

WINTER NEWSLETTER

2025

Les Nouvelles de l'École Centrale

December... how did that happen?

Happy last month of the 2025 year!! Time is moving so quickly- it is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the school year. I cannot believe we are already preparing for the frosty winter season and Winter Break at the end of the month. It has been an amazing Fall term at École Centrale. Thank you for your continuous support in our child learning.

We are looking forward to our Winter Music Concerts in the coming weeks. Mme Poiron and all kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 students have been practicing for their performances. Information has been sent home already about the details, but a reminder will be coming home closer to the date. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Mme Poiron. You are invited to bring in non-perishable items for donation to 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 Parent Advisory Council for the wonderful treats that were provided to staff on November 21 after parent conferences, what a delight!



merci!

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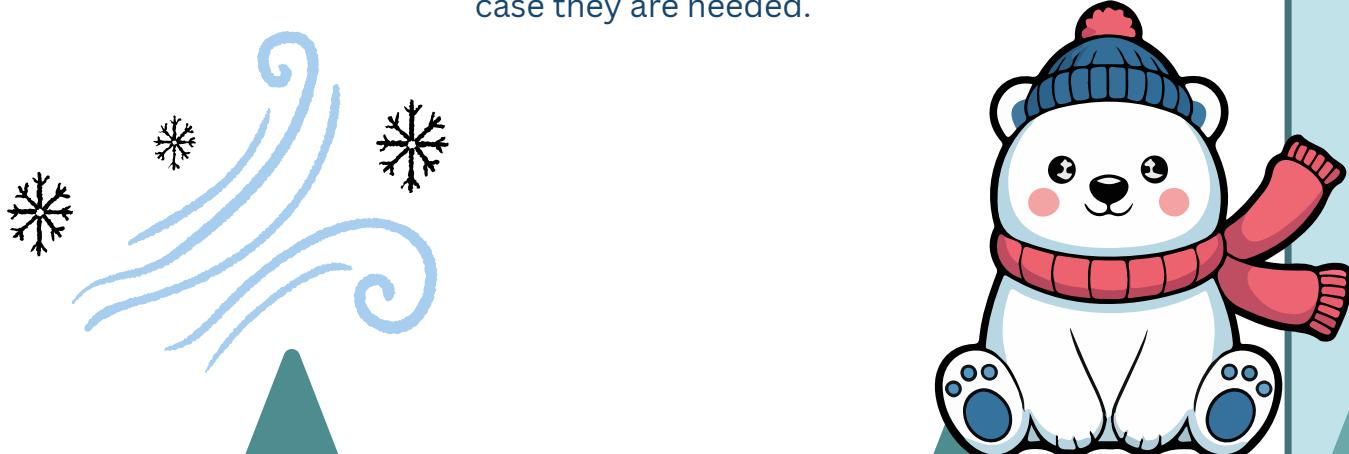
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The school is looking great, and our students are starting to add artwork to their new bulletin boards as well. Take notice as you walk through the halls of École Centrale during our Winter concert season.

Cold Weather is coming. Spending time outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom. Depending on the weather, preparing for outdoor play in Winnipeg can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wearing mittens and a hat.

During winter, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear winter boots, water resistant mittens/gloves, ski pants and toque/hats. It is a clever idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.



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Polar Bear Recess As part of River East Transcona School Division, your child's school will be implementing a Polar Bear Recess Club. Polar Bear Recess is an activity that permits students to go outside for recess when they would typically be indoors. The school and the division believe that providing students with as many opportunities as possible to be physically active is an important aspect of life. By implementing a Polar Bear Recess Club strategy, we will be allowing students, with parental consent, to have additional outdoor time when otherwise temperatures/windchill would dictate an indoor recess.

Principles:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks; this is limited to AM, noon, and PM recesses.
- Students must be dressed appropriately. This includes a warm toque/hat; snow pants; face covering; warm, insulated jacket; mittens; and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.
- All students will remain inside when the temperature/windchill is -40°C or below.

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 in 2026! Classes resume **Monday, January 5, 2026 (Day 5, ODD day Kinder Classes)**.



Upcoming Important Dates for École Centrale

December

FRIDAY 19: LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER
BREAK **EARLY DISMISSAL**

JANUARY

MONDAY 5: FIRST DAY BACK AFTER WINTER BREAK
FRIDAY 30: COORDINATED DAY - NO CLASSES

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2: COORDINATED DAY - NO CLASSES
MONDAY 16: LOUIS RIEL DAY - NO SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

WINTER CONCERT
DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH



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Musique



ÉCOLE CENTRALE WINTER CONCERT

December 3, 2025

Even-day Kindergarten 1pm
Grade 1 students 6pm

December 4, 2025

Odd-day Kindergarten 1pm
Grade 2 students 6pm



*****Arrival: 5:30 PM*****

Silver Collection
and Food
Collection
for the Transcona
Food Bank



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Christmas Hamper

École Centrale: Christmas Hampers

Dear École Centrale Community,

As the holiday season approaches, we are excited to launch our Christmas Hamper Drive to support families in need within our school community. This initiative is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together and spread some holiday cheer!

We are kindly requesting your participation in contributing to our Christmas hampers for École Centrale families who could use a little extra help this season. If you wish to contribute, please refer to the following guidelines for each grade level:



Grade One – Pasta and Rice

Grade Two – Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Grade Three – Soups and Sauces

Grade Four – Canned Proteins (Beans, fish, meat)

Grade Five – Snacks and Treats

Additionally, our teachers will be donating gifts and toys to ensure that all children have something special to unwrap this holiday season.

Please also note that École Centrale is a nut-free facility. We kindly ask that you avoid donating any nut-based items to ensure the safety of all students.

Together, we can make this holiday season brighter for our École Centrale families.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Warm regards,
École Centrale Staff



BIBLIO



Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success! Not only do all purchases made at the Book Fair help to foster a love of reading for your family, but 40% of sales are returned to our school in Scholastic Dollars to support our school library and classroom libraries so that all students may benefit.

Library Services

Looking for ways to support your child's learning at home? Visit our school website, <https://ec.retsd.mb.ca> to access 'Our Library' and 'Library Services for French (all levels) and specific to Early Years. Included are resources to support reading, listening and viewing, research and exploration, educational games, and French language tools.



SORA

Access to hundreds of E-books and audio books through your child's RETSD login credentials. Titles are available for all ages, in English, French, Ukrainian, Punjabi, Tagalog, and more! Contact your child's classroom teacher for their RETSD login credentials.

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PAC News

PAC has 2024/25 year books and EC Cook books for sale in the office!

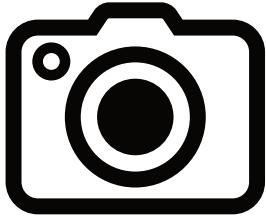
Year books are \$22.00
EC Cook books are \$20.00



Funds raised will go towards events for the students.

Yearbook

if families have photos from the Halloween Howl or the Holiday concerts that they would like to submit to the Yearbook Committee they can email photos to: ecyearbook23@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunity

Please keep an eye on your email for a sign up genius to volunteer to hand out Pizza hot lunch to classes on Friday, **December 19th**.



Dates for hot lunch are now available for ordering until the end of March!

[Click Link Here!](#)

Contact Info

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Volunteer Link
[Sign-Up Here!](#)





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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1	2	3 Winter Concert EVEN	4 Winter Concert ODD	5 Hot Lunch (Subway)
8	9	10	11	12 Hot Lunch (Fat Burger)
15	16	17	18	19 Hot Lunch (Pizza Pizza) Early Dismissal 2:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	<h1>Winter Break</h1>		



Janvier



monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
		<i>Winter Break</i>		
5 First day of Classes after Winter Break	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16 Hot Lunch (Pita Pit)
19	20	21	22	23 Hot Lunch (Bar Burrito)
26	27	28	29	30 Co-ordinated Day No Classes

