

# January 2026

## ÉCOLE VICTORIA-ALBERT SCHOOL



Hello to all our École Victoria-Albert School families!

We hope you had a wonderful winter break and were able to spend meaningful time with family, friends, and loved ones. As we begin this new year, we are excited to welcome our students back to school on January 5th and look forward to the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our halls.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish all our families a very happy new year filled with love, laughter, health, and happiness. We are grateful for the continued support and partnership of our school community and are excited for all the learning, growth, and opportunities that lie ahead in the coming months.

Take care and stay warm!

Ashley Morrison

### BE ON TIME

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.

First Bell	8:55 am
N/K Dismissal	11:30 am
Lunch Break	12-12:55 pm
Afternoon Bell	12:55 pm
Dismissal	3:30 pm



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.

DOES YOUR CHILD  
TAKE THE

## SCHOOL BUS?



If your child takes the school bus, please check your emails every morning as transportation emails parents before the school is notified of any cancellations or extended delays.

For a recording of all cancellations and delays, or to advise that your child will not be riding the bus to school, please contact Transportation to let them **know**. Please wait until the recording is over to be connected to their office.

**204-789-0452**



# Parent Room



**Room 6: A Fun Family Space**

Hours: Monday and Friday 8:30am-3:30pm & Thursday 1-3:30pm

with **Lisa Scales**

**Community Support Worker**

(204) 943-3459

lscales@wsd1.org



## AFTERNOON BINGO

Come play few quick games of Bingo with other parents before pick up time! Participants will have three opportunities to win self care/wellness themed prize bags!

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



Come to the Parent Room and make a fresh loaf of bannock to take home! We will have all the ingredients for traditional bannock, but will also have some extra ingredients to customize your baking such as shredded cheese, cinnamon/raisin & blueberries!

## Bannock

**MAKE & TAKE**

**Wednesday, January 14 @ 2:30pm - 3:30pm**



## BEADING WORKSHOP

**Wednesdays - January 7, 14, 21, & 28**

**9 am to 12 pm**

Visit the parent room on Wednesday mornings for beading! Would you like to learn but you're not sure where to start? That's ok! Contact Lisa to be matched with a beading mentor. All supplies are provided as well as healthy snacks and refreshments. Participants are welcome to safely store their projects in the Parent Room from week to week.



## MONDAY MORNING DROP IN

**GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER**

Start your week off right with a hot cup of coffee, a healthy snack, and fun activities. Games, painting, colouring, crafts, beading, and more in the Parent Room.

## MONDAYS

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

## Winnipeg Leisure Guide Fee Assistance Program

**Free access to recreation and leisure opportunities for newcomers and Winnipeggers living on low income!**

Submit your City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide subsidized forms to access facility passes and program spending accounts for the whole family!

See Lisa for details. It's easy, quick, and free!





# Cold Weather Guidelines

## Indoor Recess

Students stay indoors for recess when the wind chill reaches -28 degrees Celsius.

## Bus Cancellations

During the school year there may be times when school bus transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, but schools will remain open.

School bus transportation for all school divisions in the City of Winnipeg is cancelled:

- A. If the actual temperature is -35°C (regardless of windchill) based on the 6:00 a.m. Environment Canada reading at the Forks, Winnipeg or;
- B. If the wind chill reaches -45°C (regardless of air temperature) based on the 6:00 a.m. Environment Canada readings at the Forks, Winnipeg.

The temperature and windchill readings can be found at the Environment Canada website. When bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not resume later in the day even if weather conditions improve.

All major Winnipeg media outlets are contacted in the early morning and are asked that they broadcast and/or post bus cancellation information.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



# NOW AVAILABLE!



Meals2Go is a weekend student nutrition program aimed to nourish students on the two days a week they might not have access to in-school meal programs.

Students are given a Meals2Go kit every Friday to take home for the weekend!



This program is FREE and open to all students—no registration required!



Due to safety concerns, effective immediately, school staff will no longer be providing hot water or warming up lunches. Students who prefer a hot lunch are to bring it to school in a thermos to keep warm.

*Thank you!*





Report any absences using one of the following methods:



**SchoolMessenger App (Free)**

Download from the Apple App Store or Google Play



**Web & Mobile Web**

Visit: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)



**Interactive Toll-Free Phone**

Call: 1-855-278-4513



**Email the School**

Send to: [vicalbert@wsd1.org](mailto:vicalbert@wsd1.org)



Unexcused absences will result in a call home from the Safe Arrival system

# KOATS for Kids



Koats for Kids orders officially close in January, but if you are still in need of winter clothing, please visit the Parent Room as we may have extra mittens, boots, hats, scarves, and jackets!



## CONTACT LISA TODAY

Phone: 204-943-3459

Email: [lscales@wsd1.org](mailto:lscales@wsd1.org)



In person: The Parent Room (Room 6) on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8am - 4pm or Fridays from 8am - 12pm

# January 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5 **BACK TO SCHOOL**

6 **scooter BASKETBALL**

7 **scooter BASKETBALL**

8 **scooter BASKETBALL**

9 **INTERMEDIATE Choir**

1 **Happy New Year**

2

12 **GRADE 6 SOCCER practice**

13 **GRADE 6 SOCCER game**

14 **scooter BASKETBALL**

15 **scooter BASKETBALL**

16 **INTERMEDIATE Choir**

19 **scooter BASKETBALL**

20 **INTERMEDIATE DANCE CLUB scooter BASKETBALL**

21 **PRIMARY DANCE CLUB scooter BASKETBALL**

22 **INTERMEDIATE DANCE CLUB scooter BASKETBALL**

23 **INTERMEDIATE Choir**

26 **scooter BASKETBALL**

27 **INTERMEDIATE DANCE CLUB scooter BASKETBALL**

28 **PRIMARY DANCE CLUB scooter BASKETBALL**

29 **scooter BASKETBALL**

30 **INTERMEDIATE Choir**

ALL PRACTICES & CLUBS TAKE PLACE DURING LUNCH. STUDENTS WHO NORMALLY GO HOME FOR LUNCH SHOULD BRING A LUNCH TO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS.