



# Victor Lauriston PS

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## Happy New Year

As 2023 has come to a close, we reflect on a year of learning that was full of challenges and growth. We hope that 2024 brings on more reason for joy and celebration. We wish to thank everyone for their efforts in keeping everyone safe and healthy. We have many reasons to be thankful here at Victor Lauriston and in our community at large. Teachers are excited to begin reconnecting with their students back in the classroom after a well-deserved 2-week break.

## KinderSTART

KinderSTART is a special event for parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten or students who are new to Senior Kindergarten. It is an opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school. Through KinderSTART, children and parents have an early opportunity to visit the school and register in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Thursday, February 1 from 4-7pm and Friday, February 2 from 9-3pm

Online registration form link: <http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten>

## Upcoming Events

### January 11

Grade 8 Grad Photos

### January 12

Saidat School Wide Presentation

### January 27

Family Literacy Day

### February 1

KinderSTART – Kindergarten Registration

### February 2

P.A. Day

## School Council

Our next school council meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM



## **E-Sports Update**

Our Competitive E-Sports team participated in their first tournament in December. They competed in Rocket League beating 3 other schools before advancing to the finals. They played a hard-fought battle against Sir John Moore, losing in overtime by one goal to finish second. Students in grades 6-8 will continue to have more opportunities to become involved in E-Sports throughout the winter as we prepare for the Spring league season.

## **Boler Mountain Ski Trip**

Our Intermediate Ski Trip to Boler Mountain is fast approaching and the staff and students involved are incredibly excited about this unique adventure. The date for the trip will be Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> (weather and ski condition dependent). Students will need to be at the school by 7:50am and they will return at approximately 3:15pm. Students are reminded to bring appropriate clothing (waterproof ski pants and gloves are highly recommended as well as a bagged lunch or cash to purchase a lunch).

## **Acts of Kindness Campaign**

In order to promote positivity at Victor Lauriston, the Acts of Kindness Campaign is looking for students who show acts of kindness towards other students and highlight them when they occur. Staff will be on the lookout for these acts of kindness and will post the name of the student and their act of kindness on the morning announcements throughout each week. Each Monday the names chosen from the previous week will be placed in a draw where one lucky student will win a prize. Let's start off 2024 with kindness!

## **Inclement Weather**

As we experience winter weather conditions, it is important to understand the school board's policies regarding inclement weather.

Our school is in Zone 8. If buses are cancelled in Zone 8 due to road conditions, they will not pick up or drop off children. The school is open even when buses are cancelled, unless otherwise stated. On days when buses are cancelled, academic programming will continue as normal. If your child is not a bus student, they are expected to be at school. If they are not able to attend, please contact the office at 519-352-4530, so that we know they are safe.

To get school bus information, please visit the following website: <https://cklass.ca/> or download the SBI app to receive notification right to your mobile device.

Or listen to CKSY (94.3 FM) CFCO (92.9 FM) or Cool FM (95.1 FM) for any announcements regarding bus cancellations or school closures.

## Winter Protocol

Students need to be dressed for the weather. Winter coats, hats, and gloves/mittens are safety needs for all students. With two twenty-minute blocks outside, hats and mittens help to prevent frost bite and mild hypothermia.

For safety reasons, scarves are discouraged as they present a choking/strangulation hazard. Bulky winter clothing and accessories, like scarves, can get caught in equipment.

It is important that snow stays on the ground. Throwing snowballs at school or at the bus stop is unacceptable. Reminding children of this will help keep the school day safe for everyone.

With the colder temperatures, it is also important for students to have indoor shoes at school. The floors are too cold and wet for sock feet and in the case of a fire alarm; children's feet need to be protected from the elements.

We also ask that students go home at the end of day dismissal bell and do not hang around the snow piles at school. Students should go home first and check in with an adult at home.

## Facebook

Don't forget to follow our school's Facebook account. We periodically post items demonstrating student learning, special events, fun facts about our school, and timely announcements. You can follow us by visiting this link: <https://www.facebook.com/VLPSLions>