

NOVEMBER 2025

INFORM

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK

TOKTW is set to happen Nov. 5th this year. This is a Canada wide event for all grade 9 students. This year we have CFB Shilo, Assiniboine College and Westman Immigrant Services hosting students. The purpose of the program is to give students the opportunity to explore the world of work in a supportive and positive manner with the help of a team consisting of parents, guardians, teachers and support staff. During this event, a great deal of the focus will be on the understanding of safety issues in the workplace.

SAFE WORKERS OF TOMORROW

All Grade 9 students had a great opportunity to participate in the SWOT presentations on October 23rd. Topics covered included worker rights and employer responsibilities, hazard recognition and control, health and safety legislation and WHMIS, and injury reporting and the role of the Workers Compensation Board. Grade 10's will also participate in the SWOT presentations end of November.

AP PARENT INFO NIGHT

Join us in the VM Library on Nov. 13th from 6:00-7:00pm to learn about why Advance Placement courses might be a great choice for your child.

CELEBRATE

VIKING CLASSIC RECAP

What an incredible weekend of volleyball action at this year's Viking Classic. Varsity Girls battled hard and came out on top defeating Warren Collegiate to claim the Championship title. Varsity Boys showed amazing grit – Falling to Neelin in the semifinals, but bouncing back strong to beat CJS and take 3rd place. Thanks to all of the teams, fans, and volunteers who made the Viking Classic an unforgettable weekend of competition, sportsmanship, and school spirit!! We also want to send a HUGE shout-out to the Broadcast team at VM. We have over 30 students involved to stream 8 games. There is over 1600 views on VMTV youtube so far!!!

MAJOR PRODUCTION

Vincent Massey High School is revving up to rock the stage with "Once Upon a One More Time" this November 20-22 at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium! Get ready for a blast of family fun! Tickets are just \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors, and a sweet \$15 for kiddos under 12. Snag your tickets at www.wmca.ca or give them a ring at 204-728-9510. Don't miss out on this musical extravaganza!

GRAD 2026

Listen to the announcements and keep a close eye on your TEAMS! Exciting information on ordering Grad 2026 clothing coming soon!!!

INSPIRE

METIS DOT ART CREATIONS

Miss Selmer's grade 11 Canadian History class carefully created mini Metis Dot Art. They learned that usually Metis dot art/beading is symmetrical. But...there is often a "spirit bead" or something that is different in the art piece. This "spirit bead" is a reminder that we are all human and we all make mistakes.



YEARBOOKS

We have a few yearbooks from the last school year available for purchase. To purchase one, please stop by the main office with \$45 cash or cheque. 2025 - 2026 Yearbook orders are now open. They can be purchased through School Cash Online.

ALL THINGS MUSIC

Get ready to groove, folks! The Jazz Band is taking the stage at our Winter Concert on Dec. 11th at 7:00pm, right at 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!



REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our Remembrance Day Service will be on Monday, November 10th, at 10:00am. The Wind Ensemble and Chamber Choir will be performing. Vincent Massey will stand in solidarity for a moment of silence to pause, give thanks, and to remember.

ATTENDANCE

We want all students to attend and participate in their classes as often as possible. We care about each student's goals and progress, and each student is a valuable member of our school. We understand that, occasionally students will be absent from school. We also know that students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have greater opportunity to access school and community resources, and have a greater sense of belonging. To notify the school about an absence for a student, please call or email the main office (204-729-3170; vinccentmassey@bsd.ca). If you have concerns or worries about attendance; please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or to Student Services (204-729-3960).

REPORT CARDS & PTC

Report Cards will be handed out to students at their next homeroom meeting on November 7th. Parents can also view grades on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Parent Teacher Conferences can be booked online through the VM website.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 3 - National University Fair at Neelin High School
Nov. 5 - TOKTW Day
Nov. 5 - Wellness Wednesday
Nov. 7 - Report Cards sent home
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - no classes
Nov. 13 - AP Parent Info Night
Nov. 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Nov. 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences - No Classes
Nov. 20 - Teen Clinic
Nov. 28 - PD Day - No Classes

SOFT GINGERBREAD COOKIES



Ingredients:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ c. butter, softened
- 1 cc sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. molasses
- 2- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. all-purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. ground ginger
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground cloves
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
- Additional sugar

Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and molasses. Combine the flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well.
2. Roll into 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. balls, then roll in sugar. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° until puffy and lightly browned, 10-12 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool.

VIKING GEAR

Start your holiday shopping early!!! Grab your gear up from the Viking



Vault on the VM website and let the festivities begin!! Scan the QR code for a direct link to the vault!!

SAFE SCHOOLS ADVISORY

The Vincent Massey Safe Schools Advisory Committee met on October 15, 2025. The group reviewed the Safe Schools Terms of Reference and discussed key priorities such as clear communication, trust, and student well-being. Highlights included reviewing Hour Zero emergency protocols, exploring ways to improve parent communication, and discussing anonymous reporting options like PsstWorld. The committee agreed that Vincent Massey remains a safe and caring school and will meet again in late November.

CAREER CENTRE EVENTS

Assiniboine College is hosting a Tech Summit on Nov. 6th. Students in grades 10-12, can take part in hands-on Tech Taster workshops, exploring a variety of programs such as: Civil Technician, Digital Art & Design, Media & Communications, Mechatronics, Network Administration Technology, Web & Interactive Development. There are a few spots still open. If you would like to attend, please see Mrs. Smith or Ms. Mills in the Career Centre or send them a Teams message.

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY

Our library has acquired quite a few new books!! Head on in to see Mrs. Small for what's new. Here are her recommendations for the month.



EXPAND
YOUR MIND
READ A
BOOK!