



École Sir William Osler September 2026 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 7 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. Some final renovations are still underway, but we have mostly moved into our new areas.

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. 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 8 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** We have created a new Parent & Student Handbook! These will be handed out, one per family, during the Meet the Staff evening. Please take the time to read it. It contains important information.

It's official! We will be having our **Grand Opening on Tuesday, September 15** from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend! There will be an official ribbon cutting and tour of the school.

Just a reminder to all families and students that legislation states that **mobile devices** (this includes any and all devices that can connect to the internet, send/receive messages, including smart watches) **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

2026-2027

Directrice/*Principal*

Secrétaire/*Secretary*

Concierge en chef/*Head Custodian*

Concierge/*Night Custodian*

Mme Dominique Ostermann

Mme Sabrina Smith

M. Grant Prairie

M. Jared Dworen

ENSEIGNANTS/*TEACHERS*

M. Robert Rozière	Maternelle/ <i>Kindergarten</i> AM	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 9
M. Robert Rozière	Pré-maternelle/ <i>Maternelle</i>	
	<i>Nursery/Kindergarten</i> PM	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 9
Mme Awa Mbodje	Pré-maternelle/ <i>Nursery</i> PM	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 10
Mme Evelyne Violy	1 ^e /2 ^e année/ <i>Grade 1/2</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 5
Mme Nicole Ferraro	1 ^e /2 ^e année/ <i>Grade 1/2</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 7
Mme Kaila Allegro	2 ^e /3 ^e année/ <i>Grade 2/3</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 4
Mme Melanie Farrage	3 ^e /4 ^e année/ <i>Grade 3/4</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 2
M. Dean Arrigo (1, 3, 5)	4 ^e /5 ^e année/ <i>Grade 4/5</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 111
Mme Meredith McGuinnes (2, 4, 6)		
Mme Leianne Wood	4 ^e /5 ^e année/ <i>Grade 4/5</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 210
Mme Amanda Toews	6 ^e année/ <i>Grade 6</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 108
Mme Odette Schneider	6 ^e /7 ^e année/ <i>Grade 6/7</i>	Salle/ <i>Room</i> 110
Mme Marie Kozyra	Enseignante d'appui/ <i>Learning Support Teacher</i>	
Mme Hélène Constant-Ruest	Enseignante d'appui/ <i>Learning Support Teacher</i> (Days 2, 4, 6)	
Mme Anelise Pautès	Enseignante d'appui/ <i>Learning Support Teacher</i>	
M. David Betz	Musique/ <i>Music</i>	
Mme Carissa Van Lieshout	Éducation physique/ <i>Physical Education</i>	

ASSISTANTS ÉDUCATIVES/*EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS*

Mme Stephanie Dauriac
Mme Barb Gagnon
Mme Stephanie Hotomani
Mme Karen Irving
Mme Agathe Ndaya
Mme Soledad Orcorchuk
Mme Manon Ottenbreit

TECHNICIENNE DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE/*LIBRARY TECHNOLOGIST*

Mme Ginette Enns (Days 2, 4, 6)

SERVICES DE SOUTIEN CLINIQUE/*CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES*

Mme Leah Funk Psychologue/*Psychologist*
Mme Joan Coppens Clinicien en lecture/*Reading Clinician*
Mme Neelam Balchan Orthophoniste/*Speech & Language*
Mme Carmen Bergeron Assistante sociale/*Social Worker*



School Directory

School Day

8:10 a.m.	Outdoor supervision begins
8:20 a.m.	School entry for nursery - grade 7 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 - 7)
12:25 p.m.	School entry for nursery - grade 7 students
12:30 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Recess
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal for nursery - grade 7 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 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 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** 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 in the back lane 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:

- The designated visitor spots in the loop.
- 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. Joan Coppens
- Speech and Language Pathologist - Ms. Neelam Balchan
- 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 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.

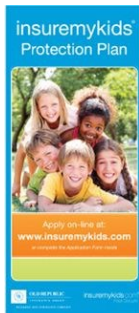


These programs and initiatives cannot happen without a strong parent voice and council!

**First Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026
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.insuremykids.com. We encourage you to take advantage of the program. The plan is effective 12 months of the year.

Terry Fox Event

On Friday, September 25, 2026 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, 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 Tuesday, 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.





ÉCOLE SIR WILLIAM OSLER

OPEN HOUSE & INAUGURATION OFFICIELLE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

- » **5:00 p.m. Greetings & ribbon cutting**
- » **5:30 p.m. School tours & refreshments**

Please join staff at École Sir William Osler to cut the ribbon on a school expansion that includes a giant gymnasium, a new science lab, a bright art studio, and new music band rooms.

C'est un moment historique chez École Sir William Osler!



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Important Dates for the 2026-2027 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change

Oct. 6 - No Classes: Admin Day

Oct. 7 - Bus Ridership

Oct. 12 - No School: Thanksgiving Day

Oct. 14 - Fall Picture Day

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

Oct. 23 - No Classes: MTS PD Day

Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade 1:00 p.m.

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

Nov. 11 - No School: Remembrance Day

Nov. 12 - Fall Picture Retakes AM Only

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

Nov. 19 - Tri-Conferences 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 - No Classes: Tri-Conferences

Dec. 10 - Winter Concert

Dec. 14-18 - Spirit Week

Dec. 18 - Last Day of Classes

Dec. 21 - Winter Break Begins

Jan. 4 - Classes Resume

Jan. 20 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 22 - No Classes: Admin Day

Jan. 26-28 - Hearing Screening

Feb. 1-28 - I Love to Read Month

Feb. 4 - N/K & Gr. 7 Open House 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 5 - No Classes: Admin Day

Feb. 15 - No School: Louis Riel Day

Feb. 16-19 - Festival Week

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

Mar. 18 - Student-Led Conference 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mar. 19 - No Classes: Student-Led Conferences

Scholastic Book Fair

Mar. 22-25 - Spirit Week

Mar. 25 - Last Day of Classes

Mar. 26 - No School: Good Friday

Mar. 29 - Spring Break Begins

Apr. 5 - Classes Resume

Apr. 8 - Bus Ridership

Apr. 14 - International Day of Pink

Apr. 16 - No Classes: Admin Day

Apr. 21 - Spring Picture Day

PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 6 - Mobile Vision Clinic

May 7 - No Classes: Admin Day

May 11 - Grade 6 Immunizations

May 18 - PAC Meeting & AGM 6:00 p.m.

May 24 - No School: Victoria Day

May 27 - Spring Concert

Jun. 15 - PAC Year End Picnic

Jun. 28 - No Classes: Admin Day

Jun. 30 - Last Day of School





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SEPTEMBER 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7 No School Labour Day 	8 Day 1 No School Administration Day Meet the Staff 4:00 p.m. 	9 Day 2 First Day of School  Nursery & Kindergarten Gentle Entry	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Student Fees Due 
14 Day 5 First Day for Nursery & Kindergarten 	15 Day 6 Open House 5:30 p.m. 	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3
21 Day 4	22 Day 5 PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 Terry Fox Run 
28 Day 3	29 Day 4 Orange Shirt Day  Grade 6 Immunizations 	30 No School National Day of Truth and Reconciliation 		