

Victor Lauriston PS

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Home/School Communication

We appreciate everyone who took the time to participate in the parent/teacher interviews held in the month of November. These types of interactions are incredibly important in ensuring student success. We encourage parents to reach out to teachers at any stage in the year. The more communication that takes place between home and school the greater likelihood that students are receiving what they need.

Primary Festive Extravaganza

The Primary Festive Extravaganza will be on Tuesday, December 19th at 12:15 pm. Families of students in grades K to 3/4 are invited to watch our youngest students put on a great show!



School Wide Field Trip to Sloan's Christmas Village (December 15th)

Reminder that permission forms and money for the school-wide field trip to Sloan's Christmas Village are due on

December 8th. The field trip is December 15th for all students.



Upcoming Events

December 7 to 12 –

Holiday Craft Fair

December 15 –

School Wide Field Trip to Sloan's Christmas Village!

December 19 –

Primary Festive Extravaganza

Holiday Theme Days:

Monday 18th - Festive Colour Day

Tuesday 19th - Festive Sock Day

Wednesday 20th - Holiday Movie Character Day

Thursday 21st - Ugly Festive Sweater Day

Friday 22nd - PJ Day

December 22

Last Day of Classes for 2023

January 8

Classes Resume

Holiday Craft Fair

Victor Lauriston's Holiday Craft Fair will be from December 7th to the 12th. All students are invited to attend the craft fair during the second break during those dates. Ornaments, craft, and treats will be on sale from \$0.50 - \$4.00. Be sure to bring some change!

Winter Dress

With the ever-changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, waterproof mittens/gloves (waterproof are best) and warm coats. This is also a great time of year to wear layers so that children can adjust their clothing as the temperature warms throughout the day.

Our students enjoy playing outside twice a day for twenty minutes each break and we want all of them to feel comfortable. There may also be times when a teacher wants to have the students do some outdoor learning and students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather.



Head Lice

As we get into the colder months of the year, and there is the possibility of students sharing toques, etc., all students should be reminded of steps they can take to reduce the likelihood of getting head lice. Even though lice do not jump or fly, they can spread from one student to another by sharing combs, brushes, clothing and hats (things that should be avoided anyway with current limitations in place). Anyone can get head lice; all members of the household need to be checked when there is one case of head lice in your immediate family, or the cycle of treatment and infestation can be continuous.



Pick Up After School

We would like to show our appreciation to all parents who arrive at the school before students are released at the end of the day. Your efforts at dismissal are essential towards ensuring that the building is cleared at the end of the day so staff can go home to their families as well. Thank you so much and keep up the good work!

Safe Commuting

Please remind your children that as the weather conditions change, snow and ice make for slippery sidewalk and road conditions. Vehicles have less traction, so students need to be very aware of traffic, as they walk to and from school. As well, there are no student Safety Patrollers at Victor Lauriston School, so parents/guardians and students are responsible for commuting safely every day.

Volleyball Teams

Our Junior and Senior Boys and Girls volleyball teams had a tremendous season, improving every practice and showing lots of grit and determination during each game. A huge thank you goes out to all the coaches who took the time to help the season run. An additional thank you goes out to all the parents who came out to support the students as they competed in each game. Finally, we are so proud of the students who participated and competed by dedicating their time and efforts into improving every time they stepped on the court. With the other sports seasons fast approaching, there are plenty of opportunities for students to be a part of many other events going on at the school in the upcoming months.

E-Sports Team / Club

Our inaugural E-Sports Team has begun and there has been lots of excitement surrounding it. Students who have signed up are able to develop their teamwork and problem-solving skills during practice and will have the opportunity to compete against other schools in the coming months.



School Cash Online

To minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use [School Cash Online](#) when submitting money to the school (for example, class trips). School Cash Online provides multiple payment options and allows you to view and print payment receipts.

Community Assistance During the Holidays

The holiday season can be a challenging time for some. It is important to know that there is community support to assist families who are feeling the strain. Below are some helpful links for anyone experiencing financial difficulties during this time of year.

<https://www.cksalvationarmy.org/community-family-services/>

<https://letstalkfood-ck.com/emergency-food-supports/>

Technology (School Devices and Personal Phones)

Students and parents should review the [Responsible Use of Technology](#) guidelines to ensure that students are aware of their responsibilities when using the school internet and devices at Victor Lauriston.

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital games devices, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school staff and is only to be used for educational purposes. Personal electronic devices are to be kept in backpacks while at school unless the student has permission from the teacher of educational use. When carrying a personal electronic device, it is the student's responsibility if lost, stolen or damaged. **At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher.** When students need to contact home/parent, it is important that they notify the school staff rather than use an electronic option to ensure staff are aware. During nutrition breaks students are not to be using electronic devices; they are to be stored in backpacks. The focus is always surrounded around responsible use of technology, and to encourage student physical activity and socialization opportunities during nutrition breaks.

Inclement Weather

In cases of severe weather, listen to CFCO (AM 630 and FM 92.9), CKSY (FM 94.3) and Cool FM (FM 95.1) beginning at 6:30 a.m. Information is also posted at School Bus Info. Follow the School Bus and Weather Info link on the LKDSB website. Our School is located in ZONE 8.

Student Transportation Services also offers the **MySBI** mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit [this link](#) for additional details.

**HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL THE STAFF HERE AT VICTOR LAURISTON!**