

Sports and Activity information – November Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Boys Volleyball Game @ General Vanier 4:15 Girls Volleyball Game @ General Vanier 5:15	2 7/8 EMG @ 8:00 Girls Volleyball Practice @1130 Boys Volleyball Practice @1130	3 No School
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20 Boys and Girls Volleyball Playoffs. Location& Time TBD	21 5/6 EMG @ 8:00 Girls Volleyball Practice @1130 Boys Volleyball Practice @1130	22 5/6 Intramural @ Lunch	23 7/8 EMG @ 8:00 Girls Volleyball Practice @1130 Boys Volleyball Practice @1130	24 No School
27 Boys and Girls Volleyball Playoffs. Location& Time TBD	28 Early Dismissal	29 5/6 Intramural @ Lunch	30 7/8 EMG @ 8:00	

Progress Reports and Conferences and conference manager

Progress reports will be sent home on **Friday November 17th**. Conference Manager, the online booking system we use to schedule conferences will be opened on **Monday November 6th**. Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday November 23rd from 3:30 to 8:30 PM.**

Link to conference manager

<https://lrsd-vanier.schoolsoft.com>

A busy first few months for grade 7/8

Wow!

What a jam packed exciting first few months of activity for the Grade 7/8s at General Vanier School. Our first field trip of the year, scheduled and organized by Mr. Colpitts, encompassed a trip to the University of Manitoba where students took in a close basketball game between the U of M men's Bison team and their rivals from Ontario. The students sat court side and had the freedom to sit with students from other schools and enjoy a treat from the canteen. In other words, as one student put it, "It was a blast." But wait that's not all we've been up to as a Middle Years Team. The students and teachers have been walking over twice a cycle to WPC taking in Middle Years Exploration Art and Drama with Ms. McCorrister and Mr. Hrabluk respectively. In art class it provided students the opportunity to foster a sense of "belonging" through a collaborative art piece. Students deepened their understanding of habitats by using watercolour paint to express a habitat within the silhouette of a living creature. Students communicated their personal timelines through art cards, where they had choice materials to compose important events in their lives. The art cards were organized into a constructed accordion book. Each project aimed to provide exposure to materials and an opportunity to build skills while giving students a chance for self-expression. Our activity filled month didn't stop there! The engaging hands on learning continued towards the end of October as students had their second field trip visit to Louis Riles School Division's Arts and Technology Centre (ATC) where students were broken into 4 groups: Culinary Arts, Esthetics, Hair Styling and Baking. Each group spent an hour learning and then showing what they were taught. Bring on November as our MY students and teachers are eager for more highlights!

Yours truly, Mr. Tait & Ms. Di Curzio

October 31st - Halloween

As mentioned in an email earlier this month all students are allowed to wear costumes on Halloween, if it is a tradition that is observed by their family, or if it is the wish of the family that their children partake in this tradition. However the school asks that students are respectful of the school day and only wear costumes in the afternoon (Kindergarten students may dress in the morning). It is the responsibility of our school community to see that any of our students who may wish to participate but do not have the means, be allowed. If you have any gently used costumes that could be passed along to those who may have none, please contact the office.

If families wish to send children in costumes a distinction must be made between what may be appropriate for home and Halloween trick or treating, and what is appropriate during the school day for an inclusive school based on respect for the various needs and ages of the school population.

When considering costumes that will be worn at school, please think of this:

- All schools should be free from violence and/or the depiction of violence (Costumes that are gory, bloody, or exceptionally scary are not appropriate for school. Students cannot bring even toy weapons.)
- All schools should be free from ridicule, racism, and intolerance and individuals or groups of people should not be targeted. (Costumes that are culturally, ethnically, or gender insensitive are not appropriate for school.)

Please contact the school if you have any questions pertaining to October 31st.

Remembrance Day ceremony at GV

GV will be hosting a Remembrance Day service on Friday November 10th at 9:15 AM. Community members are invited

Upcoming professional learning days in November

General Vanier School teachers and EA's will be participating in Professional Learning Days on Friday November 3rd and Friday November 24th. On November 3rd GV staff will be learning more about mental health and mental well-being. Additionally teachers will be working on assessment, evaluations and reporting tasks. On November 24th GV staff will be participating in professional learning with our family of schools consisting of Windsor Park Collegiate, General Vanier School, Frontenac School, École Sage Creek School and Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre.

New GV Staff updates

We would like to introduce a new staff member. Mrs. Nataalka Kerr has joined the Early Years Skills for Living Program for the school year.

Indigenous Enrichment Program for Grade 4 & 6 Elementary Classes

Mrs. Burke, Ms. Wakeman, Mrs. Sundell and Mr. Bourassa are scheduled to work with divisional Indigenous support personnel in the coming months on Indigenous perspectives and knowledge systems in the subject area of Science in the grade 4 & 6 programs. Additionally, grade 4 and 6 students will visit the our divisional Indigenous Education Centre which is now operating out of Marion School later in the school year.

Student's arrival at school in the morning

We would like your assistance in ensuring that your child does not arrive to school too early in the morning. We are noticing that some students are arriving to school unsupervised as early as early as 7:50 AM in the morning. This is a long time for a child to be waiting outdoors unsupervised until the school opening at 8:33 AM. Students should not be entering the school until the morning bell sounds at 8:33 AM unless they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or have plans to meet with a teacher. During the colder months (November to March) students should not arrive at school more than 5 minutes prior to the morning bell as they will need to wait until the doors open at 8:33 AM. If it is raining or if the wind-chill temperature reaches -27°C we allow students to wait indoors until the morning bell sounds.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Dressing and preparing for the inclement weather

As true Manitobans we know the warmer weather is going to end sooner rather than later! It is inevitable that the weather will become harsher by the week. During this time of weather fluctuations we ask that you send your children to school with the proper attire prepared for the seasonal changes that may occur during the day. Additionally all children in Grades 1 to 6 are provided with a fifteen minute recess in both the morning and the afternoon and we expect all children to go outside for these recess periods. Recess is indoors if it is raining or if the wind-chill temperature reaches -27°C. It is also recommended that your child does not arrive at the school before 8:30 a.m. as there is no outside supervision prior to this time. Our school entrance bell rings at 8:33 and students are to remain outside unless there is inclement weather (-27°C with the wind-chill or raining)

As a side note, it is a great idea to label their outdoor clothing so items can be returned when found throughout the building.

Upcoming dates and "save the date" information

Monday, October 30	School Photo - Retakes
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Tuesday, October 31	Classroom Halloween activities
Friday, November 3	School Based Professional Learning – no classes
Monday, November 6	Conference Manager opens
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Service
Friday, November 10	PAC Movie Night 7:00 PM
Friday, November 17	Report Cards sent home
Thursday, November 23	Student-Led Conferences (3:30 - 8:30)
Friday, November 24	Divisional Professional Learning – no classes
Tuesday, November 28	Staff Meeting Early Dismissal at 2:15 PM
Thursday, December 7	Grades K – 4 Winter Concert – at ATC 7:00 pm
Friday, December 8	Skills for Living Snow Man Jam
Friday, December 22	Last day of classes before Winter Break – 2:15 PM dismissal

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC website <http://www.lrsd.net/schools/Vanier/ProgramsAndServices/Pages/PAC.aspx>
<http://generalvanier.com/>

Date	Event
Friday, November 10th	Movie Night 7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 21st	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
Tuesday, January 16th	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
Friday, January 26th	PAC Movie Night
Tuesday, February 20th	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
Friday, March 9th	PAC Movie Night
Tuesday, March 20th	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
Tuesday, April 17th	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
Tuesday, May 15th	PAC AGM Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
Thursday May 24th	PAC Plant Fundraiser Pick Up Date

Community notices attachments

Metro Winnipeg School Divisions Transition Forum for students with special (see attachment)

In conjunction with The Metro Winnipeg School Divisions and the Metro Winnipeg Council for Exceptional Children (MWCEC), Maples Collegiate in the Seven Oaks School Division will be hosting the 2nd Annual Metro Winnipeg School Divisions Transition Forum: Information and Choices for Teens with Special Needs and their Families (Ages 11 - 21/Grades 5 - 12+) on Tuesday November 7th, 2017.

Come explore opportunities that can enrich the lives of young adults in the community.

Winnipeg service providers including Supported Employment and Day Programs, recreation opportunities, and Government and Provincial Services will be on hand to provide information on what they offer and how to access their services

Please plan to attend this information session on:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 - 1 - 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 8 p.m. Maples Collegiate
(1330 Jefferson Avenue)

No RSVP required

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