

Churchill 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

Churchill High School is located in the neighbourhood of Riverview in south Winnipeg. We provide comprehensive programming for our 550 grade 7-12 students in a caring learning environment that maximizes the aspirations, abilities and achievements of all students.

As a UNESCO designated school, we foster a strong sense of community. This is evident in the many programs and extra-curricular initiatives that are available to our students. We have exceptional visual and performing arts programs and athletic programs. We also provide an apprenticeship program, student leadership courses and numerous Education for Sustainable Development opportunities. Churchill is home to the Churchill Hockey Academy, an initiative program that supports student athletes.

Our School motto is "Pride and Tradition" and we are proud of our school community.



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Highlights

- Students attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference BC.
- Several graduating students received scholarships and bursaries including one who was the recipient of Canada's most comprehensive undergraduate scholarships awarded for character, service and Leadership. The student will receive \$100, 000 over 4 years.
- Our Indigenous Youth Group held many events including facilitating the "Blanket Activity" for students at Churchill and across the Winnipeg School Division.
- Grade 7 and 8 students attended Winter camp in February
- Grade 8 girls competitive volleyball team win finals
- Varsity Girls Volleyball competed in the AAA City Finals
- Our Grade 9 Boys Basketball team made to the AAAA City Finals.
- Grade 10 JV Boys Basketball team competed in the AAAA city finals and were scheduled to compete in the MHSAA Provincial play-offs
- Churchill Hockey Academy continues to grow and develop with the school. This year we had 91 students registered in the program. In the next school year, we are expecting enrollment to increase with a projection of 130 – 140 students
- Performing Arts students presented the musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Over 50 students were involved with on-stage and behind the scenes production.
- The first Showcase for the North Star Prep Basketball team was held this year.
- A Churchill High School had an increase in student participating in the University of Waterloo Mathematical contest.
- We fielded over 36 sports teams at the school
- Football team played in the highest scoring final ever.
- Leadership students raised \$500 to buy pairs of socks for the Main Street Project
- Graduating Students participated in the first ever drive by parade and red carpet walk-up graduation ceremony.
- Churchill High School alumni Thomas Miles of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers brought the Grey cup to the school and spoke to the student body.



Priorities for 2019-20

Literacy and Numeracy

Examples:

- 1) Substantial gains made in numeracy skills due to focused skill development at all grade levels
- 2) ELA teachers met in a professional learning community to further develop common writing practices and assessment in grades 7 – 12
- 3) All grade 7 ELA students participated in the OCA assessment process to gain baseline of skills and help goal setting
- 4) Provided supports to the new students in our LAL (Literacy, Academics and Language) program and our International Students through our LAL program teacher

Addressing Barriers to Learning

- 1) Inclusion of students with special needs in option classes as well as school activities continues to rise
- 2) Strategies in place to support students through anti-bullying, and Health and Wellness initiatives as well as breakfast and lunch programs

Sustainability:

- 1) Our Leadership students held a coffee house to raise awareness and funds for Inner City Youth Alive.
- 2) Indigenous Youth Group facilitated the blanket activity to several schools
- 3) Student council held game night, movie night, and a dance to help raise funds for humane society, and Salome mission.



Priorities for 2020-21

Indigenous Education:

- Continue to infuse Aboriginal topics and themes into class instruction and school programs
- Continue to support initiatives by our active Indigenous Youth Group
- Develop a program for male Aboriginal students to support their academics as well as provide a welcoming space for Indigenous cultural learning.

Numeracy:

- Continue to focus on developing number sense and problem solving skills with our Middle School students
- Math teachers meet in professional learning communities to ensure consistency with programming and assessment throughout grades
- Continue support program (Math Lab) to support high school students taking Applied and Pre-Cal math classes
- Practical Arts programs to support students' understanding and application of imperial and metric units of measurement

Science:

- Focus will be on planning to enhance students' engagement in Science through a Middle Years Science Club and experimental design
- Build capacity in students to encourage them to take grade 11 and 12 Sciences

Literacy:

- ELA teachers continue to meet in a professional learning community to further develop common writing practices and assessment in grades 7 – 12
- ELA teachers will be “early adopters” of the new Provincial ELA Curriculum
- Teach strategies for annotating text when reading
- Provide supports to the new students in our LAL (Literacy, Academics and Language) program and our International Students

Addressing Barriers to Learning:

- Offer support classes to students that focus on basic numeracy and literacy skill building
- Continue to provide breakfast and lunch programs
- Continue to support inclusive practices in academics/option classes as well as activities within the school community

Sustainability:

- Continue to infuse UNESCO's four pillars of learning into teaching practices and the various student-led staff and community led ESD initiatives

Parent and community involvement

Parent and Community Initiatives

- Active Parent Advisory Council
- YMCA After-School program for our students with special needs
- Safe Grad Parent Committee
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters Youth in School Mentoring Program at local elementary schools
- Team coaches from community and alumni
- Churchill Football Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner
- Winnipeg Police Service presented to our grade 9 – 12 students information on fentanyl

Student and School Initiatives

- Meet the Teacher BBQ
- School Talent Show and Winter Concerts in December
- Student Leaders volunteer at Riverview and Lord Roberts Schools
- Various fundraising initiatives including Christmas Cheer Board, Winnipeg Harvest, Main Street Project, Riverview Health Centre, North End Family Centre
- Churchill High School Open House
- Leadership volunteers at the TEDx Event in Winnipeg
- Community Clean-up
- Grade 10 Foods students are pen pals with a rural elementary school and they met with each other to share food and friendship
- Student volunteers assisted at the Human Rights in Art Education Conference in May
- Fine Arts Nights showcased our students art work and our bands, drama students and choirs performed
- Grade 7 – 9 students participated in a community clean-up
- Our students in our CAP program continue to care for the flower and vegetable gardens in our courtyard
- Our UNESCO group planted fruit trees for the courtyard
- Grade 6 Parent information evening
- Day of Pink cupcake fundraiser for the Red Cross

