

# The Sister Mac Special



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OCTOBER 2022

◆ Message from the Administrative Team

Dear Sister MacNamara Families,

Happy October! There has been much excitement and energy as we welcomed students and their families back to Sister MacNamara School. Please check for updated information on our school website and notes that come home from your child's teacher.

**These are but a few of the highlights of the school year so far:**

- We were so excited to see several families at our Meet the Staff evening. Classroom overviews with information about learning and programming was sent home with families. Those not in attendance had an overview sent home with your child. This information is also posted on our school website.
- Our Phys. Ed. teacher, Ms. Macdonald, conducted our annual Terry Fox Run in the gym with all students in September.
- A dedicated staff worked hard to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students to kick off the school year!
- We had a successful fire drill and evacuation drill to Knox Church. The evacuation drill took place with the school as a whole.

**Also, just for your information:**

Our Safe Arrival Attendance System is working well. Please remember to report absences, late arrivals or early departures on the Safe Arrival System before 9:00 AM.

- The Welcome to Kindergarten evening will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 5:00 PM.
- Lunch Program payments are due at the beginning of each month and can be made during office hours.
- Individual school pictures will be taken by Life Touch Photo Company on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Halloween celebrations are up to the classroom teachers and information will follow.
- Playground safety is very important. Families returning with their child at noon must wait at the picnic area, and not on the field/play structure as this space is for our students in the Lunch Program.

**School arrival time in the morning is 8:50 and at lunch 12:55. Dismissal is at 3:30. Please ensure you are picking up your child/children promptly at noon and 3:30.**

- Our K - 6 teachers have begun to assess their students using the Winnipeg School Division's Elementary Assessment Program. Teachers have this opportunity to get to know each of their students' learning strengths. This will help to plan for your children's learning success.

**Reminders**

October 5th—5:00 PM Family Gathering

October 10th—School closed for Thanksgiving—Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

October 21st—School closed for

Professional Development

Debbie Lenhardt Mair  
Principal



Claudia Martinez  
Acting Vice Principal

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!



PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 6, 2022 FOR A FUN EVENING  
OF LITERACY ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE  
YOUR KINDERGARTEN  
CHILD'S LEARNING!

*Free gift bag of learning  
activities given to each  
family attending.*



**NOT REGISTERED YET??? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

**STARTING  
SCHOOL**



If your child was born in 2018, they are eligible to start Nursery this September! If they were born in 2017, they are eligible to start Kindergarten this year. Nursery and Kindergarten are half day classes either in the morning or afternoon.

The registration form is on the Sister MacNamara website. You are welcome to fill it out and send it in electronically. If you fill it in, please phone the school to make an appointment to bring your child's ID in to the office. You are also welcome to call the school or come to the school to register.

For more information, please call the school at 204-942-6965.

**In order to register your child you will need 3 things:**

- their birth certificate
- Manitoba Health card
- A lease or tenant agreement to validate your address.



## OCTOBER

06	Welcome to Kindergarten—5:00 PM
10	Thanksgiving Day—HOLIDAY School Closed
13	School Picture Day
21	MTS Professional Development Day – School Closed
25	Grade 6 Immunization
31	Halloween

## NOVEMBER

8-9-10	Hearing Screening
10	Remembrance Day Assembly—10:45 AM
11	Remembrance Day—School Closed
17	Picture Retake Day
18	Professional Development Day—Whole School Closed
14-15-16	IEP Meetings
24	Student-Led Conferences—Evening 4:00—8:00 PM
25	Student-Led Conferences—Whole School Closed

## DECEMBER

13	Winter Concert—6:00 PM for Grades 1-6
14	N-K Winter Concert—10:00 AM & 1:30 PM
21	Movie Day
Dec 22 – Jan 4	WINTER BREAK

## JANUARY

5	School re-opens after Winter Break
31	Mobile Vision Clinic

## FEBRUARY—INQUIRY LEARNING MONTH

03	Professional Development Day—Whole School Closed
20	Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY School Closed
28	Jump Rope for Heart assembly 2:30 PM

## MARCH

13-14-15	IEP Meetings
15	Inquiry Celebration – Students
16	Inquiry Celebration - Families
16	Student-Led Conferences - all day and evening - NO CLASSES
17	Professional Development – Whole School Closed—NO CLASSES
20-24	Spirit Week
27-31	SPRING BREAK

## APRIL

3	School re-opens after Spring Break
4-5-6	Class Data Review Meetings
7	Good Friday – HOLIDAY School Closed
13	Day of Pink – Assembly 1:15 PM
14	Professional Development Day—Whole School Closed
28	Volunteer Celebration—10:00 AM

## MAY

1	School Planning Day—Whole School Closed
22	Victoria Day—HOLIDAY School Closed

## JUNE

13	Year End Celebration—9:00 AM
16	Summer Fun Day
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
27	Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 PM
27	Report Cards go home
30	Talent Show – 9:15 AM
30	Last Day of School—Student Dismissal at 11:30 AM



### SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of Sister MacNamara School is to create a safe, respectful environment, where adults help students achieve academic and social success, appreciating and honouring each other's differences and cultural backgrounds.*

SCHOOLMESSENGER®

## SAFE ARRIVAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing a *more efficient* student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.

Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.

Call the toll-free number **1-855-278-4513** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Starting **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**, please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Starting **Wednesday, September 7, 2022** staff will be using the **SafeArrival** notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this system in order to keep students as safe as we can.

D. Lenhardt Mair  
Principal

## SISTER MACNAMARA'S LUNCH PROGRAM



### *Just a few reminders:*

- Lunch Program is a service provided for parents who are either working or attending school. In order to qualify for the Lunch Program you must be able to provide proof of either when filling out an application.
- Fees are 30.00 per month for the first child and 20.00 per month for each additional child. Fees are cash only and due at the first of each month. Please send exact amounts as we cannot make change.

Parents are expected to provide a healthy lunch, including a healthy beverage. (no junk food please!) The Lunch Program will not be supplying milk this year.

- The Lunch Program often has a waiting list. If fees are not paid promptly and become overdue, you risk the chance of losing your spot!

We understand that occasionally families might need to have their child stay for lunch. If the occasion arises, please call Ning, the lunch program coordinator, at least 24 hours in advance to make arrangements. Fees will apply.

We expect all students attending the lunch program to demonstrate proper behavior following the school and Lunch Program expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. If your child has any behavioral problems during the lunch program, you will be notified by either a phone call or a letter.

Also, a big thank you to all the lunch program staff for doing a wonderful job of ensuring your children are well taken care of during the lunch hour.

If you have any questions please contact the school at 204-942-6965.

Sister MacNamara's Lunch Program Coordinator,



Sister MacNamara School is looking to hire an Adult Crossing Guard for the school year. It is a 3 hour per day position staggered through the school day, coordinating with school starting, noon hour, and ending hours. This is a paid position. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Child Abuse and

Registry check and Criminal Record Check.

*This is an important position to ensure the safety of our students and families in coming to and from school.*

Position starts as soon as possible. Please contact the Principal, Debbie Lenhardt Mair or Vice Principal Claudia Martinez for further information.



# News From the Parent Room – Oct 2022

## The Parent Room is open!

Hi! We are your new Parent Room staff:

Nicole Christmas – Community Support Worker

Email: [nichristmas@wsd1.org](mailto:nichristmas@wsd1.org) Phone: 204-942-6965

Nasra Hassan – Intercultural Support Worker (speaks Somali and Swahili)

Email: [nhassan@wsd1.org](mailto:nhassan@wsd1.org) Phone: 204-942-6965

We have planned some great events for October but please let us know what programs you would like to see!

We are also able to help with resources such as food, internet access, and winter clothing. Please reach out to us with any questions you have about community help and resources.

## NEWS

### Koats For Kids

Need winter gear for your kids? Contact us with the sizes of jackets and boots for your children. We will place an order and contact you when they arrive.



Our first Family Gathering is Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about what is happening in the school and to tell us what you would like to see this year! We hope to meet lots of new faces!



## What's Happening?

### Community Clean Up

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am**

Let's clean up our neighbourhood! We will provide all the materials to pick up litter and get our community ready for the winter.

### Nutrition Bingo

**Oct 6 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30**

Come have coffee or tea and visit with other parents! We will play bingo for food prizes to take home.

### Storytime

**Oct 12 & 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:00 am**

Have children age 0-4? Bring them for stories, songs, and a snack! Coffee and tea provided for caregivers.

### Community Resources and Coffee

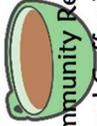
**Oct 13 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30**

Need information about what's available in your community? Questions about a specific topic? We're here to help! This month we will be presenting on housing supports.

# October 2011

In the Parent Room



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Bread, Potato, and Onion Giveaway 3:30 pm	5 Family Gathering 5:00 pm 	6 Nutrition Bingo 2:30-3:30 pm 	7 Community Clean-up 9:00 am 	8
9	10  Happy Thanksgiving!	11 Bread, Potato, and Onion Giveaway 3:30 pm	12 Storytime 9:00-10:00 am 	13 Community Resources and Coffee Time 2:30-3:30 pm 	14	15
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# OCTOBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4  Welcome to Kindergarten 5:00	7 Day 5
10  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2  <i>Picture Day</i> SMILE	14 Day 3
17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2  Non instructional MTS Day  NO CLASSES
24 Day 3	25 Day 4  Grade 6 Immunizations AM	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1
31 Day 2  	<p><i>Looking ahead.....</i></p> <p>Friday, November 11, 2022 ..... Remembrance Day—NO CLASSES</p> <p>Friday November 18, 2022 ..... Non Instructional Day—NO CLASSES</p> <p>Friday, November 25, 2022 ..... Student Led Conferences</p>			