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♦ Message from the Administrative Team

Dear Sister MacNamara Families,

HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!!

Hello to everyone. My name is Mrs. Debbie Lenhardt Mair and I am the Principal of Sister MacNamara School. We are excited to welcome our new Vice-Principal, Ms. Claudia Martinez, to our school. We also welcome you and your child(ren) back to our school this year. We missed you very much. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) at our school. Please say hello when you drop off or pick up your child(ren) from school. We also encourage you to check out our website for information. We would be more than happy to answer any question you may have or to support you with your needs.

It was a beautiful hot Manitoba summer and we hope all of our families had fun together and stayed healthy and safe. For many students the familiar faces make them feel like they are coming back home and we know our new students, with the support of everyone, will soon be comfortable and feeling at home too!

Each new school year brings many opportunities for the excitement of a new beginning and developing routines. We encourage you to share your child's gifts, strengths, and worries with their teacher when you see them outside. Thank you for sending your amazing children to our school each day. Always know how very important each and every child and each and every family is to all our staff here. A full list of contact information for teachers is included in our newsletter.

We will be hosting our **Meet the Staff Evening on September 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the gym**. A school year overview and summary will be shared with you at the event. This will outline themes your child will be learning about in class this year. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher

WE WELCOME and WELCOME BACK the following staff members to our school for this year: Maggie MacDonald, Phys. Ed.; Jennifer Hydrochuk N/K; Jackie Gudz Kindergarten; Candace Liebrecht Grade 5/6; Jennifer Forsyth and Linda Maddaford Resource. We have a new Community Support Worker—Nicole Christmas and Inter Cultural Support Worker—Nasra Hassan. Please say hello to them. Read the section inside the newsletter for more staffing information.

Our school will be **closed on September 19th** for Professional Development. We will also be **closed on September 30th** to observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This will be a day of observance to remember, honour, learn, encourage, reflect and participate in meaningful discussion about the impacts of residential school and to look for ways to move towards reconciliation. This will be an ongoing theme during the school year.

This is an exciting beginning for all of us. We look forward to working together with you and your family.



Debbie Lenhardt Mair
Principal

Claudia Martinez
Acting Vice Principal

Dear Families,

We hope you are well and taking advantage of the lovely weather outside this September. Last year was an amazing year of learning and we are excited to think about this year, learning under more normal circumstances, all year long.

At this time, we want to share the following staffing changes that have taken place.

Mr. James Tyson will not be returning to our school this year. We thank him for all of his hard work and dedication to our students, families and staff during the last school year. We will miss his jokes on the announcements. We wish him well and good luck in his new position. **Mr. Aldo Furlan** has moved to Meadows West School to be their Nursery School teacher for this year. Mr. Furlan has been at Sister MacNamara School for over 20 years. He has taught many students during his time at our school. He was instrumental in leading our Running Clubs, Running and Reading Program and attended many Family Gathering events. Thank you **Mr. Furlan** for everything you have done for all of our students and the community. You are missed. We said farewell to **Ms. Breanna Gans**, who was on a term for Ms. Hannah Muns; **Ms. Caleigh MacDonald** who was on a term for Ms. Lynsey Lodge; **Mr. Matthew Melnyk** who was on a term while Ms. MacDonald was on a Maternity Leave; **Ms. Myra Galapon**, Supply Teacher and **Ms. Linda Maddaford** who were with us for most of the year, supporting students in their reading, writing and mathematics. You have made a difference in students' learning lives. We also say farewell to **Carmela Pascua**, our Nutrition Support person.

Our new Acting Vice-Principal for this year is **Ms. Claudia Martinez**. She is joining us from Earl Grey School. Welcome Ms. Martinez! A complete list of those we welcome and welcome back to our school is on the front cover of the newsletter.

Please join me in thanking everyone at school who have been working hard to support you and your child in learning over this past year of unexpected challenges.

Sincerely,
Mrs. D. Lenhardt Mair
Principal

**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.

SEPTEMBER

6	Administration Day – NO CLASSES
7	First day for Students Grade 1-6
9	New School Year assembly
12	First day for Nursery - Kindergarten
16	Terry Fox Run
19	Professional Development – School Closed
21	Whole School Evacuation Drill—Knox Church (9:15 AM)
22	Meet the Staff Night—5:00 PM
29	Wear Orange Shirt—Everyone Has the Right
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School Closed

OCTOBER

6	Welcome to Kindergarten—5:00 PM
10	Thanksgiving Day—HOLIDAY School Closed
13	School Picture Day
21	MTS Professional Development Day – School Closed
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
21-22-23	IEP Meetings
24	Student-Led Conferences—Evening
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
17	Professional Development – Whole School Closed
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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022-23



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



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 September. 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.



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.



TEACHER SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESSES

Ms. Lenhardt Mair - Principal - debbielm@wsd1.org

Ms. Claudia Martinez - Acting Vice Principal—cmartinez@wsd1.org

Ms. Hydrochuck –Room 103, Nursery/Kindergarten– jhydrochuck@wsd1.org

Ms. Gudz- Room 125, Kindergarten/Nursery - jgudz@wsd1.org

Ms. Lam - Room 119, Grade One - slam@wsd1.org

Mr. Klassen-Wiebe - Room 121, Grade One - vklassenwiebe@wsd1.org

Mr Moroz - Room 206, Grade Two - tmoroz@wsd1.org

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Ms. Macdonald - Physical Education - mmacdonald@wsd1.org

School email—sistermac@wsd1.org

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 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,
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Working together as a Community!



Pick up and dismissal will continue to be on the hard top for all grades.

If you are picking up or dropping off your child in your vehicle, please remember that area is an Idle-Free Zone. Please turn your vehicle off when dropping off or waiting to pick up your child.

Now that we are starting to have field trips, the bus loading zone is being used more and more. Please do not block the *Bus Loading Zone*.

Also, please do not block the entrance, but leave lots of space as many of our families use the same entrance to the schoolyard and walk to and from school.



The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30, 2022. The schools are closed that day.

Let's all remember to wear an orange shirt on Thursday, September 29, 2022 to observe together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because *every child matters*.





SEPTEMBER 2022



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Looking ahead.....

Thursday, October 6 Welcome to Kindergarten 5:00 PM

Monday, October 10, 2022 Thanksgiving, NO CLASSES

Tuesday, October 13, 2022 Picture Day

Friday, October 21, 2022 MTS Professional Dev't—NO CLASSES

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Day 1

Administration Day
NO CLASSES

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Day 2

Welcome Back
Grades 1-6



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Day 3

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Day 4

Assembly
9:00

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Day 5

First day of classes for
Kindergarten/Nursery

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Day 6

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Day 1

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Day 2

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Day 3

Terry Fox Run



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Day 4

Professional
Development
NO CLASSES

20

Day 5

21

Day 6

Whole School Evacuation
Drill
(to Knox United Church 9:15)

22

Day 1

Meet the
STAFF
5:00 PM



23

Day 2

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Day 3

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Day 4

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Day 5

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Day 6

Orange Shirt Day



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National Day for Truth
and Reconciliation

NO CLASSES