



# SARGENT PARK SCHOOL

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The first month of school has flown by! There is a positive buzz throughout the school as students are becoming increasingly familiar with their new routines, schedules and expectations. Inside the classrooms, engagement, enthusiasm and laughter can be heard and seen. Students are learning, inquiring and drawing conclusions, and teachers are helping to facilitate many learning and extra curricular opportunities. Our Sargent Park community has successfully and proudly demonstrated the need for being respectful, responsible and safe.

In September we held two assemblies, one for our elementary students and one for our junior/senior high students. It was wonderful to be together again after 2.5 years! All students were reminded of expectations when in common areas, as well as celebrating the start of a new school year. As well, we were able to come together as an entire school to “kick off” our Terry Fox run. Following the gathering all students ran/walked outside for 30 minutes. Thank you to the families who generously donated towards Cancer Care research, to our organizers of the event, and to all of our participants! A great time was had by all, which included supporting an important cause.

It was wonderful to see record amounts of families attend our Meet The Staff night! It is important to maintain a strong connection between home and school. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in learning. All teachers have emails that are checked frequently. Seesaw and Google classroom are forms of communication that can be used as well.

All students learned about the significance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation throughout September. Students had

opportunities to discuss, research, watch videos, read stories, and ask difficult questions. Students and staff wore orange to show their support and commitment for making our world, our classroom, our school, a better place. Inclusivity, diversity, acceptance and tolerance will continue to be embedded in all learning opportunities throughout the school year.

Thank you to our amazing lunch program supervisors, including Cass Smith our coordinator, who have helped the lunch hour run as smooth as possible! They have made our transition back to school a positive one! The partnership with the lunch program and the Parent Teacher Association plays an integral part of our students' educational experience. Our first PTA meeting will be held in the coming weeks. An email later this month will be sent with details.

Cross country, soccer and volleyball are back! Thank you to our many coaches who are graciously giving their time to support physical activity outside the classroom. Our athletes here are truly remarkable!

At Sargent Park students have an opportunity to celebrate Halloween. Teachers will be sharing their plans with their students. Safety precautions will be reviewed with everyone and we would like to remind families that appropriate costumes are welcome. Students should not bring any item that may be seen or used as a weapon. All children have the right to feel safe at school.

Wishing you a safe and happy Halloween,

Ara Morris and Lucas Buller



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# October 2022

Room 26 and 27 took a journey this week into Truth and Reconciliation. Thousands of children were kept from their families, not allowed to speak their languages, or practice their culture, and were treated with cruelty in the schools they lived in. Orange shirt day is not a one-off teaching day. It is a commitment to changing our relationship with Indigenous communities. Students were able to relate as children imagining being told at school that they could not go home at end of the day. Imagine being told you could not speak your language, or wear certain clothes, and imagine your teachers being mean to you. Through painting the rocks, wearing orange, and learning about Indigenous cultures throughout the year, we are committing to righting those wrongs. We will never forget and we will always stand up for others.

**Room 27 and 26 painted rocks and placed them on school grounds facing Dominion St.**







**In recognition of Truth and Reconciliation day, Rooms 103 and 105 read the story "With our Orange Hearts". We then shared words that expressed our feelings while making the promise to listen with open hearts.**







**Grade 6 students in room 12 have been learning about residential schools as well as what reconciliation means. We have read articles written by residential school survivors, and why Canada recognizes Orange Shirt Day. We created art inspired by Indigenous artist, Benjamin Chee Chee, using Canadian geese and simple modern lines.**



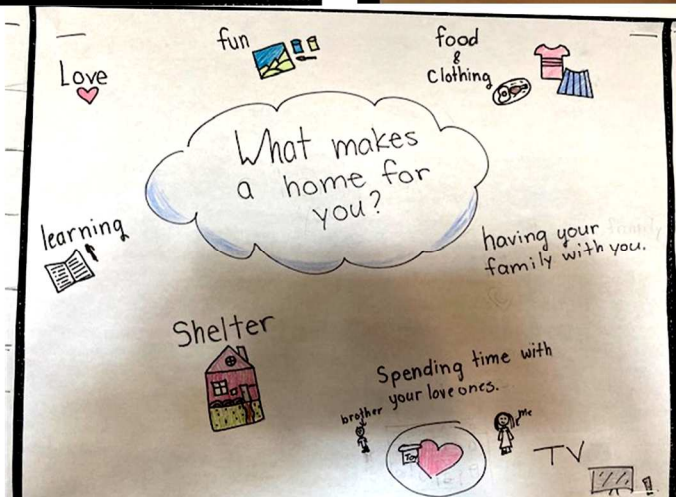
**The Textile Arts and Design students engaged in discussion about Phyllis Webstad's story about her time at Residential Schools. Afterwards, the students created orange t-shirt pins to commemorate her and so many others who were stripped of their belongings and identities.**





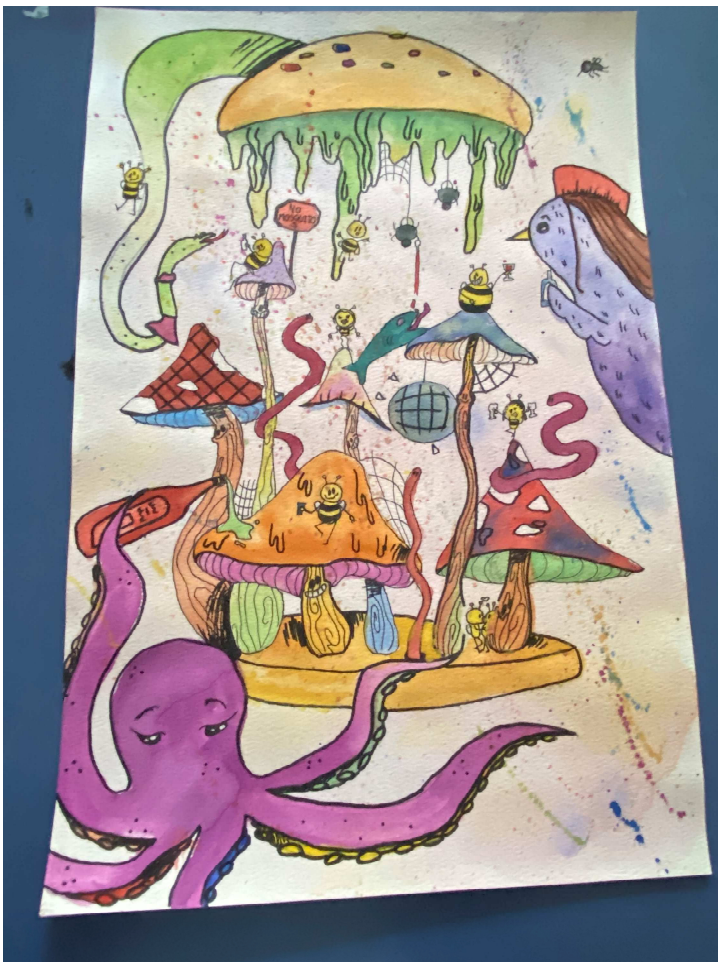
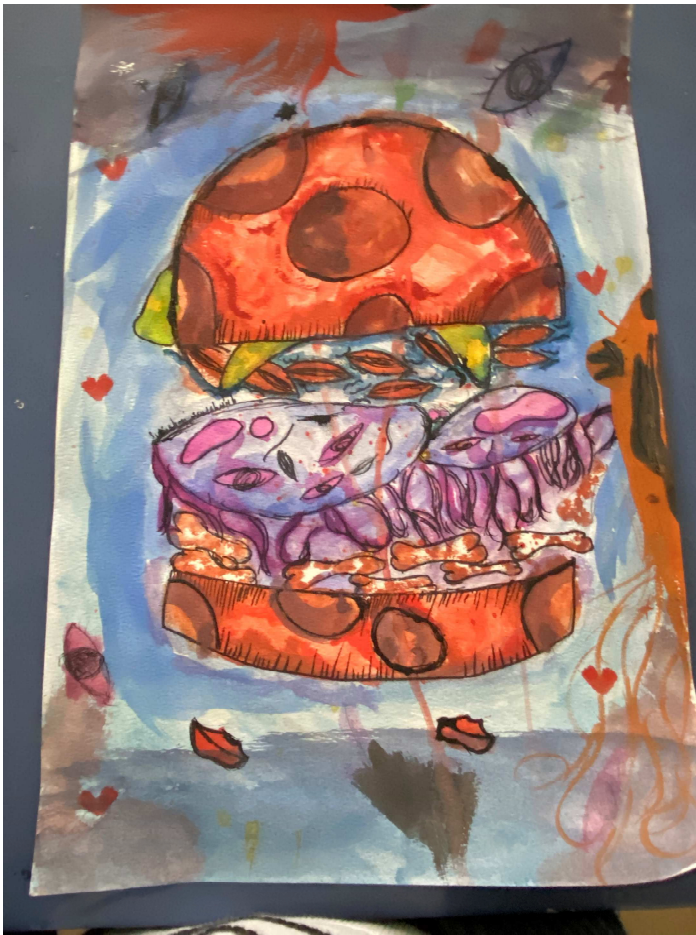


Students in Room 35 have been learning all about Truth and Reconciliation, and what it means to each of us. One of the things we talked about was "What does home mean to you?" This led to a discussion of why our connection to our home is so important and our feelings towards the absence of one or more parts of home. This allowed for us to understand a little bit more about those who attended residential schools and how many parts of what home means to them was taken away.





# Room 3 Art





## Have fun with music my friends!

This year to introduce a good singing voice I introduced Bobo to the early elementary students. Bobo helps us reach notes low and high and teaches the notes to many songs. I noticed that students were interested in how Bobo was made and might want to make one to practice at home. Making a Bobo requires the help of an adult.

Here is what you will need to make a Bobo:

- Tennis ball
- Googly eyes
- Other craft supplies to personalize your Bobo (create hair etc.)
- Exacto knife
- Hot glue

Decide where you want your Bobo's mouth to be and ask an adult to cut a horizontal slit with the exacto knife into the tennis ball. Next, use a glue gun (or other glue) to glue on eyes, hair, a nose, and any other decorations onto your Bobo. Wait for Bobo to dry before squeezing the sides to make Bobo's mouth open! Now Bobo can help you sing your favourite songs!!





# Roots of Empathy

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Roots of Empathy is an international, evidence and empathy-based classroom program designed for children ages 5 to 13.

This month Grade 7, room 03 is excited to be introducing the Roots of Empathy Teacher Kinsley Harvey alongside her mother Alexa Porter. Ms. Sabater-Fixe will be facilitating the Roots of Empathy Program for the school year of 2022-23 where all students in home room 03 will have the opportunity to further develop their emotional literacy skills .

For more information of the Roots of Empathy Program please visit:  
[www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org).







## **Cross Country Meet**

October 5th - Cross Country Meet #4 @ Grant Park  
and Wind-Up in the Junior High Gym

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## **Volleyball Home Tournaments**

October 14th - Gr. 7 Boys

October 15th - Gr. 8 Boys

October 22nd - Gr. 8 Girls

October 28th - Gr. 7 Girls

October 29th - Gr. 9 Girls



**We had our most successful Terry Fox Run  
in years! We raised \$500.**

**TERRY FOX  
RUN**



The Grade 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to be a part of the Winnipeg School Division (Central) Soccer Tournament. The Grade 6 teams play on Oct. 4th, while the Grade 5 teams play on Oct. 5th. The tournament takes place at Tec Voc.



Grade 6 students will be given the opportunity to join the Elementary Leadership Program, where they will be providing students with recess equipment and organizing games.



**Lunch Program  
News Gr 1-6**

Hello Sargent Park families!

Hope everyone has had a wonderful first month of school. It's hard to believe it's already October. With the change in seasons we're beginning to see some cooler weather and this is a reminder to please send appropriate outdoor clothing for your students. I do my best to send them outside at lunch time as much as possible, including when it might be raining a little bit. Sweaters, jackets, hats, and mitts are always good to have tucked in the backpack so the students can be comfortable and enjoy their time outside.

This is the last call for Lunch Program Registrations. The link to register will close October 1 at 9pm. (Link: <https://forms.gle/nd5oz9xggsKaRu7AA>) If you need to register after this time, please contact the coordinator directly as space may be limited. All students in the lunch program, including those who only use the program on a 'drop in' bases MUST be registered with the lunch program prior to staying at the school.

If you have any questions regarding the lunch program, or if your child will be away, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly: [spunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:spunchprogram@gmail.com)

Happy fall, y'all!

Cass Smith

Program Coordinator

SPPTA Lunch Program





# SCHOOL MESSENGER STUDENT ATTENDANCE

**Download the  
App today!**

**School Messenger** allows parents/guardians to report student absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations by phone, web or smartphone app. Parents/guardians will report all absences through **School Messenger before 9:00 AM** and will not receive a phone call from the school.

For safety reasons, in the event of an unexplained student absence, the system will communicate with parents in a timely manner.

**There are three ways to report an absence:**



## **Phone:**

Parents/guardians can call the toll free number; listen carefully to all the options, choose the appropriate absence and reason; wait for confirmation number.



## **Internet:**

Parents/guardians can log into the website:

**<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>** and sign up using the email address on file at Sargent Park School and a password of your choosing. Absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations can be reported.

## **iPhone or Android device:**

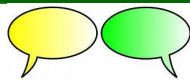
If you would like to use an app on your smart phone:

1. Download the free app through the App Store or Google Play; search School Messenger; install the blue app and sign up using the email address on file at Sargent Park School and a password of your choosing.
2. Absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations can be reported.



***Absences must be reported to School Messenger no later than 9:00 am on the day of the absence.***

## Communication



Any questions or comments should be directed immediately to the classroom/subject teacher. A telephone call to the teacher or a meeting with the subject area or classroom teacher may quickly clarify situations and be very beneficial for each student.

Communication is key. Positive feedback, program supports, additional help and regular updates are essential to each student's progress and achievement.

Please communicate any information with your child prior to the school day. We are not able to have the student come to the office to accept phone calls as this is very disruptive to the whole class.



### Are you receiving our emails?

Sargent Park School communicates by email. Special events, attendance, school information, and newsletters are among some of the information the school sends by email. If you aren't receiving this information in your email please contact the school to update or provide your email address.



## SafeArrival

SafeArrival is Sargent Park's absence reporting system for students in grades Nursery to 9. **Parents will phone 1-855-278-4513 BEFORE 9:00 am to report absences of any nature, early dismissals and late arrivals.** This automated service will call the contacts of students who are marked absent

Student attendance is important! Consistent attendance is an essential component of a student's success. Commitment to school attendance not only sets a positive tone for all students, but also helps them to efficiently manage their time, meet assignment deadlines, and develop good work habits. **Please note, students cannot leave the school during school hours on their own. A parent/guardian must pick them up from the office and sign them out.**

## SAFETY FIRST

### School Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder to all families that it is illegal to stop in the bus zone on Dominion Street, and to double park on the street during drop off or pick up times. We ask that all families park their cars in legal spots to assure the safety of our students. A reminder that the parking authorities will be issuing tickets to cars violating parking regulations. Choose safety over convenience, please.

<http://theparkingstore.winnipeg.ca/theparkingstore/care/schoolzone.stm>



Safety of our students is a priority at Sargent Park School, and we would like to make you and your children aware of some of the hazards around the school. In order to help keep our students safe, and minimize traffic congestion, we are asking those who drive their children to school to approach the school from Wellington Avenue on Dominion Street towards Sargent Avenue. Those who drop off **Elementary** students would continue to Sargent Avenue, and those who drop off **Junior/Senior High** students would turn right (West) on Sargent Park Place to then turn right onto Downing, travelling North towards Wellington Avenue.

A reminder that the **speed limit** around school zones is 30 km per hour from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There is signage indicating the speed limit at the Sargent and Dominion intersection. Please think safety when driving through school zones.



## Bell Schedule

### Elementary

8:50 a.m.	Enter school
9:00 a.m.	O Canada/ Announcements
10:20-10:35 a.m.	Recess #1
10:40- 10:55 a.m.	Recess #2
11:30 a.m.	N/K dismissal
11:45-12:40 p.m.	Jr/Sr High Lunch Break
12:00 noon	Gr. 1-6 dismissal
12:45 p.m.	Adult supervision on school grounds
12:55 p.m.	Elementary students enter school
2:05-2:20 p.m.	Recess #1
2:25-2:40 p.m.	Recess #2
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal for all students

### Junior/Senior High

8:50 a.m.	Jr/Sr High students enter school
9:00 a.m.	O Canada/Announcements
11:45 a.m.	Jr/Sr High lunch starts
12:40 p.m.	Jr/Sr High students enter school
12:45 p.m.	Jr/Sr High classes start
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

### Patrols

8:40- 8:55 a.m.	Patrols on Duty
12:00-12:10 p.m.	Patrols on Duty
12:45-12:55 p.m.	Patrols on Duty
3:30- 3:45 p.m.	Patrols on Duty

Please impress upon your children the importance of crossing the street with the patrols. Our students patrol at the intersections of Sargent and Dominion, Sargent Park Place and Dominion, and at Wellington and Dominion.

### School Arrival

Children should arrive five minutes before bell times which are 8:50 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. If students are late, they must enter through Door 1 (parking lot doors) to be directed to their classroom. Junior high students should arrive at 8:50 AM and 12:40 PM to enter the school with their teacher. If students are late, they must enter through Door 1 (parking lot doors) to be directed to their classroom.

# Once a Flame... Always a Flame

### Dismissal

It is expected that students will go directly home or to a designated supervised location at dismissal time. Please have a 3:30 p.m. plan for your children in case your regular routine changes.

### Health Concerns



If your child has any health concerns, for example, an EPIPEN, puffer, or medication, please inform the office so we can be prepared to act promptly if required. Parents who wish the school to administer medication must get a form from the school office for their doctor to complete. All medication is to be left in the school office. It is the parent's responsibility to refill prescriptions and to notify the office if there is a change in the medication.

### Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phones and all personal electronic devices are not to be used in the school and should be locked in each student's locker for students up to and including grade 6. When possible, we ask that these items not be brought to school and remain safely at home. Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 will follow the Winnipeg School Division's Bring Your Own Device expectations



### Newsletter Information

The monthly newsletter contains information about the school including a monthly calendar of school events. The newsletter will be emailed to the email identified on your Student Information Form on the last day of each month and is also posted on our website. The student handbook also gives you pertinent information about Sargent Park School.



# IMPORTANT DATES

Our newsletters will continue to be sent home electronically at the end of each month to the email address identified on the ***Student Description form*** for the Parent/Legal Guardian. Please make sure the email information and ALL the information provided on the Student Description form is correct. It is imperative the Student Description form information is kept up to date and accurate. Electronic copies of the newsletter allow you to access our newsletter at any time, provide you to view the pictures in colour and also eliminate over 100,000 pieces of paper copies in the landfill, thus contributing to our goal of sustainability. The newsletter can also be viewed on our website at:

<http://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/sargentpark>

## **Non-Instructional Days** **No Classes**

Tuesday	Sept. 6, 2022
Monday	Sept. 19, 2022
Friday	Oct. 21, 2022
Friday	Nov. 18, 2022
Friday	Jan. 13, 2023
Friday	Feb. 3, 2023
Friday	Mar 17, 2023
Friday	Apr. 14, 2023
Monday	May 1, 2023
Monday	Jun. 26, 2023

## **Statutory/School Holidays** **No Classes**

September 30, 2022	National Day of Reconciliation
October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving
November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
December 22, 2022 to January 4, 2023	Winter Break
February 20, 2023	Louis Riel Day
March 27, 2023 to March 31, 2023	Spring Break
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day

**Last Day of School**  
**Friday, June 30, 2023**



# OCTOBER 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> <b>Day 1</b>  	<b>4</b> <b>Day 2</b>  9:00-11:30 Grade 6 soccer tournament at Tec Voc	<b>5</b> <b>Day 3</b>  Cross Country Meet @ Grant Park HS <hr/> 9:00-11:30 Grade 5 soccer tournament at Tec Voc	<b>6</b> <b>Day 4</b>  	<b>7</b> <b>Day 5</b>  
<b>10</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Day 6</b>  	<b>12</b> <b>Day 1</b>  	<b>13</b> <b>Day 2</b>  	<b>14</b> <b>Day 3</b>  Bus Ridership 
<b>17</b> <b>Day 4</b>  Grade 7 & 8 Interim Reports go home	<b>18</b> <b>Day 5</b>  	<b>19</b> <b>Day 6</b>  Grade 8 Immunizations	<b>20</b> <b>Day 1</b>  	<b>21</b> <b>Day 2</b>  <b>Non- Instructional</b>  <b>No Classes</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Day 3</b>  Hearing Screening	<b>25</b> <b>Day 4</b>  Hearing Screening	<b>26</b> <b>Day 5</b>  Hearing Screening	<b>27</b> <b>Day 6</b>  	<b>28</b> <b>Day 1</b>  Grade 7 Pumpkin Olympics (PM)  
<b>31</b> <b>Day 2</b>   HAPPY HALLOWEEN				<b>October 31st - November 4th</b>