

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**It's already December... how did that happen?**

I can't believe we're preparing for the frosty winter season and Winter Break at the end of this month. It has been an amazing Fall term at École Centrale! Thank you for your continuous support.

We are working hard and looking forward to our Winter Concerts coming up. Mme Poiron and all her students have been practicing for their performances and we look forward to doing our concerts again! Details have been sent home, and a reminder will be sent out closer to the concert date. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Mme Poiron. You are invited to bring in non-perishable items and/or cash donations for the local food bank. We will gladly accept these items during our concerts. Donation bins will be set up by the gym.

On behalf of our community, thank you. A great big THANK YOU to our Parent Advisory Council for the new water bottle refilling station.

*Thank You*

**\*\*\*Students are reminded to bring their own reusable water bottles and lunch utensils with them to school. Lunch program does not provide these items\*\*\***



Our hallways have been refreshed with a splash of new paint! The school is looking great, and our students are starting to add artwork to their new bulletin boards. Please take a look as you walk through the halls of École Centrale during our Winter concert season.

Spirit week will be held the last week of school starting December 18<sup>th</sup> to December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let's show our school pride at École Centrale! Spirit week poster can be found in the newsletter.



The cold weather is approaching. Spending time outside is an integral part of the school day. Children benefit greatly from fresh air, exercise outdoors. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom. It is important that children come to school prepared for the weather. Students need to have winter boots, water resistant mittens/gloves, ski pants and a toque/hat. It's a great idea to pack extra mittens, socks, and clothing just in case.

I want to wish you all an incredibly happy holiday season and hope you all enjoy a wonderful, healthy, and relaxing winter break! See you next year! **Monday, January 8, 2024.**

M. Williams  
Directrice/principal

E. Miron  
Directeur adjointe/vice principal

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École Centrale

# Spirit Week

December 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

**Monday** - Grinch Day - Dress in all green



**Tuesday** - Santa Claus is Coming to Town - Wear a Santa Hat



**Wednesday** - Santa Paws - Wear your favourite Christmas socks



**Thursday**, - Deck the Halls - Wear your favourite holiday outfit



**Friday**, - 'Twas' the Night before Christmas  
- Pajama Day



## Remember NO CLASSES at École Centrale in 2023–2024 on the following dates:

Friday, Feb. 2	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Monday, Feb. 19	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 1,	Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
Friday, March 15,	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 22	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 10	Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, June 7	Co-ordinated Day <b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
Friday, June 28	Last day of classes Early Dismissal

## BREAKS

Winter BREAK DECEMBER 25, 2023-January 7, 2024

SPRING BREAK MARCH 25-March 31, 2024

### ***RETLife Winter Programming for Youth and Families***

New classes have been added to the RETLife lineup for Winter 2024!

Here are just a few of the classes for Youth and Families which still have space available!

**1 Day – Basic Robotics Training with Lego** at [John W. Gunn](#) and [Maple Leaf School](#)!

**Confidence Building Martial Arts for Kids (ages 6 – 9)** [Level 1](#) and [Level 2](#)

[Creating Beats for Beginners: Crafting Your Signature Sound](#)

[Discover Owls](#)

[Honk if You Love Safety: Living with Our Goose Neighbours](#)

For more information about these as well as our more than 50 programs, visit [RETLife](#)!

*RETLife is dedicated to helping people connect to living The Good Life by making connections and providing opportunities for people to share their passion with other people. We value growth-based learning at all levels for all community members, instructors, and administrators.*

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# Library News



The Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE Success! Thank you to our generous volunteers that worked tirelessly to make it so. Thank you also to all the families who came out to support our student's literacy and library. The total sales at the Book Fair were \$7248.15! This allowed us to keep \$1455.75 in books from the Book Fair. We also will have over \$1800 in Scholastic Rewards points to purchase other products for the library.

Thank you again for the amazing support.

There was a **Family Event Door Prize** of \$50.00 in Free books. The winning student received \$25.00 in pre-selected books to keep and \$25.00 preselected books for the classroom.

And the winner is...Ensen G.!


There was also a poster draw. Each student had their name put into a draw to win their favourite poster. Our Winners are: Leah L, Shylah M., Liam B, Oscar L, Brett S, Hillary C, Wyatt G, Kulveer J, Greyson C, Alexandar G, Djyllian T, Lelan B, Jacques K, Makeo L, Belle S, Everett M, Nicole A, Abby C, and Xena B



**Christmas Hampers**

École Centrale will be putting together Christmas Food Hampers this month. We will be supporting families right in our school. Please send any food donations to school by **Monday December 18**

We are grateful for all donations. Most needed hamper items suggested by the Winnipeg Christmas Cheer board are:

	Canned fish	Rice
	Canned vegetable	Canned fruit
	Dry pasta	Cereal
	Pasta sauce	Oatmeal
	Peanut butter	Jam
	Jelly powder	Can legumes
	Soup	Juice

# Music



Students in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 have been working hard learning their winter concert music. They are so excited to share with you!

Our lunchtime choir has started up again this year! It is open to any students in grades 3, 4, and 5. It will take place during lunch recess on Day 3. We will be going to St. Michaels Villa in December to sing Carols.

### Upcoming Events:

**December 5-** Kindergarten Odd Day 1:00PM

Mme Dupuis, Mme Marion and Mme Gosselin 6:00PM

**December 6-**Kindergarten Even Day 1:00PM

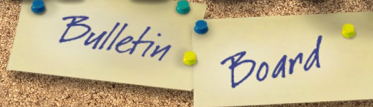
Mme Dedieu, M. Dufault and Mme Falvo/M. Segal 6:00PM

**\*\*The grade 1 &2 students must be at school for 5:30PM\*\***

Thank you for all your support! Mme Alyssah



COMMUNITY



Bulletin Board

Check out our new digital  
Community Bulletin Board to  
learn more about events, camps,  
and special offers for RETSD  
students and their families.

[retsd.mb.ca/community](https://retsd.mb.ca/community)

Note that calendars are always subject to change, please consult the website regularly for updates

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## **In the Gym**

At the grades 3,4,5 levels, students will be going outdoors for orienteering( an activity that uses a compass), broomball, toboggan relays and cross-country skiing (weather permitting). Inside, students will be exposed to cup stacking games and Tumbling skills.

At the grades K,1, 2 levels, we will be going outside to play a variety of games. Inside, students will be exposed to cup stacking, bouncing, and overhand throwing.

## **Intramural activities**

Grade 1 and 2 students will be doing activity stations led by our grade 4 Leadership students at lunchtime.

## **Club News**

Grade 5 students will have a chance to join the club de ski de fonds. There will be a limited amount of spots for grade 3 and 4 students joining after-school ski club. Please check the school website or class email for more details coming soon.

Club de Triple Ball (volleyball) for grade 4 students played a fun tournament at École Margaret Underhill. Thank you to Mme Paquet and grade 5 students for helping with the coaching.

Come January, we will be starting the grades 3,4, 5 Club de gymnastique. More details will be sent out in mid January.

## **Special Events**

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RENTAL–Parents are invited to call the school if they wish to rent cross-country ski equipment for their child or for themselves. We have a limited quantity of boot sizes and skis for adults. There is a cost for the weekend and or holidays for \$5.00/ pair/ weekend. If you are interested in renting them during the 2 week winter break, the cost is \$15.00, payment is due upon pick-up. Please contact M. Boulley for bookings at 204-958-6426 or email at [gbolley@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:gbolley@retsd.mb.ca).

## **STACK UP 2023**

École Centrale's students are eagerly awaiting the results to see if we've beat the Guinness World Record for cup stacking. We will find out soon if the record was beaten. We are very proud of our students and want to congratulate them for a job well done.

## **Outdoor Physical Education Classes**

Please ensure that your child is dressed warm (ski pants, toque, mitts and boots) since some Physical Education classes are held outdoors.

Keep active

M. Boulley  
Mme Burkart



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# December 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 3
4 Day 4	5 Day 5 Kindergarten Odd Day Winter Concert 1:00 pm	6 Day 6 Hot lunch  Kindergarten Even Day Concert 1:00 pm	7 Day 1	8 Day 2
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1
18 Day 2 Grinch Day-Dress in all green  Fundraiser pick up 3:00PM-6:00PM	19 Day 3 Santa Claus is Coming to Town-Wear a Santa hat	20 Day 4 Santa Paws-Wear your favourite Christmas socks	21 Day 5 Deck the Halls-Wear your favourite holiday outfit  Hot lunch	22 Day 6 Twas' The Night Before Christmas-PJ Day Last Day of Classes Before Break Early Dismissal
25	26	27	28	29
<b>WINTER BREAK</b>				

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# January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	2	3	4	5
<b>WINTER BREAK</b>				
8 Day 1 First Day of Classes After Break	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5
15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Hot lunch	19 Day 4
22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3
29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 Hot lunch		

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