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École Victoria-Albert School

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful and wonderful time with your family and friends during the break.

We would like to remind our families that winter weather is upon us and it is very rare for schools to be closed due to weather, but in this case any school closure announcements will be posted on the Winnipeg School Division website and broadcast by major Winnipeg media outlets. During the year there may be times when inclement weather affects school bus transportation. School bus transportation is cancelled when the wind chill reaches -45°C by 6:15am based on the 6:00am Environment Canada reading at the Forks. When bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will NOT resume later in the day, even if the weather improves. The Winnipeg School Division website will list any bus cancellations (www.winnipegssd.ca)

Students are reminded to dress for the weather as they will be expected to be outside for recess as long as the combined temperature/windchill is not colder than -27°C .

Thank you for all your efforts in supporting your child's education and safety. Together we are making a difference in the learning experiences and opportunities for each of our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ashley Morrison & Russ Patterson



Attendance & Being On Time



School starts at 8:55am in the morning and 12:55pm in the afternoon. Students need to be outside in their class line by 8:55am & 12:55pm so they can enter the school together and start their lessons promptly.

Children who arrive late are at a disadvantage because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of the lessons. This means that they may be unsettled and confused about tasks as their teachers will not always be able to re-explain work.

It is very important that all students establish good routines and habits. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop while they are young. It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school daily and on time to prevent disruption to your own child's learning and the learning of other students in their classroom.

We understand that there may be occasions when your child(ren) will be late/absent due to unforeseen circumstances, appointments, etc. On these occasions please use the safe arrival system to advise the school that they will be late or absent.

SAFE ARRIVAL/ SCHOOL MESSENGER

The Safe Arrival/School Messenger system can be used 24 hours a day, it makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence. Options for using SafeArrival/SchoolMessenger system are:

- SchoolMessenger App (free)
- Website (go.schoolmessenger.ca)
- Interactive Toll-free Phone – 1-855-278-4513

If you receive an automated phone call from the school advising you that your student is absent, please respond to that phone call by pressing the appropriate button. The school will be advised of your response from the automated call. Please know that if you hang up the call from the automated system and call the school this will not stop the automated system from calling you.

If you do not want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.

Important Dates to Remember:

January 6 – School resumes	April 18 – NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
January 31 – NO SCHOOL	May 8 – Intermediate Spring Concert (Gr. 4-6)
February 17 – NO SCHOOL (Louis Riel Day)	May 9 – NO SCHOOL
March 14 – NO SCHOOL	May 19 – NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)
March 29 – April 6 – SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	June 19 – Community BBQ (Evening)
April 7 – School resumes	June 20 – NO SCHOOL
April 10 – Celebration of Learning (Evening)	June 26 – Last day of school for Nursery/Kindergarten
April 11 – NO SCHOOL	June 27 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Gr 1-6 (11:30 Dismissal)

PARENT ROOM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Jan. 9 & Friday Jan. 17

CSW Azieb away all morning until 12:30 pm

Drop In

Mondays 1:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Jan 13: Games & Puzzles

Drop in is a wonderful way to get to know other parents, participate in community activities, ask for help from the Community Support Worker, or simply just to grab a cup of coffee while you wait for end of day pick up! Every week, we offer different activities such as cultural activities, games, seasonal arts & crafts, and much more. Refreshments and snacks are always provided.

Winnipeg Leisure

Guide Subsidy

Contact CSW

Contact Azieb to find out if you qualify for the Winnipeg Leisure Guide's subsidy program! As a Community Support Worker in the Winnipeg School Division, Azieb is able to act as a third-party referral to help your family access recreational facilities, sports, leisure, and other programming through the Winnipeg Leisure Guide.

Sewing

Friday, January 10, 17 & 24
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join us on Friday mornings to learn how to sew! With the support of our wonderful parent volunteers, you can learn how to use a sewing machine to create your own piece, or simply start with some beginner projects such as mending and clothing designs. You are welcome to bring your own materials and projects from home, or work with our knowledgeable volunteers to come up with something new.

Food Security & Resource Shelf

9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 3:20 pm

On a weekly basis, the Community Support Worker retrieves donations of books, clothing, learning resources, bread, potatoes, and onions that are available to families to supplement their needs. Please note: while bread and potato donations are consistent, all other resource shelf materials change on a regular basis as they are based on available donations.

Please bring a bag with you!

Azieb Haile - Community Support Worker – Victoria-Albert School

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Hours: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays all day until 3:30 pm

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January Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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***** <i>WINTER BREAK</i> *****				
6 BACK TO SCHOOL 	7 Curling	8 Curling	9 Soccer Practice	10 <i>Intermediate Choir</i> Gr. 6 Soccer @ U of W 12:00-1:00 
13 Curling	14 Curling	15 <i>Primary Dance Club</i> Curling	16 Curling	17 Winter Fun Day Primary-AM Intermediate-PM <i>Intermediate Choir</i>
20 Winter Fun Day Make up Date Curling	21 <i>Intermediate Dance Club</i> Curling	22 <i>Primary Dance Club</i> Curling	23 Soccer Practice	24 <i>Intermediate Choir</i> Gr. 6 Soccer @ U of W 12:00-1:00 
27	28 <i>Intermediate Dance Club</i>	29 <i>Primary Dance Club</i>	30 <i>Intermediate Choir</i>	31 NO SCHOOL