#### **LRSD PRIORITIES**

# 1. Belonging:

The cultural Committee has and will continue to work with students to create Youtube videos highlighting 3 cultural celebrations; Diwali, Hanukkah and Ramadhan.

We have created a showcase display of all the cultural traditions and holidays from many different cultures. Come see it at parent conferences in front of the office.

## 2. Mastery:

Grade 7 and 8 students will engage in 2 PBL projects this year. The first project will be a Social Studies focus and will explore the concept of Quality of Life. The second project will combine Science et Français and the theme is yet to be determined.

## 3. Independence:

This term, students in Mme Cadez's English class are working on a Genius Hour project: *How can I make Winnipeg a better city for everyone?* 

Students have done research to understand the problems citizens are facing in Winnipeg such as homelessness, poverty, pollution, and crime. Some students have also focused more on ways to create entertainment for citizens in Winnipeg. Each project focuses on a different aspect of Winnipeg and offers solutions on how to improve or change the city of Winnipeg for the better.

Students have each chosen a way to demonstrate their learning and their suggestions by creating a Minecraft world, a poster, a website or a PowerPoint

## 4. Generosity:

Natural Helpers- Selected Grade 7/8 student participated in our Natural Helpers Training Nov 1, 2, 3 at the Monterey Board Office. This is a training retreat that encourages empathy and peer support among youth. Students are nominated by their peers and identified as natural helpers. The training serves to enhance the natural skills identified in these young people by their peers. The group plans to meet throughout the year to work on the helping skill and to identify ways they can be supportive peers.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS**

Volleyball season is ending. Our grade 8 boys are competing at provincials.

Basketball season will begin with practices starting before the break and league games starting in January. We are looking for coaches.

Congratulations to our inaugural Manitoba School Esports (MSEA) teams! We had 3 teams compete in the Rocket League season, against other middle schools across the province. EGM Jaguars Red finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division. EGM Jaguars Yellow won 15 points and progressed and improved tremendously throughout the season. EGM Jaguars Black won their first match of the playoffs, booking their ticket to

the quarter finals, where their season ended. They finished among the top 8 teams in the province, in the AA division.

The students represented the school with great pride and class! We look forward to the next season of the MSEA calendar, which will be Brawlhalla! If your young person is interested in participation, please have them speak or send a message to M. Massicotte or M. Nelson.

#### **Lacoste Fundraiser**

We will once again be offering our Lacoste Winter Fundraiser event. Funds collected will be spent on school ground beautification in the spring. Order forms and information have been sent home with each youngest child at EGM and are available at the office.

Orders are due at the school no later than Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (they can also be dropped off at the school on November 24<sup>th</sup> between 1-3pm).

Cash or cheques (payable to École George McDowell) are due when orders are placed.

Pick up will be:

- December 11 12:30pm 6:00pm
- December 12th 8:30am 4:00pm

#### **Winter Concerts**

The grade 8 guitar concert will be held at EGM on December 5th at 7pm.

The grade 8 band students and grade 6,7,8 choral students will be participating in the Family of Schools concert. This concert will be held at CJS on December 11th at 7pm and will showcase performances from students across the CJS family of schools (CJS, EGM, MAG, Varennes, St Germain).

## **RECESS EQUIPMENT**

We have had very few donations of equipment. We will be purchasing some balls and snow play equompent.