



Massey Minute

DECEMBER 2025

INFORM

STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS

The Student Council's got December buzzing with excitement! Keep your eyes glued to Teams, Instagram, and announcements for all the juicy deets. Kicking things off is Dressember—rock your snazziest formal wear to take a stand against human trafficking. Snag some bracelets and pins to spread the word even further. Get ready for a very magical transformation into a Winter Wonderland on Wednesday, Dec. 17th! Swing by the foyer during lunch for a flurry of fun—think photo booths, cookie decorating, a hot cocoa stand, and more! Plus, Spirit Week dazzles from Dec. 15th-19th, ending with the epic GRADE WARS showdown on Dec. 19th! Let the festivities begin!

SPIRIT WEEK DAYS

Monday - Cozy Day

Tuesday - Festive Accessory Day
(wear holiday accessories)

Wednesday - Winter Wonderland
(wear white)

Thursday - Ugly Sweater Day

Friday - Grade Wars (wear your grade colour)

TEACHER VOLLEY COMPETITION

Mark your calendars for December 11th! From 12:30 to 1:00 PM, the gym will transform into a battleground as VM hosts a Teacher Volleyball Showdown. Entry is just \$1 for students. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Samaritan House, and the other half will support Student Council activity funds.

CELEBRATE

"ONCE UPON A ONE MORE TIME"

The superstar production crew at Vincent Massey wants to shout a GIGANTIC thank you to everyone who came out to see the major production! It was a smash hit! A massive high-five to all the staff, students, and parents who helped turn this into an unforgettable event. We would also like to congratulate Ms. Pitcairn on directing her last show, after putting on an outstanding 25 shows at Vincent Massey!!!

STUDENT PUBLISHED ESSAY

Grade 10 student Abigail Chandler has written a heartfelt personal essay titled "Dissonance," about her experience playing the "Last Post" and "Reveille" at Remembrance Day ceremonies. It was published in the Brandon Sun during the month of November. To check it out follow the link:
<https://www.brandonsun.com/local/2025/11/07/musician-finds-meaning-in-last-post-and-reveille>

VOLLEYBALL CITY CHAMPS

Congrats to the grade 9 boys volleyball team for spiking their way to city championship victory! It was a great team effort, wrapping up an epic volleyball season with a perfect finale! We would also like to send out a huge congratulations to all of our volleyball teams on showing extreme effort, teamwork, and determination on the court this season!!

GET READY TO GET GROOVY

The Jazz Band is taking the stage at our Winter Concert on Dec. 11th at 7:00pm, in the Vincent Massey Library! But wait, there's more! The Wind Ensemble, Choirs, and Concert Bands will serenade you on December 8th at 7:00 pm at the WMCA! Don't miss out on this musical extravaganza!



INSPIRE

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES: WINTER SOLSTICE

The sun dips low, the days grow short, and the world blankets itself in a cozy coat of snow. For many Indigenous peoples across Canada, the Winter Solstice holds a special place in their hearts and traditions. For many Indigenous people, the Winter Solstice marks the darkest time of the year, a time for reflection, renewal, and the promise of a new beginning. It's a chance to gather around the hearth, share stories, and strengthen community bonds. Some traditions include feasting, drumming, and singing, while others focus on quiet contemplation and inner reflection.

The Winter Solstice is also a time to honor the wisdom of Elders and pass down stories and teachings to the next generation. These stories often weave together tales of creation, survival, and the interconnectedness of all living things.

As the days begin to lengthen once more, Indigenous communities celebrate the return of the sun and the promise of new life. The Solstice is a reminder of the cyclical nature of life, the importance of community, and the enduring spirit of hope. Happy Winter Solstice!

TRI-HIGH FOOD DRIVE

In the first two weeks of December, the foyer will transform into a donation station for non-perishable goodies, lending a big helping hand to local families in need. Please bring something if you can!

TOKTW DAY 2025

We are continuing to hear about some amazing experiences that the students had during Take Our Kids To Work day. Thank you Brandon & area businesses for opening your doors for this event!!

Important Dates:

Dec. 3 - Wellness Wednesday
Dec. 15-19 - Spirit Week
Dec. 18 - Teen Clinic
Dec. 19 - Last day of classes before Winter Break
Jan. 5 - Classes resume

REMINDER

Please clean your locker out before winter break!! (remove any garbage or recycling)

AC TRADES DAY SUMMIT

Assiniboine College is hosting a Trades Summit March 10th, 2026. The event will allow high school students to participate in hands-on Try-A-Trade workshops. AC recommends grade 10-12 to attend. Students will have the opportunity to experience various trades including: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, heavy duty, automotive, roofing, and science. Students are also encouraged to bring their resumes as there will be opportunities to apply for summer employment. Registration is open now and is expected to sell out again this year. For more information or to register please see the Career Centre or email smith.tanya@bsd.ca or mills.erin@bsd.ca.

2025-26 YEAR BOOKS

\$45 for a book full of this year's memories. Add an extra \$3 to personalize your yearbook.



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Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg, (large)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 °F with a rack in the center. Whisk together flour with baking powder and salt in a small bowl and set aside.
- Using a stand-up or handheld mixer, beat the butter together with sugar. To the mixture, add vanilla extract and egg and beat to combine.
- To the butter mixture, add flour in 3 parts until fully incorporated.
- Divide the dough into two equal parts. On a lightly floured surface, roll into 1/4-inch thickness. Use a cookie cutter to cut out your favorite shapes.
- Bake cookies on a parchment or silicone-lined baking sheet at 350°F for 10 minutes. Or until the edges are just beginning to turn golden.
- Let the cookies cool for about 5 minutes on the baking sheet before moving them to a wire rack to cool completely and decorating with cookie icing.

Icing:

- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 3 to 5 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- Food colors, if desired
- Colored sugar or candy sprinkles, if desired

In medium bowl, beat powdered sugar, milk and vanilla with spoon until smooth and spreadable. If icing is too stiff to spread, add additional milk, 1 teaspoon at a time. Tint with food color. Decorate as desired.

WINTER BLUES GOT YOU BEAT?

Winter is here, which means less sunshine and more opportunity for those winter blues to hit. Try out some of these tips to help kick the blues to the curb.

- spend more time outside
- open the curtains and let that sunshine in
- walk one of our city's trails
- try out a new recipe
- take a break from your devices
- try to get a quality sleep
- call on your support team

Grad Hoodies

We are all very excited for Grad 2026!! Grad hoodies will be available for purchase via the school cash online site during the second week of December. The hoodie sizes will be located in the Career Centre (across from the Library). Stop by and sign your name on the '26 which will be printed on the back of the hoodie. Prices are as follows: \$54 regular hoodie. \$60 for a hoodie with your name on the sleeve.

PROVINCIAL EXAM DATES:

English – January 6-9

Math Applied – January 20

Math Essential – January 21

Pre-Calculus -January 22

VM Exams – January 26-29

Happy Holidays



WINTER BREAK:

DEC. 22/2025

JAN.4/2026