



École Sir William Osler May 2022 Newsletter

Principal: Dominique Ostermann



204-488-3569

1600 Grant Avenue

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

April showers bring May flowers and we look forward to watching your children's learning grow and bloom as we head into the final months of this school year. It is amazing how quickly the time goes by and these next two months will definitely be a whirlwind of learning and activities.

Our parent committee for the playground has been hard at work! Thank you so much for your passion and dedication to our school. The Playground Committee is focusing on grant writing for phase 2. Our Glenlea plant fundraiser is our biggest one yet! Thank you for supporting the playground enhancements. Plant pick up is on Monday, May 16.

Congratulations to two of our students who will be representing the Winnipeg School Division at the Provincial Concours d'Art Oratoire (French speech competition) at Université St. Boniface this month! These students were chosen to represent their class, won their categories for the school and then for the school division. Good luck to Asher S. (who will be competing in the grade 3/4 French Immersion Category) and Bella K. (who will be competing in the grade 3/4 Francophone Category)!

As we begin to plan for next year, we are compiling information to use in the class formation process. Great care and consideration goes into the make-up of all classrooms in consultation with our classroom teachers. Our classroom teachers know the students well and have school-based knowledge about the following criteria: girl/boy ratio, class size, social dynamics, academics, friendships and parent information. We rely on the professional judgements of our teachers to assist us with the process of determining class makeup for the 2022-2023 school year.

Any parent requests regarding special circumstances that may influence your child's learning were due into me April 29. If you missed the deadline and would still like to submit a request, please do so before Monday morning. We will be working on our class formation process during our school planning day on Monday, May 2. The classroom placement information will be part of the final report card, which will be sent home on Friday, June 24. The final decision on student placement will be made by school administration, based on the best interests of all our students.

We continue to accept registrations for the 2022-2023 school year for nursery - grade 6. Children who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2022 are eligible for the Nursery Program. Children who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2022 are eligible for the Kindergarten Program.

Mme Ostermann



Parent Council



The Parent Council's spring fundraiser is partnered with **Glenlea Greenhouses** this year! **Orders can be picked up Monday, May 16, 2022 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Thank you to all of our families who supported our fundraiser!

We are always looking for new members! Please consider joining us to help support school programs such as the École Sir William Osler Lunch Program, the Parent Council Playground Committee, and other fundraising events.

These programs and initiatives cannot happen without a strong parent voice and council!

**Last meeting of the school year and AGM:
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

French Activities

Are you looking for some fun things your child can do *en français*? Visit the Radio Canada website at radio-canada.ca/oniva for some great games, videos and television series!



The *Oniva!* series is a television show created for Canadian kids. It takes place all around Canada and often includes students from other French Immersion schools in the country.



Important Dates for the 2021-2022 School Year

All Dates Subject to Change



Jun. 2 - N/K to Morning Sound Farm (All Day)

Jun. 3 - No N/K Classes

Jun. 24 - Report Cards Sent Home

Jun. 27 - No Classes: Admin Day

Jun. 30 - Last Day of School

SafeArrival Reminders

Some pointers about *SafeArrival*:

- Calls to the system need to be done by 8:30 a.m. for full day or morning absences, and by 12:30 p.m. for afternoon absences.
- If your child is going to be late, please put it in the system as there is a Late option. This will avoid you receiving a call from the system after 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
- When using the telephone system to put in an absence, please make sure you receive a confirmation number. If you do not receive a confirmation number the absence has not been recorded.



You can access *SafeArrival* in one of three ways:

1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a **toll free number (1-855-278-4513)** through which absences can be reported.
2. Parents can log into a **website**, go.schoolmessenger.com to authenticate their Portal account to report absences and update contact information.
3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download the **SchoolMessenger App** that can be used to report absences.

**The system is available
24 hours/day, 7 days a week.
Future absences can be reported at any time.**



Outdoor Education

Even on the rainy days, our teachers took their own learning outdoors. With all the hard work that the PAC and parent community have put in on creating the new outdoor classroom, our staff thought it important to get out and learn how to best utilise this great new space. Barret Miller from FortWhyte Alive was involved in the initial plans on enhancing our school playground. He has come a few times to work with staff and students on outdoor education and returned again to support our learning. Teachers learned how to connect all different curriculum such as: writing, math, and science directly to outdoor education. Staff even learned a few new “tricks”.

Wind Trick:

1. Turn your back to the wind.
2. Point with your left hand, 90 degrees away from the direction of the wind.
3. You are pointing at the nearest, low centre of atmospheric pressure - usually the centre of the nearest storm!
4.
 - a. If you are pointing **north**, there is a **west** wind. The trend will be towards clear and sunny, warm in the summer, cold in the winter.
 - b. If you are pointing **east**, there is a **north** wind. It will be clear and sunny and cool.
 - c. If you are pointing **south**, there is an **east** wind. A storm, or clouds and precipitation, are likely within 24 hours.
 - d. If you are pointing **west**, there is a **south** wind. It will be warmer, but a heavy storm or at least some precipitation is likely within 24 hours.
5. Either 4c. or 4d. combined with thickening or lowering cloud, especially in the south or west part of the sky, indicate a greater chance of precipitation.
6. The stronger any wind blows from any direction, the more pronounced the effect, and therefore, the more confident your prediction.

Relative Humidity, Using No Equipment:

Relative humidity is a measure of how much water vapour is in the air, compared to the maximum amount the air can hold at its current temperature. High humidity in the summer means little capacity to take heat away from our bodies, and it feels hotter; low humidity makes warmer temperatures feel cooler. In the winter, the opposite is true - high humidity pulls more heat away from our bodies more quickly; a "dry cold" really does feel warmer than cold, humid air.

Increasing humidity often means low pressure/stormy weather on the way. Combine this with the Wind Trick above and you can do a comprehensive forecast in the field with no equipment other than your body!

To estimate relative humidity with no instruments:

1. Uncover both forearms.
2. Spin your arms from the shoulder at a moderate speed (about two revolutions/second).
3. When both arms feel the same temperature, dampen an area about 5cmx5cm on one arm (I demonstrated by licking).
4. Immediately resume spinning your arms at moderate speed. Pay attention to the wet spot, and how it feels cooler than the dry arm.
5. The number of seconds it takes for the wet and dry arm to feel the same temperature multiplied by ten gives you a good estimate of the relative humidity expressed as a percentage. EG. Lick and spin and count 6 seconds X 10 = 60% relative humidity.



Playground Committee Spring Project

We'll be creating a nature-themed backdrop behind our new outdoor classroom with artwork inspired by our students. A talented parent volunteer will recreate the students' ideas of animals and plants on large pieces of plywood, to be mounted on the chain link fence along with a chalkboard.

We need your help to make this project happen! Adult help is required to cut the shapes out of plywood and prime them. We are also collecting donations of exterior paint - any colour is welcome! The paint can be dropped off at the school towards the end of May.



More details along with a link to sign up for specific volunteer jobs will be sent out closer to the project date later this spring. We would be grateful for your support!

We are excited to see the students' creativity help to personalize our new outdoor learning space!

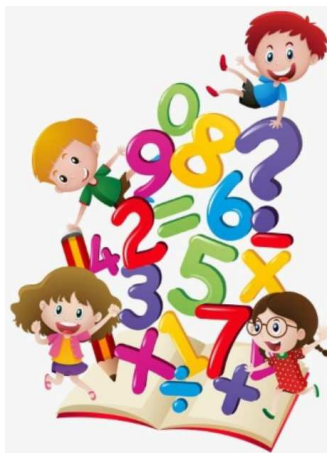
Library News

Thanks to our generous community we were able to purchase just over \$600.00 in new books for the library! We are still a long way from having a well stocked library. We are looking for volunteers who may be able to be part of a sub-committee for PAC, specifically for the library. The goal and purpose of the library committee would be finding funding opportunities and writing grant applications. Please contact the PAC chairperson at parentcouncilswo@gmail.com if you are able to help.

We are also looking for volunteers who can come and help us do a "Spring Clean" in the library. Due to all of the construction, much of our books and shelves are in need of a good wipe down. Many of our books have also been misshelved so we need help getting the books back in order. If you are able to volunteer some time, cleaning and organizing the library, please contact Mme Ostermann.



Math Corner!



Reading to your child is both a wonderful way to spend time together and also an effective way to engage your child in conversation. Students of all ages love stories and love to talk about stories. *"Literature provides students with opportunities to make connections with their own lives, provides a context to think and practise*

mathematics and enriches students' view of the world of mathematics" - *A Guide to Effective Instruction in Mathematics, Kindergarten to Grade 6.*

Listed below are a few titles to begin the conversation about mathematics at home. These picture books are connected to several math strands of the Manitoba Mathematics Curriculum from your child's report cards:

- Caps for Sale - by Esphyr Slobodkina (Number Sense & Patterning)
- The Doorbell Rang - by Pat Hutchins (Number Sense)
- Count to 10 with a Mouse - by Margaret Wise Brown (Number Sense)
- Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There IS? - by Robert Wells (Number Sense & Measurement)
- Actual Size - by Steve Jenkins (Measurement)
- One Grain of Rice - by Demi (Number Sense & Multiplication & Division)
- Grandfather Tang's Story - by Ann Tompert (Geometry)
- Stone Soup - by Heather Forest (Data Management & Probability)

If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, then read to your child in that language. Your local public library may be helpful in choosing books connected to mathematics.

Recommended French Apps

Recommended Apps for Nursery - Grade 1 French Immersion

Basic Vocabulary & Interactive Activities

- **Mini-TFO:** Devine qui vient jouer?
- **Mini-TFO:** ABC (find & count, where is it?, matching activities)
- **TFO:** traditional French songs
- **MindSnacks:** Grade 1-2
- **FeedMe:** Fun vocabulary activities with hungry monsters
- **Mes premiers mots gratuits:** My first words free
- **Boowa & Kwala:** Series on a variety of topics with activities
- **Duolingo**
- **Frenchie Teachie:** Abcs, games, food and object vocabulary

Stories (reading with and without audio support)

- **TFO:** Zoubi Doubi (animated story about cars series - listen or read)
- **Tembo 4 French:** By Bubble Books - reading with or without audio
- **Lire-tot:** Basic first reader e-book, no audio
- **Ana Lomba Early Languages:** Story series - read and/or listen
- **Les comptines de Zoreil:** Songs with amusing video & lyrics

Recommended Apps for Grades 2 - 3 French Immersion

Fun & Educational Grammar, Vocabulary & Content Video Activities

- **Revise ta conjugaison LITE:** verbs
- **French Vocabulary Games Lite:** Word search games by Neil Coffey
- **TFO & mini-TFO:** Many apps at different levels and on different topics
- **Brain Pop:** Educational video + 10 Q quiz
- **Clever Dragons:** Fun vocabulary activities
- **Quizlet:** Many quizzes at different levels - search "French"
- **Passeport LITE:** By Hachette Education - read along story with audio, and interactive listening and math activities

- **Revise tes tables de multiplication:** Quizzes by Hachette Education

Recommended Apps for Grade 3 & Up French Immersion

Fun & Educational

- **French Vocabulary Games Lite**
- **La Cibile:** Marshmallow slingshot with questions on math, language and heritage
- **Brain Pop:** Educational video + 10 Q quiz
- **Quiz Animo (CBC):** Challenging quizzes on different animal species
- **Orthofolio:** Spelling - race the clock
- **Letris 4:** Like Tetris, but you have to spell words to make the blocks disappear - challenging, but fun!
- **Quizlet:** Many quizzes at different levels - search "French"

References

- **Verb forms:** Translation, verb forms and full conjugation for many common verbs
- **Le La:** French Gender
- **Le Robert Dixel Mobile:** Dictionary App \$6.99
- **Larousse French Dictionary:** \$6.99, picture dictionary \$8.99

Recommended for parents who want to learn too!

Fun & Educational

- **French Vocabulary Games Lite**
- **Vacances**
- **24/7 French LE**
- **Quizlet:** Many quizzes at different levels - search "French"
- **Rosetta Stone:** Travel French
- **French for Travel:** Great for parents planning to travel
- **Essentials:** Beginner vocabulary with flashcards, and reading and listening quizzes
- **Tres Bien:** Beginner words and advanced phrases for the not-so advanced learners





École Sir William Osler











Visit our website: www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/sirwilliamosler

Mme D. Ostermann
Principal

May 2022

1600 Grant Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3N 0M5
Phone: 204-488-3569
Fax: 204-488-1441

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Day 1 No School Admin Day 	3 Day 2	4 Day 3 Grade 6 Immunizations 	5 Day 4	6 Day 5
9 Day 6	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4
16 Day 5 Glenlea Greenhouses Plant Pick-Up 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 	17 Day 6 Spring Picture Day  Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. 	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3
23 No School Victoria Day 	24 Day 4 Mobile Vision Clinic 	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1
30 Day 2	31 Day 3	 <div> Don't forget that Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8, 2022. </div>		