	6 <sup>e</sup> année/ <i>Grade 6</i>	Salle/Room 10
Mme S. Tham	Enseignant ressource en éducation inclusive/ Conseiller d'orientation <i>Inclusive Education Resource Teacher/Guidance Counselor</i>	
Mme H. Constant-Ruest	Enseignante d'appui/ <i>Learning Support Teacher</i> (Days 1, 3, 5)	
Mme A. Poutes	Support de littératie/ <i>Literacy Support</i> (Days 2, 4, 6)	
Mme A. Poutes	Musique/ <i>Music</i> (Days 1, 3, 5)	
Mme C. Van Lieshout	Éducation physique/ <i>Physical Education</i>	

#### ASSISTANTS ÉDUCATIVES/*EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS*

Mme S. Dauriac  
Mme K. Irving  
Mme M. Ottenbreit  
Mme S. Hotomani

#### TECHNICIENNE DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE/*LIBRARY TECHNOLOGIST*

Mme G. Enns (Days 2, 4, 6)

#### SERVICES DE SOUTIEN CLINIQUE/*CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES*

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



# School Directory

## School Day

8:05 a.m.	Outdoor supervision begins
8:20 a.m.	School entry for nursery - grade 6 students
8:30 a.m.	Morning classes begin
10:00 - 10:15 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
2:00 - 2:15 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.**

## 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.

## 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](https://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 with the patrols 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 Assistant Superintendent of your child's school.
- If these steps don't help you resolve the issue - then you should contact the Superintendent then 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 - Ms. Becca Meacham
- Speech and Language Pathologist - Ms. Christine Ryczak
- Social Worker - Ms. Carmen Bergeron

## 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 Sabrina, our head secretary, at [sabsmith@wsd1.org](mailto:sabsmith@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 Parent Advisory Council School Picnic, and other fundraising events.

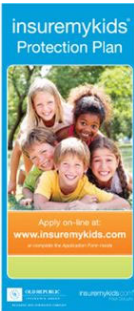


These programs and initiatives cannot happen without a strong parent voice and council!

**First Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Our first meeting will be held in person in the library.

## 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](http://www.studentaccidentinsurance.ca). We encourage you to take advantage of the

program. The plan is effective 12 months of the year.

## Terry Fox Event

On Thursday, September 26, 2024 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 Monday, 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 2025-2026 School Year

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

Sept. 2 - Meet the Staff Evening 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 3 - First day of school for grades 1 - 6. **Nursery and Kindergarten students will return as outlined in letters which will be sent at a later date.**

Sept. 16 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt Day  
**Sept. 30 - No School: National Day of Truth & Reconciliation**

Oct. 7 - Picture Day  
**Oct. 8 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
**Oct. 13 - No School: Thanksgiving Day**  
Oct. 21- PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
**Oct. 24 - No Classes: MTS PD Day**  
Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade 1:00 p.m.

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. 19 - Last Day of Classes  
Dec. 22 - Winter Break Begins

Jan. 5 - Classes Resume  
**Jan 16 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
Jan. 20 - 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.

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  
**Apr. 10 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
Apr. 21 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**May 8 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
**May 18 - No School: Victoria Day**  
May 19 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**Jun. 26 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
Report Cards Sent Home  
Jun. 30 - Last Day of School







# École Sir William Osler










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## SEPTEMBER 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Labour Day</b> 	<b>2</b> Day 1 <b>No School</b> <b>Administrative Day</b> Meet the Staff 5:30 p.m. 	<b>3</b> Day 2 <i>First DAY OF School</i> First Day of School for Grades 1 - 6 Nursery & Kindergarten Gentle Entry	<b>4</b> Day 3	<b>5</b> Day 4 Student Fees Due 
<b>8</b> Day 5 First Day for Nursery & Kindergarten <i>First DAY OF School</i>	<b>9</b> Day 6	<b>10</b> Day 1	<b>11</b> Day 2	<b>12</b> Day 3
<b>15</b> Day 4	<b>16</b> Day 5 Virtual PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	<b>17</b> Day 6	<b>18</b> Day 1	<b>19</b> Day 2
<b>22</b> Day 3	<b>23</b> Day 4 Kindergarten Hearing Screening 	<b>24</b> Day 5	<b>25</b> Day 6 Terry Fox Run 	<b>26</b> Day 1
<b>29</b> Day 2 Orange Shirt Day 	<b>30</b> <b>No School</b> <b>National Day of Truth and Reconciliation</b> 