



# École Sir William Osler February 2022 Newsletter

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

**T**he month of January is now a memory for our school and community. The days may still be cold but the learning indoors is really heating up. In the classroom, we continue to see growth in all areas of students' development. They have been learning so much and have been working diligently in spite of all the challenges they face throughout this pandemic. We are looking forward to seeing some of their gains as we approach the next reporting period.

During the month of February, classes will be celebrating Festival du Voyageur activities in the class as well as I Love to Read activities. If you, or anyone you know would like to read to our students, please contact the office.

The weather usually starts to warm up this month but continue to refer to the school's Cold Weather Guidelines. Students are expected to take part in outdoor recess when weather permits so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed and their clothing is labelled. There is indoor recess when temperatures drop to  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  (with the wind chill) and colder. We will continue to head outdoors with our Polar Bear Club when temperatures dip below the division guidelines.

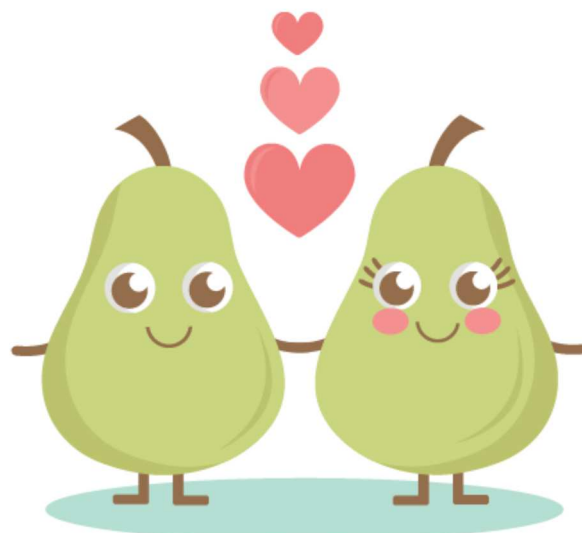
Our Virtual Open House took place January 26. The presentation is still up on our website as well as school and registration information. We will be accepting registrations starting February 1, 2022 and throughout the remainder of the year. If you have family, friends or neighbours with children who will be 4 years old for nursery (born in 2018) or 5 years old for kindergarten (born in 2017) by December 31, 2022, please encourage them to check out our school website at <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/sirwilliamosler/page/2012/spotlight-news-stories>. There is also a tab with

registration information <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/sirwilliamosler/page/1804/school-registration-information>.

Our enrolment projections come up very soon as well. Student intention forms will be going out through Permission Click at the beginning of the month and will be due back February 12. Please make sure to complete your response as these help to create what our classrooms will look like next year as well as our staffing.

Thank you for all your support and assistance. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or your classroom teacher if there is anything we can assist you with or if you have any questions.

Mme Dominique Ostermann



## 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 and initiatives.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

## Parking Lot

Parking is limited at École Sir William Osler. A reminder to all families that there are no visitor spots in the school parking lot, they are all reserved for staff members. Even if a spot is empty, we would request **families park on Brock Street or Cordova Street even if spots are empty**, as staff may be returning.



## Wind Chill & Recess

We will be checking on the Winnipeg School Division website before each recess to check the wind chill factor. The wind chill reading used by the Winnipeg School Division will be that of **Environment Canada at The Forks**.

- -17°C to -27°C we will be going outside.
- -28°C and below we will have indoor recess. When this happens, students remain in their classrooms and play games, etc.



Please remember to have your child dress appropriately for all weather...boots, hats, mitts (insulated gloves), scarves,

face masks, ski pants, etc. and if they are attending school they will be expected to go outdoors for recess.

## 2022-2023 School Year

We are now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration forms are available on our school website.

**Nursery students must be four years of age by December 31, 2022 (born in 2018).**

**Kindergarten students must be five years of age by December 31, 2022 (born in 2017).**

**Grade 1-6 students must be born between 2016 and 2011.**

To register your child, the parent/guardian is required to present a copy of the birth certificate, Manitoba health card and proof of address (either rental agreement or property tax bill).

Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are registering your child for kindergarten - grade 6 and live outside the Winnipeg School Division you will be put on a waitlist and advised as soon as possible if space is available. Nursery students living outside the division must pay a fee and are accepted if there is space available.



## Please Note

If your child already attends École Sir William Osler you **do not** have to register them again for the following year.

They will automatically be pre-registered for the next school year (2022-2023).

Please notify the school office if you are leaving our school for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Also please note** that an intention form will be sent home to all parents regarding your intentions for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Festival du Voyageur!

With the world around us looking so different, so will Festival du Voyageur 2022. Even though it will be different than years past, Festival du Voyageur is committed to bringing you the *joie de vivre* we're used to feeling every February. Please see their website for available events and activities.

The 2022 edition will feature:

- A series of virtual concerts and events presented by Caisse Financial Group and Bell MTS.
- French-Canadian meal kits that you can take home and enjoy with a virtual show.
- Virtual versions of classic Festival du Voyageur contests like the Beard Growing Contest, Pea Soup Competition, Fiddling Contest, and the Jigging Contest.
- A series of educational vignettes on Métis culture in partnership with the Union nationale métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba.
- A series of instructional videos showing Manitobans "How to Festival from Home".

If public health orders allow it at the time, the festival will also feature an emphasis on distanced, cohorted and one-directional outdoor activities with visual art installations, snow, ice, and wooden sculptures, and historical interpretations presented by Université de Saint-Boniface at a much-reduced capacity.

For more information visit [heho.ca](http://heho.ca).



Theme days at our school for our Festival week are:

Date	Theme
Monday, February 21	No School: Louis Riel Day 
Tuesday, February 22	 <i>Journée de la tuque/ Toque Day</i>
Wednesday, February 23	<i>Journée de la chemise à carreaux/ Checkered Shirt Day</i> 
Thursday, February 24	 <i>Journée de la ceinture fléchée/ Sash Day</i>
Friday, February 25	<i>Journée du voyageur/ Dress Like a Voyageur Day</i> 

Students, staff and volunteers are encouraged to dress for our theme days! For "Sash Day," while some students may have an actual "ceinture fléchée," many students choose to tie a scarf around their waist, as a sash. On Friday, we hope everyone will dress as a voyageur, including toque, sash, checkered shirt, and jeans. Beards are optional!

The staff are working hard to prepare for this week! Many engaging French activities will take place in your child's class.

We are looking forward to celebrating this Manitoban cultural festival!

Hé ho héros! Bon Festival!




# February 2022

## I Love to Read Month









Theme: Moving Forward with Hope



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Prepared by: Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg.</b> 		<b>1</b> Start a gratitude journal. Write 3 things you are grateful for each day.	<b>2</b> Read <i>I Am Human: A Book of Empathy</i> by Susan Verde.	<b>3</b> Make a bookmark all about you!	<b>4</b> Read <i>Stolen Words</i> by Melanie Florence.	<b>5</b> Ask your family to tell you about your culture.
<b>6</b> Read a book with a family member or friend.	<b>7</b> Greet someone in a new language.	<b>8</b> Be inclusive! Read <i>All Are Welcome</i> , <i>The Invisible Boy</i> or <i>Wonder</i> .	<b>9</b> Make a plan for how to include others.	<b>10</b> Read <i>Stepping Stones</i> , <i>Dreamers</i> or <i>Refugee</i> .	<b>11</b> Pick an important part of your life and represent it using stones.	<b>12</b> Create a word splash of emotions you would feel arriving in a new country.
<b>13</b> Learn a family recipe.	<b>14</b> Make Valentine's for those you love.	<b>15</b> National Flag of Canada Day - Find out how our flag was chosen.	<b>16</b> Write a thank you note to someone special.	<b>17</b> Complete 5 random acts of kindness.	<b>18</b> Read <i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> , <i>A Little SPOT of Kindness</i> or <i>Pay it Forward: Young Reader's Edition</i> to celebrate kindness.	<b>19</b> Volunteer to help a family member with a task they are working on.
<b>20</b> Visit or pick up a book from your local library.	<b>21</b> Celebrate Louis Riel Day by going for a nature walk.	<b>22</b> Read <i>When We Were Alone</i> by David A. Robertson. What would you say to the grandmother?	<b>23</b> List 5 things that are important to you and why.	<b>24</b> Read <i>Shi-shi-etko</i> by Nicola I. Campbell	<b>25</b> Write a list of 5 special memories you have with family.	<b>26</b> Connect with someone you love. Play a game, watch a movie, or read a book together.
<b>27</b> Have a family member tell an oral story.	<b>28</b> Draw a picture of what you hope for in the future.					


# Winnipeg School Division Digital Resources for Families

Read an e-book, listen to a story, look for information, explore and wonder at home or school!

<p><b>Start:</b> WSD homepage <a href="http://www.winnipegssd.ca">www.winnipegssd.ca</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to the <b>WSD homepage</b>. Go to the tab <b>Student</b> on the top row of the page.</li> <li>2. Click on <b>Visit the WSD Online Library</b>.</li> </ol> <div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 5px;">Student Resources</div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Click on <b>Student Resources</b> on the left side of the page.</li> </ol>
<p>Winnipeg School Division <b>Digital Library</b></p> 	<p><b>Winnipeg School Division Digital Library:</b> Sora has 100s of ebooks and audiobooks children can read or listen to online! Go to Sora at: <a href="https://soraapp.com/library/winnipegssdca">https://soraapp.com/library/winnipegssdca</a> or download as a free app. Log in and click on <b>Explore</b> to find a ebook or audiobook. Languages include English, French, Spanish, Tagalog and Ukrainian.</p> <p><b>To log in at home or school:</b> username = student number; password = last 4 digits of student number.</p>
	<p>TumbleBooks has stories, picture books and games in English, French and Spanish. Make sure to visit TumbleBooks from our Division homepage. If you do, no login or password is needed from home or school.</p> <p><b>If using a home tablet or iPad, or if accessing Tumblebooks a different way:</b> username: wsd; password: books</p>
 	<p><b>World Book Kids</b> is an easy to search encyclopedia with facts, photos, and videos. <b>World Book Student</b> has more text and information.</p> <p>You can also read World Book in French or Spanish. Explore World Book Timelines, and create your own Timeline about your favourite era! Go to <a href="https://www.worldbookonline.com/home/">https://www.worldbookonline.com/home/</a>.</p> <p><b>To log in at home:</b> username = schoolswsd; password = student. No login needed at school.</p>
 	<p><b>Ebscohost Research</b> contains magazine and newspaper articles to help students research. <b>Explora Primary – Canada</b> is a good place to start. Try out <b>Flipster</b> too, to read magazines online for children.</p> <p><b>To log in at home or school:</b> username = winnipeg; password =</p>
	<p><b>Discovery Education</b> lets you view videos, images, information for students in all grades. Students can print off or download images and view or edit videos for projects.</p> <p><b>To log in at home or school:</b> Grades 4 - 12: students use their live email name and password. Grades K - 3: live email name; password = 123qwe. (example: <a href="mailto:username@live.wsd1.org">username@live.wsd1.org</a> ).</p>
	<p><b>Can-Core</b> is a current collection of Canadian educational videos covering all areas of the curriculum. Go to <a href="https://www.can-core.ca/">https://www.can-core.ca/</a>.</p> <p><b>To log in at home:</b> username = wsdGuest; password = WSDcore No login needed at school.</p>

## 7 Ideas for Valentine's Day Fun

www.parenting.com

1. **Give love a thumbs-up.** Decorate valentines with thumbprint hearts. Have your child dip their thumb (finger works fine, too) in red poster paint, then show them how to press it onto paper twice to create a heart shape.
2. **Eat your hearts out.** Make a pan of Rice Krispies Treats, cool slightly, and then let your kids use a heart-shaped cookie cutter (coated with cooking spray) to punch out edible valentines. Decorate with frosting and/or candies.
3. **Look for love.** Play the "I love you to pieces" game: Cut out a big heart from construction paper, and tear it up. Hide the various pieces around the house for the kids to find and then reassemble with tape.
4. **Go cocoa.** Melt a bag of chocolate chips in the microwave then stir in raisins, marshmallows, candy hearts, etc. Drop spoonfuls of the mixture onto a baking sheet, and let set in the fridge until hard. Wrap the candies in pink cellophane and tie with ribbon to give to friends, sitters, and teachers.
5. **Name that passion.** At dinner, hand out three scraps of paper to each family member and ask them to write down something they love on each one (parents can write for little ones). You might write "cheese", "tennis", and "sleep" on yours, for example. Fold up the papers, put them in a bowl, and take turns picking one out and guessing who loves what.
6. **Get carded.** Make a pop-up Valentine's card : Cut out three hearts of descending size from decorative paper. Fold all the hearts in half, and adhere the largest one to the inside of a blank card with a single line of glue down the fold line. Layer the smaller hearts on top the same way for a three-dimensional greeting.
7. **Cozy up.** Cuddle together on the couch and watch Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown.

## French Activities

Does your child like to spend time on the computer, laptop or tablet? Why not integrate some of that playtime with French online games?

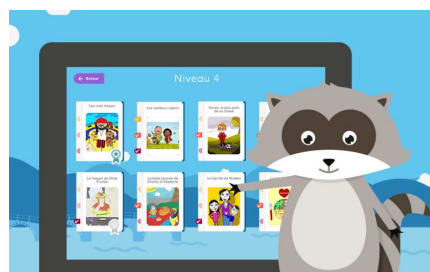
Here are some websites you can try:

- [www.samamuse.ca](http://www.samamuse.ca). French thematic games that focus on numbers, letters, themes, math and verbs. Turn up the volume for this one!
- [www.idello.org/en](http://www.idello.org/en). A bilingual site with a tab for parents and students. There are tons of videos for kids of all ages. Scroll to the bottom.
- [www.french-games.net](http://www.french-games.net). French games that focus on thematic vocabulary. The site is in English, but all the games are in French.



## Boukili

### Free Illustrated Children's Books!



Boukili is a free application that provides a variety of illustrated books for children. It aims to encourage children to read and helps them

attain different levels of reading proficiency.

With Boukili you can practice reading in French with your child while keeping track of his or her reading progress.

Visit [boukili.ca/en](http://boukili.ca/en) for more information.

## Important Dates for the 2021-2022 School Year

**\*All Dates Subject to Change\***

Mar. 14 - Report Cards Sent Home  
Mar. 17 - Student-Led Conference 3:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Mar. 18 - No Classes: Student-Led Conferences**  
Mar. 21-25 - Spirit Week  
Mar. 25 - Last Day of School  
Mar. 28 - Spring Break Begins

Apr. 4 - Classes Resume  
Apr. 13 - International Day of Pink  
Apr. 14 - Spring Picture Day  
**Apr. 15 - No School: Good Friday**  
Apr. 19 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 22 - No Classes: Admin Day**

**May 2 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
May 17 - PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
**May 23 - No School: Victoria Day**  
May 24-27 - Mobile Vision Clinic

Jun. 24 - Report Cards Sent Home  
**Jun. 27 - No Classes: Admin Day**  
Jun. 30 - Last Day of School



**February is  
I Love to Read Month**

**I ♥ 2READ**

### Groundhog Day

**Wednesday, February 2**

**Will the groundhog see its shadow?**



### Valentine's Day

**Don't forget Valentine's Day is  
Monday, February 14**





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## February 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<b>1</b> Day 4 Vaccination Clinic 	<b>2</b> Day 5	<b>3</b> Day 6	<b>4</b> Day 1 No School Administration Day 
<b>7</b> Day 2	<b>8</b> Day 3	<b>9</b> Day 4	<b>10</b> Day 5	<b>11</b> Day 6
<b>14</b> Day 1 Valentine's Day 	<b>15</b> Day 2 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	<b>16</b> Day 3	<b>17</b> Day 4	<b>18</b> Day 5
<b>21</b> No School Louis Riel Day 	<b>22</b> Day 6 Festival Week Toque Day 	<b>23</b> Day 1 Checkered Shirt Day 	<b>24</b> Day 2 Sash Day 	<b>25</b> Day 3 Dress Like a Voyageur 
<b>28</b> Day 4				