

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE KELVIN HIGH SCHOOL

# KELVIN CLIPPER

DECEMBER 2024 | NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

We are in the home stretch before the winter break, and we wanted to take the opportunity to share all the incredible happenings at Kelvin. Students and their families have had the chance to celebrate all their successes with the end of first term and student lead conferences. It was wonderful to have so many of our families in the school meeting their child's teachers and sharing their understanding of their learning.



As always there have been many activities running at Kelvin that include clubs and so many different athletic teams. The Clippers Boys' hockey team, Girls' and Boys' soccer and indoor track are well underway. We celebrated successful seasons in volleyball, cross country, football and water polo to name but a few. Basketball season is right around the corner. Various clubs and groups are meeting on a weekly basis and have many upcoming events. Our Environmental Action Crew organized a successful clothing swap, and our Holiday Breakfast crew showed the giving spirit of our community when they hosted the entire student body and staff from Fort Rouge School for breakfast and a morning of activities and celebration.

The fast pace of high school will continue into January. January is the last month of the 1st semester. As a result, students will be working on many different assessments and projects to demonstrate their learning. Grade 12 students will be writing Provincial exams in Math and English early in January. Our Assessment/Exam week near the end of January will conclude 1st semester. Details with the exam schedule with dates and times will be sent on School Messenger at the beginning of January.

Finally, we want to wish our entire school community a safe and restful winter break. Please find time to spend with family and friends during the break. We wish you all a happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year in 2025!

*Kelvin Administration*

# KELVIN HAPPENINGS

## Adventure to the Arctic! Kelvin Students Explore Churchill, Manitoba!

This November, Kelvin High School students had the incredible opportunity to travel to Churchill, Manitoba, as part of the annual NorthStar trip. The journey offered a chance to experience the wonders of the North while contributing to important research on polar bears.

The primary focus of the trip was to gather usable photos and data for polar bear research, particularly for analyzing their body condition and attempting to catalog them. Of course, the polar bears were a highlight of the trip, but the students enjoyed many other memorable experiences along the way.

The group was given a guided tour by the Churchill Junior Rangers and explored the historic site of Cape Merry on the shores of Hudson Bay. They attended a fascinating presentation on the Sayisi Dene people and the rich Indigenous history of the region. The students also went dog sledding, where some were even lucky enough to feed the delightfully friendly Gray Jay birds.

The adventure continued with a ride on the famous Tundra Buggies, which took the group through Wapusk National Park in search of polar bears. The students were thrilled to witness bears sparring—a rare and breathtaking sight. In addition to observing these majestic creatures, they successfully captured multiple photos for their research, even though identifying individual bears remains challenging. (After all, polar bears don't wear name tags, and they all share the same snowy white coat!)

The trip concluded on a perfect note. While cloudy skies obscured the aurora borealis during the first few nights, the final evening brought clear skies, revealing a dazzling display of the northern lights—a truly magical way to end the adventure.

As exciting as the trip was, we know many readers are eager to see the photos taken during this journey. Some of the images have been included here, and we encourage you to try identifying whether any of the photos feature the same bear. This fun exercise highlights the importance of developing a reliable identification method for studying polar bears.





# Kelvin Remembers

École secondaire Kelvin High School held an advance Remembrance Day service on Nov. 8, coinciding with Indigenous Veterans Day. Premier Wab Kinew spoke at the service, detailing his trip to Normandy, France this past June for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings during the Second World War. On June 6, 1944, approximately 14,000 Canadians from the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and the 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade landed at Juno Beach as part of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France. There were 1,096 Canadian casualties on D-Day, including 381 soldiers and airmen who were killed in action. "It's one of the most pivotal moments in the Second World War," said Kinew in his speech. "...the pivotal moments that give us the life we enjoy here in Canada today."



*Premier Wab Kinew spoke at the November 8th service.*

## A Kelvin Holiday Breakfast Tradition!

On December 6th, we hosted our 25th annual Holiday Breakfast for the students of Fort Rouge Elementary School. 193 excited students were welcomed with a breakfast of pancakes, hash browns, sausages, banana bread, fruit and juice. The children then participated in a variety of fun and festive activities, which culminated with the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed brand new presents, stuffed animals and books to each child.

The response to our toy drive fundraising effort was wonderful. Each of our special guests received a new toy, books, along with a stuffie and stocking. We also managed to donate over two truckloads of used toys and stuffed animals to Value Village.

Thanks to staff and students who gave up their lunch hours, evenings and weekends to make the morning happen, and to all the students who helped during the morning. We would also like to recognize the contributions of our partners, sponsors, staff, parents and community members whose generosity, patience and kindness made this a magical and memorable morning. A very special thanks to all our teachers and our administrators.

Thanks, and best wishes to a group of very special and remarkable team members: Mme Morsy, Mrs Stewart, Mme Bisson, Mr. Desrosiers and many more. Without their time, energy, and enthusiasm the day would never have happened. Together, we did make a difference, and although the morning has come and gone, the spirit of goodwill continues to live on in our hearts!

# THANK YOU

### Sponsors

Original Pancake House  
Delta Dry Cleaning

### Partners

Esports Team  
Kelvin Dance Team  
Kelvin Track Teams  
Kelvin Choir





# AROUND THE HALLS

## Hall of Honor Highlights Local Heros' Legacies

Kelvin history teacher Christopher Young is committed to making Remembrance Day meaningful for students and the school community.

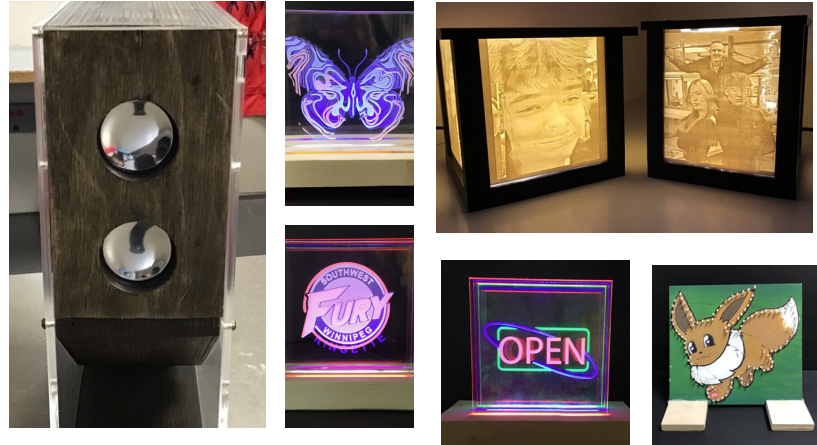
On Nov. 6, he and the Kelvin History Club presented the Hall of Honour, a bilingual display highlighting 291 Kelvin alumni who died in the First and Second World Wars. Almost 3,000 Kelvin students served in the two conflicts. "I think it's key that students connect with the personal stories of the soldiers, because if not, it's just a number," Young said. "It's important that students can relate to the lives these young people lived—learning about their families, their hobbies, and where they grew up."

Grade 11 student Hawa Gelle, who worked on the Hall of Honour, found the experience inspiring. "I was in complete awe," she said. "With the Kelvin History Club, we wanted to tell those stories and shed light on how kids our age did admirable things for our country."



## Sparking Interest in Electronics

Students in Electronics have been creating some inventive projects this year. These are some examples of projects ranging from grade, 9-12. The projects include: Bluetooth speakers, LED display signs, Arduino-coded animated laser engraved signs, and 3D printed LED lithophane boxes.



## Cooking Up Some Fun in Foods

The grade 11 & 12 class making delicious sugar cookies for Halloween!



## Mr. Brown's Classroom Hamper Success

Students of Mr. Brown's class understood the assignment, donating a whopping amount of food and supplies to the Kelvin Food Hamper.

Mr. Brown stated, "I am always amazed at the support and generosity of Kelvin students. The final two days we almost doubled the [original] amount of donations. The kids are so proud of what they brought in and the reason behind it. Thank you also to Mr. Romu for our week long fishing trip which will also be donating a total of \$102.20 to the Kelvin Hamper."

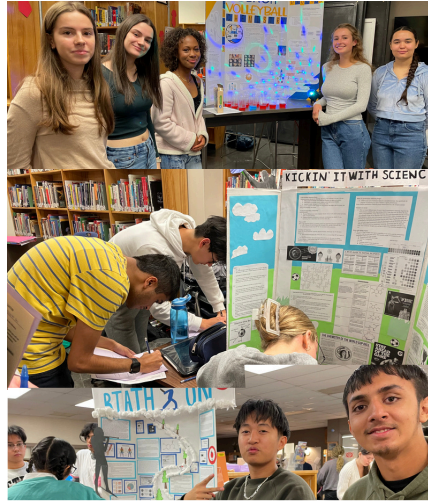




# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE UPDATE



Grade 11 and 12 IB students collaborated on their Group 4 science projects—incorporating Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Physics—and presented their work to teachers and peers in the library. This interdisciplinary project, which spans about 10 hours, involves research, practical investigation, reflection, and presentation, fostering teamwork, critical thinking, and real-world scientific collaboration.



## GRADUATION NOTICES

Students are encouraged to join the Grad Google Classroom as it is the main form of communication with our grads. Google join code here:

**GY4AC2W**

## Book Your Grad Photos Today!

Graduation pictures will take place at Kelvin High School in January. To book a timeslot you will need to register at: <https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca/schedule/home.html>



## IMPORTANT DATES

There are a few ways to keep up to date on what's happening around Kelvin. Our Daily Announcements ([link below](#)) hosts a plethora of information including sport and club information, event dates and details, guidance updates, scholarship info, and more!

- JAN 6 School Reopens
- JAN 13 - 22 Grad photos - Appointment Booking Online
- JAN 13 - 24 Grade 9 Study Hall at Lunch
- JAN 15 Late Start 10:00 AM
- JAN 15 Safe Grad Parent Night
- JAN 17 Locker Cleanup - C Slot
- JAN 24 - 30 FINAL EXAMS
- JAN 31 No Classes
- FEB 3 Semester 2 Begins
- FEB 6 Report Cards Issued
- FEB 12 Late Start - 10:00 AM
- FEB 14 Registration Portal Opens
- FEB 14 No Classes
- FEB 17 Louis Riel Day - No Classes
- FEB 26 Late Start - 10:00 AM
- FEB 26 Math Contests
- MAR 12 Late Start - 10:00 AM
- MAR 14 No Classes

Additionally you can follow our Kelvin Instagram @kelvinhighschool1 for social media updates.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
<https://shorturl.at/wNanT>

**INSTAGRAM**  
<https://shorturl.at/Cmt2i>



# CLIPPER SPORTS



What a wild few months, our JV Girls, JV Boys and Varsity Girls all won the divisional championship in volleyball; our boys' high school hockey team visited Ottawa for a tournament; we're gearing up for a basketball season; and Kelvin's Dance Team shined, sparkled and moved their way into our hearts.

## Buckeye Bowl Champions!

Big shout-out to the boys' hockey team, our Buckeye Bowl champions! 4-0 in the tournament, outscoring the opposition 24-12!



## Grade 9 Girls' Volleyball Tournament



## 2024 WSD Champions; JV Girls' Volleyball



## Kelvin Dancers Shine in a Month of Exciting Events

Kelvin High School's dance program has had a remarkable month packed with exciting opportunities and achievements. For starters, two of our dancers, Daryl and Sadie, earned scholarships to attend the FORM Dance Convention, where they participated in a weekend of workshops across various dance styles.

On November 8, Grade 10-12 dance students visited the Centennial Concert Hall to watch the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Giselle. The performance complemented their classroom studies of lyrical dance, deepening their understanding of the art form. From November 14-15, members of Kelvin Dance Crew (KDC) and POM teams attended Dance Camp at Camp Manitou. The camp featured workshops led by professionals Mikey Harris, Maribeth Tabanera, and Ms. Schade (*our Head Clerk*), fostering team bonds and skill development in hip-hop and ballet.

Kelvin dancers took the spotlight during the Manitoba Moose game on November 21, providing lively movement breaks as part of the Project 11 initiative.

On November 27, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Pre-Professional Division performed at Kelvin, inspiring students with their captivating mobile show.





# KELVIN ESPORTS



## Embrace the Game!

The Kelvin Esports team has had a busy Fall season.

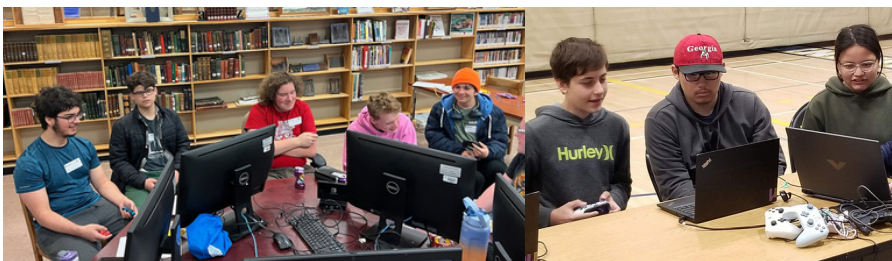
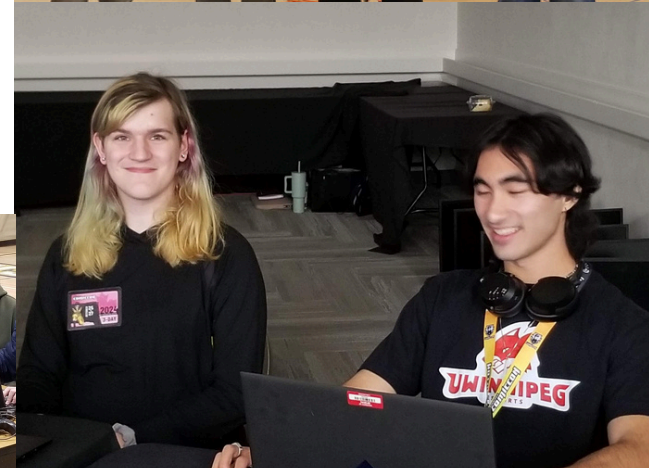
Our Brawlhalla team pushed through the regular season, coming out with a 50% win rate. However at the Provincials at Shevchenko school in Vita Manitoba the team was able to win 6 games in a row to fight their way out of the bottom bracket, only losing to Daniel Mac in the finals. They walked away with the A Division Finalist Banner. Congratulations Efreem, Rory, Alyssa, and Elliot!

The Rocket League team had a successful regular season winning the majority of their games. This resulted in them being placed in the AAA Division where they ended up in 6th place. The team is looking forward to the Spring Season.

Our Super Smash Bros Ultimate team has attended two tournaments so far, one in Ste. Anne and one at Daniel Mac. Evan placed top 8 in the Ste. Anne tournament and Nathan made it to Quarter Finals at the DMCI tournament. Both tournaments had over 90 players competing from across Manitoba. The team has two more tournaments scheduled in the spring.

Kelvin alumni Ruby Murphy and Shota Fugler got the opportunity to square up against Billy Boyd (Peregrin Took from the Lord of the Rings trilogy) in a League of Legends game at Comic-Con. Ruby and Murphy teamed up with members of the Manitoba School Esports Association and Lotus 8 esports as "Team Isengard". After some exciting mid-game dives on the celebrity opponent, Ruby and Shota soundly defeated Billy's "Fellowship".

The Kelvin Esports team is currently in the middle of their Fortnite Season. Semester 2 titles include Minecraft, Brawlstars, Valorant, League of Legends, and more Rocket League. If you're interested in getting involved with Esports, you can talk to Mr. J. Young in Room 1, or email him at [jayoung@wsd1.org](mailto:jayoung@wsd1.org).





# GUIDANCE UPDATES

As the winter season settles in and the holidays approach, the Guidance Department has been working to support our students' well-being during what can be a busy and sometimes stressful time of year. From navigating school to managing personal challenges, we are here to provide a listening ear and helpful resources for students and families alike. Looking ahead to the holiday break, we want to ensure everyone has access to activities they may need to feel connected during this season.

**NOTE: SOME ACTIVITIES CHARGE A FEE, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK ORGANIZATION WEBSITE'S FOR ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED**

## SATURDAY - DECEMBER 21

Robert A. Steen Community Centre - Lunch with the Grinch \$5.00 12-3pm  
Dakota Community Centre - Santa and Friends Free Skate 10am-2pm  
Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex - Free Teen Swim (9-19 years) 6:30-9:45pm  
Seven Oaks Pool - Free Teen Swim (9-19 years) 6:30-8:30pm  
St. James Assiniboia Centennial Pool - Free Teen Swim (9-19 years) 6-8pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Badminton (13yrs+) 1pm-4pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Squash (13yrs+) 8:00am-5:00pm

## SUNDAY - DECEMBER 22

St. James Civic Centre Pool - Free Swim 1:30-4:30pm  
YMCA South - Drop-In Pickleball (13yrs+) 7am-10:15am  
YMCA South - Drop-In Badminton (13yrs+) 10:30am-12pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Squash (13yrs+) 8:00am-5:00pm

## MONDAY - DECEMBER 23

Huddle Norwest - Wreath making (3-5:30pm) (To sign up for any activities, phone 204-221-9800 or DM on Instagram!)  
Margaret Grant Pool - Free Swim 8:30-9:25am  
Margaret Grant Pool - Loonie/Toonie Swim 8-9pm  
St. James Civic Centre Pool - Loonie/Toonie Swim 1:30-4:30pm  
YMCA South - Drop In Badminton (13yrs+) 8:30pm-10:30pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Floor Hockey (13yrs+) 6:30-7:30am  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Badminton (13yrs+) 7-9pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Squash (13yrs+) 6:00am-9:00pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Pickleball (13yrs+) 8-10am

## TUESDAY - DECEMBER 24

Huddle South Central - Greeting Card Making 1-3pm (To sign up for any activities, phone 204-255-6497 or DM on Instagram!)  
Huddle Norwest - Drop-In with Elder Martha (2:30-5:30pm)  
YMCA South - Drop-In Pickleball (13yrs+) 1-3pm

## FRIDAY - DECEMBER 27

Huddle South Central - Game Night - 3:30-5:30pm (To sign up for any activities, phone 204-255-6497 or DM on Instagram!)  
Margaret Grant Pool - Free Youth Swim (9-19 years old) 7:30-9pm  
St. James Civic Centre Pool - Free Swim 7:30-9:30pm

**Open Y offers Winnipeg youth ages 13-17 free access to YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg Community Hubs every Friday evening with NO membership or fees required.**

YMCA South - Drop-In Open Y (13-17yrs) 7-10:30pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Floor Hockey (13yrs+) 6:30-7:30am  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Pickleball (13yrs+) 8-10am  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Squash (13yrs+) 6:00am-9:00pm  
YMCA Downtown - Drop-In Open Y (13-17yrs) 5pm - Close

**For a full list of available activities, click here:**  
<https://shorturl.at/oCIEx>



PRINCIPAL: TIMOTHY COX  
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Who is guidance following on Instagram? @ProjectParentCoach, who specializes in assisting parents enhance relationships with their teens.



PROJECTPARENTCOACH

## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH:

Applying to University  
Understanding College Requirements  
Researching Scholarships  
Figuring out what to do after High School

**NOW BOOKING 1-1'S WITH KELVIN'S CAREER CLERK**

Tuesday's 10:00 - Noon  
Thursday's 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Room 117

Sign up sheet in Guidance Office



## TEEN CLINIC

AT KELVIN

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:45 PM

Location: Room 117

FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

### DROP-IN HEALTH SERVICES OFFERED

- Birth Control Options
- STI Screening
- Emergency Contraception
- Pregnancy Counselling
- Referral to other services

Registered Nurse (AP) Monique Klenke

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



**SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$120,000 (100 AWARDS)

**APPLICANTS MUST BE SCHOOL-NOMINATED**

To qualify for a nomination students need to see Mr. Tsuchi (Guidance) to walk through the nomination process.



## APPLYING TO WESTERN?

Talk to Guidance about a Nomination to the Western National Scholarships!

They are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic performance to candidates who demonstrate ability for creative and innovative thought and a passion for the pursuit of learning. National Scholarships also recognize exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities such as the arts and athletics. A special emphasis is placed on a candidate's commitment to community service through ongoing contributions to school and community life.

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Early Bird sale of your 2025 Yearbook \$40 available until Dec. 31st, 2024.  
Regular sale \$45 per book available until April 1, 2025.

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