



Massey Minute

October 2025

Inform

Take Our Kids To Work

November 5th is TOKTW Day. It is a rewarding and educational experience for all grade 9 students, parents, and employees. TOKTW Day info sessions will be held during the second week of October. Waiver forms and an information packages will be given to all grade 9 students on Oct. 10th. Safety training for students will take place Oct. 23rd in their classes.

Student Council Events

- Viking Classic
- Teachers Hot Wing Eating Challenge
- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Spirit Week
- Halloween Costume Contest

Student Recognition Awards

We celebrated the outstanding efforts of our students last month. Every year students are encouraged to balance their academics, athletics, fine and performing arts and school involvement. Students who met the criterias were recognized for their talents and efforts.

Important Dates

Oct. 8 - Wellness Wednesday
Oct. 13 - Thanksgiving - No classes
Oct. 15 - Safe Schools Advisory Meeting
Oct. 22 - Picture Re-takes
Oct. 23 - Teen Clinic
Oct. 24 - PD - No classes
Nov. 5 - Take Our Kids To Work Day

Celebrate

Meet The Teacher Night

On Thursday, September 25th Vincent Massey held their Meet the Teacher Night. It was a chance to take a tour of the school, explore classes we offer, meet teachers, and enjoy a BBQ. It was a huge success. We would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all of the staff volunteers and students who put in their time and effort to make this possible. Way to go Massey!!

University & College Fair

The Career Centre hosted 12 different Universities and Colleges on Sept. 25th for students to engage with and gain useful information regarding post-secondary education.

Culturama is BACK!!

Guess what Vikings? Culturama is back! This March, VM will be buzzing with energy as we celebrate cultures from around the world. Explore different pavilions filled with amazing food, live cultural performances, and interactive booths. You won't want to miss it! Sign-ups kick off in January, so grab your friends and get ready to be part of one of the most exciting events of the year!!!

Inspire

Published Poet at VM

Our very own Serena Posthumus (Grade 11) is now a published poet! After reaching the finals of the Poetry In Voice contest, her poem "Two Miles Away" was selected for publication in Voices: An Anthology of Poems. Serena is a thoughtful, talented writer who often crafts poetry in her own time, and we're so proud to see a Massey student's creativity recognized on the national stage.

Thank you Support Staff

September 22-26 was "School Support Staff Recognition Week" in Manitoba. We want to send out a huge "Thank You" to all of our hardworking support staff. You rock!!!

Student Council News

We have an active student council this year!! Follow them on Instagram to keep up with VM events @masseystudentcouncil. They have some fun events planned for the month of October. Keep your ears and eyes open!!!

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Indigenous Perspectives

Walking with Respect: Honoring Indigenous Roots in Brandon.

As autumn settles over Brandon, we are reminded of the connection between the land and the people who have cared for it for thousands of years. This region sits on Treaty 2 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

For Indigenous communities, the changing seasons are more than just weather—they are teachings. Fall is a time to give thanks, to harvest, and to prepare for the winter ahead. It's also a time to reflect on our responsibilities to the land, to each other, and to the generations yet to come. The land is sacred. It is not something we own, but something we belong to. Every tree, river, and animal has a spirit and a role in the circle of life. This perspective encourages us to live in balance, to listen to the wisdom of Elders, and to walk gently on the Earth. As students and educators, we have an opportunity to learn from these teachings. Whether it's through sitting with an elder or knowledge keeper, taking part in Orange Shirt Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, attending a local powwow, or simply learning about the history of Treaty 2, we can all take steps toward reconciliation and understanding.

Let this season be a time of learning, respect, and connection. The land has stories to tell—are we ready to listen?



Individual Mini Pumpkin Pies



Ingredients

- 30 tart shells
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin {or pumpkin pie filling}
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp cloves
- 1 1/4 cups evaporated milk
- Whipped Topping

Instructions

- In a large bowl, beat the eggs with a whisk. Add the remaining ingredients and blend until mixed.
- Spread out the tart shells onto a cookie sheet, you might need two.
- Using a 1/4 measuring cup, spoon the pumpkin filling into each tart shell. I find the perfect amount for each shell to be just a little less than 1/4 cup, so it's a good way to keep them even and ensure you have enough filling for the shells.
- Bake at 375F for about 30 minutes or until crust starts to golden.
- Let cool and dollop whipped topping onto each with a sprinkle of cinnamon. OR, freeze them once cooled {in an airtight container} and take them out to enjoy as needed.

School Clubs

Creative Writing Community

Do you have a way with words? Are you passionate for poetry, prose, or storytelling? Join our Creative Writing Community and grow your craft with other Massey writers. Contact Mr. Letkeman or Mr. Kehler to sign up!

Dungeons and Dragons

The D&D Club is rolling back into action this year, and we're ready to slay! Swing by Mr. Letkeman's room if you're ready to embark on some epic quests and join the fun!

Chess Club

Get ready to checkmate! The chess club is back in action! Send a message to Mrs. Reimer on Teams to claim your spot! The meet Fridays in Room 23 during lunch.

Astronomy Club

Are you intrigued by the sky and stars? Always on the lookout for eclipses, auroras, comets, meteor showers, and yes, even STEVE? Message Mr. Letkeman on Teams or pop into Rm. 49 to sign up.

Viking Hike Club

Love the outdoors? Exploring new places? Meeting new people? Does this sound like you? Join us as we adventure around our community in the Hike Club! Message Ms. Reimer for more info.

Book Club

Are you a reader looking for a place to talk about books and share your passion for reading? If you have questions or want to sign up, see Ms. Bradley in the library.

Major Production

Interested in helping out with major production this year but you aren't part of the cast? Maybe the "front of house and sponsorship" crew is the right fit for. Please see Mrs. Roque, Ms. Scrinzi, or Mrs. Metruk if you have questions.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

