

December

2024

École Vickers Public School



WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER

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EVENTS IN DECEMBER

December 4th (Wednesday) - K-4 Christmas Concert & Choir @
Carlton School

1:00-2:30 – Dress Rehearsal

6:00-7:30 – Evening concert

December 5th (Thursday) - Grade 5-8 Band Christmas Concert @
Carlton School (same times as the day before)

December 5th -20th - SLC 12 days of Christmas (*Details in the newsletter*)

December 17th (Tuesday) - SLC Blizzard sale K-4, 4/5 & EAL (*Details in the newsletter*)

December 18th (Wednesday)- Blizzard Sale K, 5-8 & Dev Ed (*Details in the newsletter*)

2024

December						
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12	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



EVENTS IN JANUARY

January 6th- Back to School

January 31st - (No Classes) PLC



Principal's Corner



Hello Vickers Families,

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students on our reading goal over the past few months. The support from you, the parents and caregivers, was evident at our Early Progress Conferences last week when we saw so many of you in the school! If you didn't get a chance to see one of your child's teachers that evening, please reach out on EDSBY to schedule a meeting by phone or in person.

I am also incredibly proud of how our students have embraced the responsibility of leading our weekly land acknowledgment. Their thoughtful delivery reflects a deep respect for our shared history and a growing understanding of the importance of reconciliation.

Another way we are engaged in reconciliation is by outdoor learning and making connections to the land. We have a weekly outdoor fire where Morning Meetings take place - we could always use any donations of firewood, please let me know if you can help!

Tis the season to be busy practicing for the K-4 & Choir Christmas Concert (Dec 4th @ 6:00 p.m.) and the Grade 5-8 Band Concert (Dec 5th @ 6:00 p.m.) Both will be at the Carlton Cafetorium with doors opening 30 minutes prior to shows. We will have a Silver Collection which will be donated for Christmas hampers at Victor Thunderchild Public High School.

As we prepare for the holiday season, I wish all our families a joyful and restful holiday. May the new year bring health, happiness, and continued success.

Mrs. Jennie Green
Principal





We are delighted to invite you to a

ÉCOLE VICKERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The students have started practicing and preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert. This year we will be holding it for two evenings @ Carlton Cafetorium. Silver collection at the door and the money will be donated to the Victor Thunderchild Public High School Christmas Hampers.

Wednesday, December 4th

K-4 Christmas Concert & Choir

1:00-2:30 – Dress Rehearsal

6:00-7:30 – Evening concert



Thursday, December 5th

Grade 5-8 Band Concert

(same times as the day before)





BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 10-11, 2024

12:00 NOON

Grade 4 Campbell &
Grade 4 J. Hudon Room



Students will not be able to borrow books from the library from Monday December 16th to Friday December 20th.



***STUDENTS MUST HAVE ALL
LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED
BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH***



12 DAYS of HOLIDAY CHEER

Warmest Wishes for the 2024 Holiday Season!
The theme this year is **Deck the Halls with Books**
We have planned a fun series of themed days to celebrate the Holidays!

Vickers be will having a loonie and toonie drive -
all proceeds will be donated to Victor
Thunderchild Public High School to support their
pantry program

5 Jingle Bell Day

Wear your jolliest jingle bells!

5-8 Band Concert

6 Reindeer Day

Celebrate our Holiday Challenge by wearing your best Reindeer attire

9 Do You Wanna Build a Snowman

Wear your winter clothes to participate in our annual Snowman Building Contest

10 Holiday Story Day

Wear your flannels to sit around the 'fire' for a treat and story time

11 Candy Cane Day

Wear your favourite striped outfit Candy Canes will be delivered

12 Rep Your Team Day

Wear a team you play for, you used to play for, or a team you love!

13 Red vs Green Day

Choose a side and see if you chose right Red or Green

16 Door Book Cover Day

Go around and look at all the classroom door decor

17 Blizzard Day

Blizzard Day for K-4, 4/5T & EAL

18 Blizzard Day

Blizzard Day for K, 5-8, and Dev Ed

19 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Wear your ugly Christmas Sweater Day & Door Decor Results

20 Cozy Day

Wear your coziest pyjamas for our movie afternoon in the gyms

The SLC will be selling Reindeer decorated candy canes and having a Blizzard Sale. Students will preorder. The candy canes will be delivered to their classrooms on Wednesday, December 11th. The cost of the candy canes is \$1 each.

Blizzards will be delivered on Tuesday, December 17th for the K-4's, 4/5 T and EAL. The K's, 5-8, and Dev Ed will get theirs delivered on Wednesday, December 18th. The cost of the Blizzard is \$6.00 for a small, we are offering Cookie Dough and Oreo this year.

Please have your money turned in by Wednesday, December 4th. We will not be accepting late orders this year as we need to get the final numbers into Dairy Queen.

School Cash is the preferred method of payment for Blizzards and Candy Canes but you can pay by cash or cheque.

Thank you so much for your support in our fundraiser!

The SLC Team

PLEASE ONLY RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE FORM IF YOU ARE
PAYING WITH CASH OR CHEQUE

Name	Homeroom

Number of Candy Canes (\$1.00/each)		Total Cost
Blizzard Flavor	Number of Blizzards (\$6.00/each)	Total Cost
Oreo		
Cookie Dough		
Total Cost for Candy Cane and Blizzards		

*Blizzard flavours are nut-free; however, Dairy Queen is not a nut-free facility. *

Total Amount Paid in Cash or Cheque	
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Christmas Carol Service

Presents

Grade 2- BELLEHUMEUR CLASS



Wednesday
December 18TH
After Lunch



School Big Gym
All Classes are
welcome to attend!



Athletics Update!

I'm thrilled to share the latest from our busy gym!



Our volleyball season wrapped up with some thrilling playoff finishes, including several medal-winning performances. Congratulations to all teams for their hard work and growth this season—we can't wait to build on these skills next year! A huge thank-you to all of the coaches who gave their time to provide these students with an opportunity to play.

Now, basketball season is in full swing. All our grade 6-8 teams are practicing hard and competing in games. Each team has three games scheduled before the holiday break, with the rest of the season continuing in January and February. Playoffs will take place before the February break. We're also planning to host a basketball clinic or two—stay tuned for posters or social media posts with more details!

In addition, we're excited to host our annual Grade 7/8 basketball tournament, the "Winter Classic," in mid-January. Stay tuned for updates!

Looking ahead, grade 5 basketball sign-ups will take place soon, with the season kicking off in January after the break.

Thank you for your continued support of our athletes. Go Vikings!

Reed Whitrow
Physical Education

BAND & CHOIR

'Tis the season for lots of music!



We have two concerts coming up in the first week of December at Carlton: **Choir & K-4: Wed. Dec. 4th, and Gr. 5-8 Band: Thurs. Dec.**

5th. There will be dress rehearsals on both days from 1:00-2:30pm and the concerts will be in the cafetorium in the evening from 6:00-7:30pm (though neither concert is anticipated to be the full length).

The dress code for the bands will be all black on the bottom and the Vickers Music uniform on top (the uniforms are stored in bins in students' homerooms). The choir can dress nice but will likely not wear uniforms for this performance as we are waiting for a new shipment of smaller sizes to arrive, and they will not be here in time for the concert.

Please let Ms. Lohneis know ASAP if your child is not able to attend the band concert as we are planning a big finale number that includes multiple grades and a lot of equipment transportation, so we need to have an accurate estimation of how many students will be there in the evening.

The choir will be singing **Christmas carols and O Canada at a Raider game on December 14th.** They will sing carols in the Ches Leach lounge before the game, and they will sing O Canada on the ice surface before the game. The students will not pay for a ticket for the game but are invited to stay afterwards to watch. Please mark your calendars! Stay tuned to the Vickers Choir 2024-2025 group on Edsby for further details. We are also planning some out-of-school experiences during the day to sing Christmas carols for residents at care homes (date TBA).

Due to snowfall and poor road conditions, the choir trip **to Saskatoon on Nov. 24th had to be cancelled. The next trip to watch the Greystone Singers Spring concert is on March 23rd, and money from Nov. 24th can carry over to the spring or be refunded.**

Registration for the PA Music Festival opens on December 1st and closes on January 18th. If your child is interested in playing a solo or small ensemble piece on their band instrument, please let me know. I can prepare them for the festival (**which takes place March 6th-7th**) and their entry fees will be covered by the Vickers Band Parents Association to encourage them to participate without financial barriers.

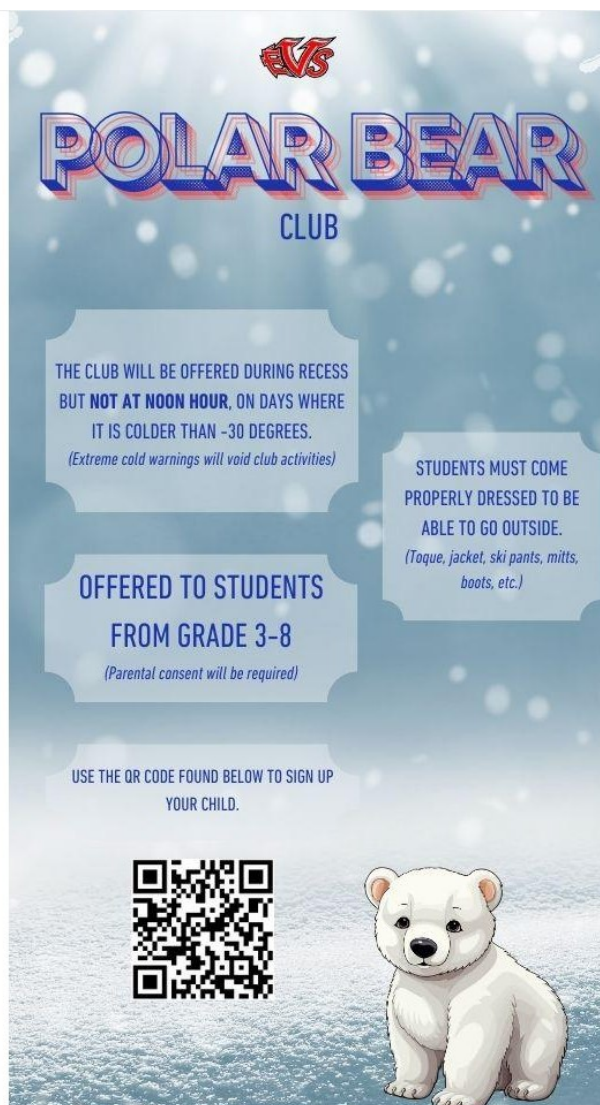
Thank you for your continued support of your child's music education!

Ms. Lohneis

POLAR BEAR CLUB

We are excited for another “**Polar Bear Club**” for **2024-2025** at École Vickers School! School policy states that when the weather dips below -30 degrees Celsius, students are kept indoors for recess. This year, we are offering the opportunity for students in grades 3 to 8 the option to go outside for recess during these cold days given a parental consent and must come properly dressed for the weather.

Please scan the QR code below to sign up.



The poster features a blue and white icy background with snowflakes. At the top center is a red logo with the letters 'EVS' in a stylized font. Below it, the words 'POLAR BEAR' are written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline and a slight 3D effect, and 'CLUB' is written in smaller blue letters below. The poster contains three text boxes with white backgrounds and blue borders. The first box on the left states: 'THE CLUB WILL BE OFFERED DURING RECESS BUT **NOT AT NOON HOUR**, ON DAYS WHERE IT IS COLDER THAN -30 DEGREES. (Extreme cold warnings will void club activities)'. The second box on the right states: 'STUDENTS MUST COME PROPERLY DRESSED TO BE ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE. (Toque, jacket, ski pants, mitts, boots, etc.)'. The third box in the center states: 'OFFERED TO STUDENTS FROM GRADE 3-8 (Parental consent will be required)'. At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right is a cartoon illustration of a white polar bear sitting on the ice.

EVS

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CLUB

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USE THE QR CODE FOUND BELOW TO SIGN UP
YOUR CHILD.



JUNIOR SPIELS

December 7 & 8, 2024



Optimist Club
Prince Albert

TRIPLES

An exciting, fun, developmental event for young curlers where teams of three (of any gender) play 6 ends, and rotate positions every 2 ends!

Age Eligibility - All participants must be born 2009 or after



ROTATING 4'S

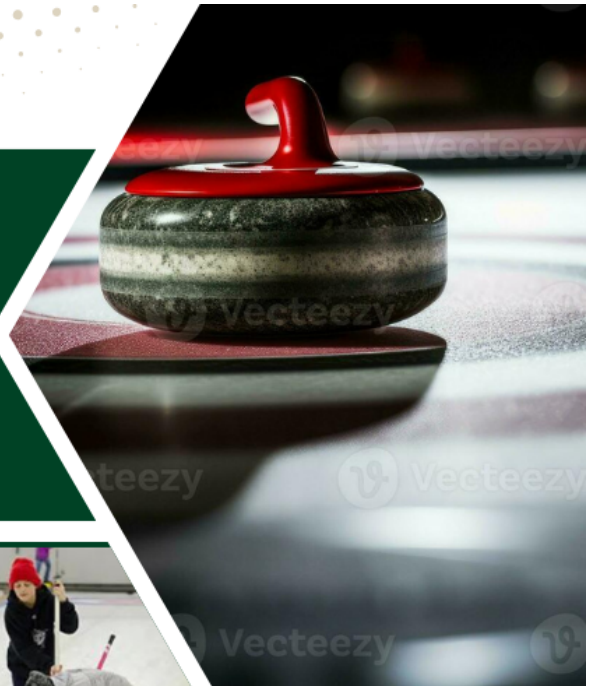
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ENTRY FEE: TRIPLES - \$90 4'S - \$120

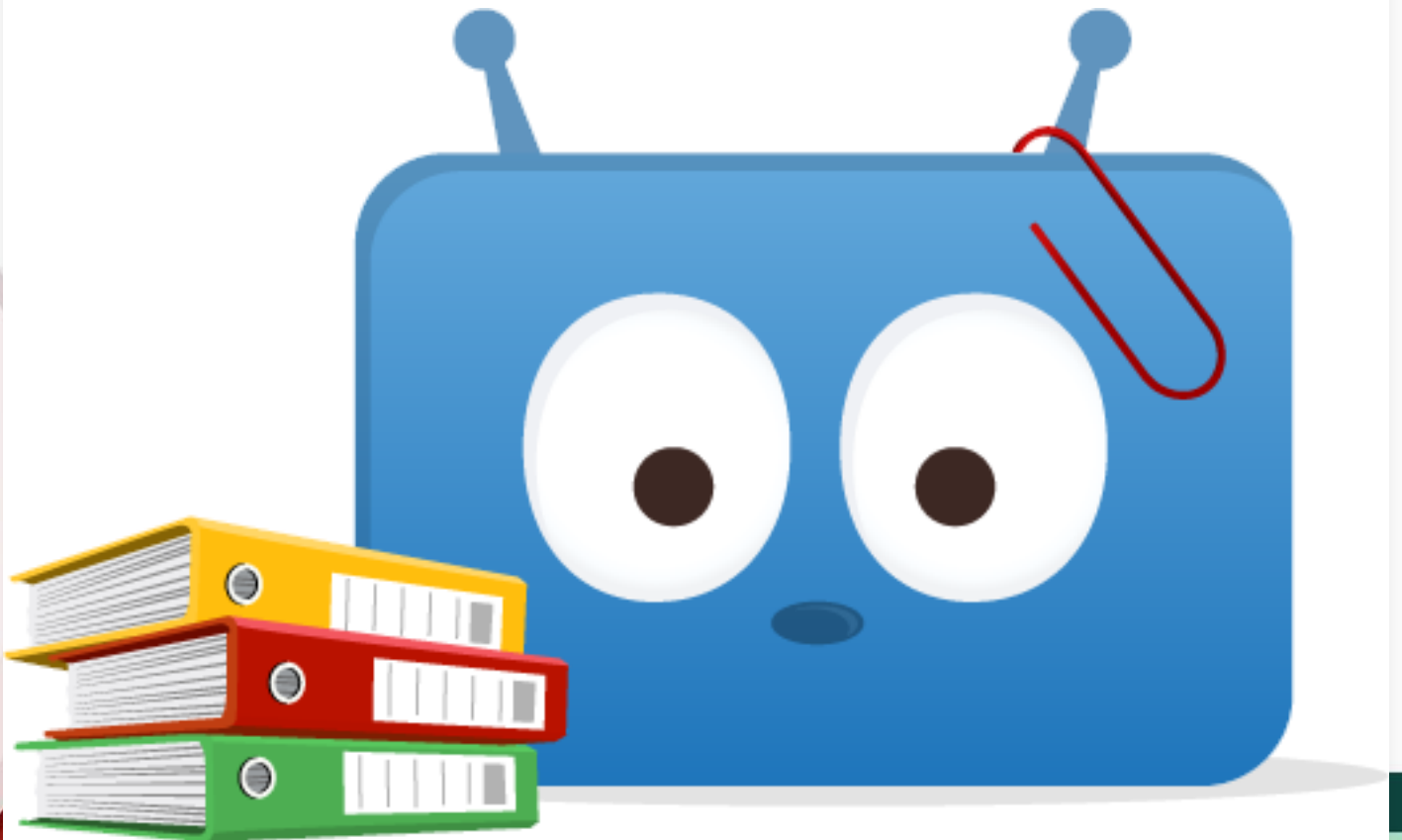
**ENTRIES TO PAT BIBBY: 306-961-5353 OR
BIBBY@SASKTEL.NET BY DECEMBER 1**







Just a few more sleeps
until Christmas





Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees, please sign up using the link below for School Cash Online.

This fee is collected to assist in covering the costs of optional activities or events that would enhance the regular school programming and would enrich the education of participating students. Some examples of these are out of school educational experiences, activities, presentations and/or speakers.

The fee is \$10.75 for kindergarten and \$21.00 for Gr 1-8 & Dev Ed.

Registration for School Cash Online is now Available!! Please Visit www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions.

LUNCHBOX

Our Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online ordering calendar is open. Log in with your SchoolCash Online account to place your order. Ordering closes the Sunday before the following week. If you have any questions, please contact the team at info@lunchboxorders.com.



These are your available choices on the designated days;





PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Our staff parking lots are a **"no drop off zone"** as they are out of bounds for students.

We urge parents to support us in this safety endeavor by dropping off your children on the west side of the school on Olive Diefenbaker Drive; on Bradbury Drive, east of the Special Needs bus zone and between Gisi Road and Olive Diefenbaker Drive.



We encourage the children to cross all streets in a safe manner by crossing at the corner or at cross walks. Teacher supervision is also provided at our major crosswalks.

The Community Club rink parking lot is the bus pick up zone after school for our parents to meet their children for pick up. Please refrain from turning around in the driveways, as this is disruptive to the homeowners.



Absences

Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

Missing just 2 days a month
means a child misses 10% of the
school year.

RUPERT GANZER

Stay Connected!

**You can now follow all the events
and happenings at our great school
on:**



Facebook - École Vickers Public School



Instagram – vickersschool



ÉCOLE VICKERS CANTEEN

DRINKS:

- Flavored water.....\$1.50
- Chocolate milk.....\$1.50
- Large apple/orange/fruit juice.....\$1.50
- Juice box.....\$1.50



SMALL SNACKS: (all pre-packaged).....\$1.00

- variety of small items such as Rice Krispie squares, goldfish crackers, cookies, baked chips,
- hot rods, fruit snacks, wagon wheels, and/or seasonal snacks.

LARGE SNACKS: (all pre-packaged).....\$1.50

- Sun chips, crispers, cookies

Pizza\$3.00



INCLEMENT WEATHER

For the most part, we want our students to enjoy playing outdoors before school, during both recesses, and the noon hour. On rainy days, we allow students to come into the school upon their arrival and remain indoors during all breaks. In the winter, we use -30 degrees Celsius as our cut off to remain indoors. If the temperature and/or wind-chill in combination with the temperature exceed -30, then all students are permitted in the school in the morning and during break times. **We do expect that all students be dressed appropriately for the weather, as there are many cold days that students are expected to be outdoors.**



AMDS

Andrea is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters