



École Robert H. Smith School

Newsletter

September 21 - 25

Message from the Administrative Team

We have had a wonderful week @ RHS. Thank you for your efforts in pre-screening your children prior to having them come to school. Staff and students are continuing to take precautions to minimize the risk to our school community. We're regularly screening everyone who comes to the school, practicing proper hand hygiene, and staying in smaller cohort groups. Access more information about WSD procedures, including the screening questions, at the [division's web page](#).

Parent Rep / Contact List (with corrections)

Last week we sent a link to submit information for a classroom contact list. There were some oversights. Two teacher names were left off the list (Mme Copetti and Mme Mondor).

The purpose of this e-collection of parent email addresses is to allow parents of children from the same class to communicate. Each class will have a parent rep to facilitate communication. Access the link to this electronic form by clicking the button below.

[Classroom Parent Contact List](#)

Calendar of School Closure Dates

Each year, schools set aside ten non-instructional days to conduct administrative work and teacher professional development. Some of the dates are designated provincially, some by the metro school divisions, and two by the school itself. Here are the closure dates for the 2020 – 2021 school year:

- September 2 – 4, 2020 (preparing schools for reopening)
- **October 23, 2020** (school choice)
- November 20, 2020 (tri-conferences)
- February 8, 2021
- March 19, 2021 (student-led conferences)
- May 3, 2021
- **June 7, 2021** (school choice)

For reference, here is the Winnipeg School Division calendar showing the common closure dates, holidays, and days of the cycle: [LINK](#).



Picture Day

École Robert H. Smith will be hosting school picture day on **Monday, October 5.**

LifeTouch has implemented new procedures to ensure picture day is safe. Individual pictures will still be taken. However, class group photographs have been suspended for the fall of 2020 (they may return in 2021 depending on health conditions).

Check out the video explanation of the new procedures [HERE](#).

Orange Shirt Day – September 30

On September 30, our school will participate in Orange Shirt Day. To recognize the harm done to Indigenous people from Canada's policy of Residential Schools, RHS students will be encouraged to come to school dressed in orange. The day grew out of a young indigenous girl's story of having her shiny new orange shirt on her first day of residential school taken from her. It has become an annual opportunity to engage in a global discussion on all aspects of residential schools. Read more about Orange Shirt Day [HERE](#).



Library News

During our time away, the Library had an extreme makeover. We have replaced many of our older, worn out books. Additions have been made to both French and English collections.

Do you have an RHS library book at your house that didn't get returned before last spring's closure? Please send it back as soon as you are able (don't worry, there are no library fines).

We are still purchasing new titles and stocking the shelves so get ready for lots of new, beautiful and wonderful items when we can get back in there. Keep Reading!

Please remember; wash your hands, don't touch your face and wear a mask if you are able.

