

Massey Minute



JANUARY 2026

INFORM

POST-GRAD JITTERS

Graduating High School can be very exciting but also very stressful. In the next chapter students want to be successful and set themselves up for a bright future. To create this future, students must know there are many pathways that can be taken along the way, not just one for life.

Future planning can include attending college or university, working, apprenticeship or entrepreneurship. Many combinations such as working and taking an evening course will be the beginning of building blocks to the life they want to live. Having trouble getting started? Contact Ms. Mills in the Career Centre to book a time to explore all the options.

NEXT YEAR'S REGISTRATION QUICKLY APPROACHING!!

Course planning has begun!! Students are currently involved in ongoing presentations about planning for the 2026-2027 school year. School counsellors and career staff have been diving into a program called Xello, where students can navigate their way through course selections. The deadline for registrations will be in March.

CELEBRATE

WINTER CONCERT SERIES

Festive fun was had at the VM Winter Concerts during the month of December. The choir, bands, and jazz bands hit all the right notes as they performed at the WMCA. They had an amazing turnout in attendance!!

SHARING, HELPING AND SPREADING SOME CHEER...

A huge shoutout to our amazing Football Team for spreading their holiday magic at the Christmas Cheer Board this year! They brought smiles and a sprinkle of joy to countless Westman families, proving that teamwork makes the dream work!

2025 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

VM Varsity Girls Volleyball team had an outstanding win and became the 2025 Provincial Volleyball Champions! The team would like to thank everyone who travelled to Winnipeg to cheer them on during provincials, the fan support was amazing! Congratulations on a hard-fought season and a well-deserved victory!

STUDENT EVENTS

Student Council hosted a ton of fun events during the month of December. They ended the year off with a spirit week and grade wars...which is always a HUGE hit with the students!! Be sure to watch TEAMS, Instagram, and listen to the announcements for upcoming events!!! Keep being AWESOME Student Council!!

INSPIRE

TRY-A-TRADE SUMMIT AT ASSINIBOINE COLLEGE

AC is hosting their Trades Day Summit March 10th, 2026. The event will allow high school students to participate in hands-on Try-A-Trade workshops. Students will have the opportunity to experience various trades including: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, heavy duty, automotive, roofing, and science. For more information or to register please see the Career Centre or email smith.tanya@bsd.ca or mills.erin@bsd.ca.

INDIGENOUS LEARNING

Students had a great learning experience with our Cree and Anishinaabe class crafting beautiful ribbon skirts. They learnt about choosing fabrics, selecting ribbons, sewing tools, measuring, and sewing techniques. The skirts are not just an article of clothing, but a symbol of resilience, identity, and honour. Each skirt tells a story and is a powerful way to connect with your heritage!



Important Dates:

Jan. 14 - Wellness Wednesday
Jan. 22 - Teen Clinic
Jan. 26 - Jan. 29 - Exam Week
Jan. 30 - No Classes (PD Day)
Feb. 2 - Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 12 - Grade 8 Open House
Feb. 16 - Louis Riel Day (no classes)

GRAD 2026

We are all very excited for Grad 2026!! There will be a grad meeting for students on Jan. 13th at 11:45am in the Library. Lifetouch will be at Massey for grad photos Feb. 9th - 20th. Online sign up link will be shared soon. The last day to submit photos for the grad slideshow is Jan. 31st. Email 2-3 photos (of the grad at any age) to smith.tanya@bsd.ca. Grad hoodies are now available to order. You can place your order any time.

Parents/Guardians of VM Grads 2026: If you haven't yet joined our grad email list, you can add your email address here:



YEAR BOOK SALE!!!

\$50.00 for a book full of this year's memories. Add an extra \$5.00 to personalize your yearbook. Scan the QR Code to order online!!



* Happy New Year *

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Ingredients:

- 25ml corn starch
- 25ml margarine
- 250ml whole milk
- 375ml chicken broth
- 250ml cooked potatoes
- 3ml crushed garlic
- 1ml dried oregano
- 1ml dried basil
- 2 slices bacon, cooked and chopped (this will be divided for toppings)
- 200ml cheddar cheese, shredded (divided)
- 2 green onions, chopped (divided)

Directions:

- In a medium saucepan, melt margarine and create a roux by adding the corn starch.
- Add milk and chicken broth and bring to a boil.
- Meanwhile, cook the strips of bacon and crumble or chop the bacon into small pieces.
- Let liquid boil for 3-4 minutes, then add the potatoes, garlic, oregano, and basil. Boil for 5 minutes.
- Add half of the bacon, half of the cheddar cheese and half of the green onions to the soup and reserve the other half for toppings.
- Cook soup for another 3-4 minutes stirring occasionally so the cheese melts.
- Serve soup topped with cheese, bacon, and green onions.

Winter Bucket List

- Have a snowman making contest
- Bake cookies
- Try toboggining
- Learn to snowboard
- Have a game night
- Go bowling
- Lace up your skates and hit the ice
- Take a snowshoe hike
- Bundle up and go ice fishing
- Go on a sleigh ride
- Make hot chocolate
- Have a movie marathon
- Start a scrapbook of photos
- Read a new book
- Binge watch a TV series
- Build a snow fort
- Camp out in the living room
- Have a bonfire at a local park
- Do a winter photoshoot
- Volunteer at the food kitchen
- Explore the Riverbank Discovery Centre...go on a hike
- Try out skiing

BOOK CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Serena Posthumus - "Packed with heartfelt moments and teenage angst, Daniel Handler's "Why We Broke Up" portrays the high school experience, both reality and triviality, filled with the explosive feelings of first love. While we know how the story ends from the title alone, the chemistry between characters Min Green, a so called "arty" girl who loves old movies, and Ed Slaterton, star basketball player, makes the reader beg for a different close to the story. Daniel Handler manages to perfectly portray the heartbreak and heartfelt moments of teenage love."

