

HELLO

FEBRUARY

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INFORM

VM CAREER CENTRE

The Career Centre is hosting a new event called 'For the Love of Work'. It will be a career exploration week where students will have the chance to gain information, ask questions and chat with entrepreneurs in the Westman area.

NEXT YEAR'S REGISTRATION QUICKLY APPROACHING!!

Course planning has begun!! Students are currently involved in 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. Feb. 23rd registration paperwork will be given out during home room meetings. The deadline for registrations will be in March.

CAREER SYMPOSIUM

The Brandon Career Symposium will be held March 17th and 18th at the Keystone centre. It is a great event to explore education & training, build your career toolkit and meet top employers! Check out their website for more info. <https://career-symposium.ca>

BU APPLY FOR FREE DAY

Brandon University will be offering an apply for free evening on Thursday, Feb. 5th. Join them for a special info session to learn more! The first 100 registrants can apply for free!!

CELEBRATE

UPCOMING CONCERT SERIES

Feb. 13th and 14th the Jazz Band & Choir are attending Music Camp at Camp Wannakumbac! Check out the Senior Concert Band and Wind Ensemble's upcoming gig on Feb. 19th! These music maestros will be blowing the roof off at the Winnipeg Concert Band Festival held at the Wpg Convention Centre. Be there or be square!

SEMESTER ONE COMPLETED!

The VM crew is bursting with pride for all the students and their efforts during the last 5 months. We can't wait to see what you conquer next semester! Here's to your success, KEEP SHINING!!!

CULTURAMA IS BACK!!!

Guess what's making a grand comeback for 2026? It's none other than the legendary Culturama! VM is bursting with excitement as we gear up for a global party. Students and staff will embark on a tour of cultural pavilions, scrumptious food, grooving to live performances, and diving into interactive booths. Grab your calendar and circle those dates—Monday, March 23rd & 24th—because missing this would be a cultural crime!

GAMERS' GALA

Super Smash and Brawlhalla madness is here! Students can jump into the action during lunch, and possibly battle it out in comps at AC and WPG all semester long. Everyone's invited! Chat with Mr. Benson for the scoop. Team up in pairs—Tuesdays and Thursdays are your stage for friendly duels and epic electronic sports showdowns. Show your skills and maybe even wave the VM flag at tournaments!

INSPIRE

'I LOVE TO READ' MONTH!

Love is in the air! The VM book club has set its sights on the romance genre for February! Every member is getting lost in the pages of a different novel and getting ready to spill the tea about them at the end of the month. Let the love stories begin!

GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE

We are excited to invite all Grade 8 students and their families to our annual Open House event on February 12th. This is a great opportunity to explore our school, meet the teachers and staff, and learn about the various programs we offer. Families will learn about our academic programs, extracurricular activities, and student services. We look forward to seeing you at our Grade 8 Open House and sharing with you all the wonderful opportunities that await you at our school.

LACROSSE SEASON IS HERE!

Come on out and dive into the world of Lacrosse! We're throwing some "Try It Days" for all you curious cats who want to see what this fast-paced game is all about. No prior experience? No problem! Just bring your enthusiasm and let the fun begin! Message Mrs. Tanya Smith for more info.

BADMINTON SEASON TO START

Ready for some badminton action? Listen for announcements and watch for posters about when the season begins! See Mrs. Curtis for more details!

Important Dates:

Feb. 2 - Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 4 - Wellness Wednesday
Feb. 5 - CRA & SIN Clinic
Feb. 9-20 - Grad Photos
Feb. 12 - Grade 8 Open House
Feb. 20 - Teen Clinic
Feb. 16 - Louis Riel Day (no classes)
Feb. 26-27 - AP Info Sessions for Students

LOCAL LEARNING AT ASSINIBOINE COLLEGE

AC will be open to the general public on Feb. 25th from 3:00pm-8:00pm for their open house event. Attendees will also have the chance to win one of eight \$1,000 tuition credit draws. The college is also 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.

GRAD 2026

Only 5 months until grad 2026!!! Parents/guardians & students keep an eye on your email for updated and new information. Info can also be found in the Grade 12 TEAMS channel under GRAD 2026. A few things to check off your list...

1) Fill out the online grad form.

2) Grad photos - Feb. 9-20.

Parents/Guardians of VM

Grads: If you haven't yet joined our grad email list, you can add your email address by scanning the QR code.



YEAR BOOK SALE!!!

Scan the QR Code to order online!!

\$50 for a book full of this year's memories. Add an extra \$5 to personalize your yearbook.



2 Hour Buns

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 3 Tbsp oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 tsp yeast
- 1 egg
- 3 1/2 - 4 cups flour

Directions:

- Mix yeast into 2 cups of flour.
- In a separate bowl whip eggs, sugar, oil, salt, and water.
- Add to flour/yeast mixture. Blend well and then add the rest of the flour.
- Let rise 15 minutes. Punch down. Then let rise for another 15 minutes.
- Punch down. Separate the dough into 12-15 even balls.
- Place on a greased pan and let rise for one hour.
- Bake 350F for 15-18 minutes.

Acts of Kindness

A random act of kindness is a small gesture that can make a positive difference in someone else's life. Here are some ways to engage:

- Write a positive message to someone
- Shovel someone's driveway
- Give a compliment
- Open the door for someone
- Leave a positive review online of a local business
- Pick up trash on the ground
- Donate unused items to charity
- Volunteer your time
- Bring in the trash/recycling bin for your neighbour
- Brush the snow off of your friend or neighbours car
- Buy the coffee of the person behind you in the drive through
- Randomly buy a bouquet of flowers for a friend or family member
- Call a friend or family member and tell them how amazing they are

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Government of Manitoba created the Universal School Nutrition Program. The goal of the program is to provide all public school students with access to nutritious food, without any barriers. The department is inviting parents/caregivers and Manitoba youth in Grades 5 to 12 to share their views on the program. The information and ideas gathered will tell Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning how the program could be improved. Surveys for both parents/caregivers and students are available at the same link.

Visit the link or scan the QR code. <https://survey.pra.ca/S2/1/SchoolNutrition/>



I LOVE TO READ MONTH

February is 'I Love to Read' month. Here are some recommendations for the month of February.

