

Sisler High School

Community Report

2019-2020

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Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

Our Vision

Is for current and future people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:

Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.



About our school

As Manitoba's largest culturally diverse dual track high school located in Winnipeg's North End, Sisler, recognized as an innovator in technology education, utilizes cutting edge pedagogical delivery systems including inverted classrooms, distance education collaborating with industry experts from across the globe. Sisler, a proof of concept school, provides ubiquitous Wi-Fi, BYOD and HD videoconferencing across academic, cultural, social and digital divides. Sisler is an award winning school including 1st in CyberPatriot International Exhibition, Premiers Award of Innovation, Microsoft Innovative Pathfinder school, Adobe Educators Choice Award, with ten staff members winning the Prime Ministers Award for Teaching.



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Highlights

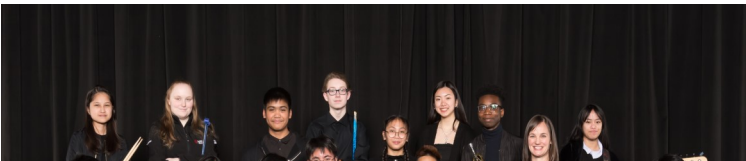
- ◆ Student involvement was high for the Virtual Art Show held back in June. Art Students created Google Slides containing their best art works, which were then shared on both the Sisler High School and WSD1 websites! Thanks to Mr. Kooistra and Mr. Buskell for their help!
- ◆ During the school shut down, Sisler's Indigenous Students Group continued to meet virtually once a week. It was a new and wonderful experience to pass the grandfather rock to each other on the screen as we held our sharing circle. It was a powerful way to stay connected and to support each other during the period of physical distancing. Ekosi to everyone who participated. Hopefully we can do this again this school year until we can meet again in person.
- ◆ Inclusion Support
The Pandemic may have put a damper on classes inside Sisler, but the SEC enjoyed some small group instructional time outside on the lawn. Our graduating CAP students at home were treated to a drive by parade of their teachers and EAs. We have all worked hard to keep each other's spirits high!
- ◆ Despite the Pandemic Sisler had top marks once again in the U of M math 1700 credits. Sisler is the only high school to offer this credit through the University of Manitoba. 22 students completed the course, 13 of them received a final mark of A+, and 9 received a final mark of A. All 13 that earned an A+ in math 1700 also earned an A+ in math 1500 and were placed on Sisler's Calculus wall of fame trophy.
- ◆ Although it was a less than ideal way to end school sports this year, there was still a lot of great Spartan accomplishments in 2019-2020! An awards video was created and posted to the school's website in June, which highlighted all of the teams in our program. Our graduating athletes of the year were Aira A. (basketball) and Steven K. (football). We are looking forward to competing again when the time comes.
- ◆ Drafting students won Best Construction at Skills MB Model Wind Turbine Competition and Best Design at the Skills MB Cardboard Boat competition.
- ◆ Huge congratulations to Sean T. and Eunice F. for participating in the 2020 INSPO Research and Innovation Competition sponsored by Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), New York. Sean and Eunice were awarded Honourable Mention for their work on Applying Iodine Photochemistry along with \$10,000.00 (USD) entrance scholarship to RIT and \$500.00 (USD) towards INSPO programs. This accomplishment placed their project in the top 20% of all applicants from Canada, the U.S., and Mexico



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Community Involvement

- ◆ Sisler's Christmas Concerts 'Jump, Jingle, and Jive' and 'Let Light Shine' were wonderful, and members of the Bands spread cheer and good will by playing carols out in the community (Health Science Centre, Fred Douglas Lodge, Art Show, and more).
- ◆ Bands and Choirs performed at our Open HeARTS Concert in February, where we raised \$500.00 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.
- ◆ Sisler's Social Sciences dept celebrates our longstanding support of social justice initiatives. In the 2019 - 2020 school year, despite the massive disruption caused by COVID our student led social justice groups were able to raise over 5000.00 to help a variety of organizations with their charitable operations. Monies went to Cancercare, the WE Day organization and Siloam Mission, to name just a few.
- ◆ Just before school-closure in March, Jazz Band hosted and live-streamed the WJO 'Respect: The Music of Aretha Franklin' workshop and performance in Sisler's Band Room.
- ◆ Sisler's Mental Health Club Collections for Fred Douglas Lodge: Students collected personal hygiene items and small gifts including; Kleenex boxes, toothbrushes, lotion, puzzle books, haircare items, and stuffed animals and made care packages for the residents. Students went to the Lodge and distributed the gifts, took part in Christmas Carols, and connected with the elderly. Many residents are on fixed incomes and many cannot afford to purchase these items. Also, many have limited contact with family and really look forward to visiting with the students and receiving a gift during the holidays.
- ◆ Drafting instructor used laser engraver to cut mask extenders for the health care industry during COVID.
- ◆ French Student Council hosted their annual Franconnexion, a student-led day of French activities, focused on celebrating bilingualism in our schools. We hosted students from neighbouring French Immersion schools for this full day event. We have food and music and games all day long. The students who hosted the event spent 6 months preparing, and it certainly showed.
- ◆ Sisler High School's newly launched CREATE Program recently had the rare opportunity to host one of the film industry's



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