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Victory School Handbook

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Welcome to Victory School! It is a pleasure to have your family as part of our school community. This booklet contains important information about our staffing, programs and guidelines for the school year. Please take some time to review this information, and do not hesitate to call us at 204-586-9716 with any questions you may have.



Our school follows a **Balanced School Day** timetable, except for our Kindergarten classes which are half- day programs. Here is our **daily schedule**:

8:30am	Patrols go on duty
8:55am	Students enter the school
9:00am	Announcements
10:35-11:20am	Movement and nutrition break
11:30am	Morning Kindergarten classes are dismissed
1:00pm	Afternoon Kindergarten classes begin
12:55-1:50pm	Lunch and movement break
3:25pm	Patrols go on duty
3:30pm	Dismissal for afternoon Kindergarten and Grades 1-5

Coming to School: Please arrange to pick up and drop off your child at our Stop, Drop and Go location on Jefferson, or park on a side street and walk your child to school. PLEASE do not drop off or pick up your child in the parking lot as this is not safe. Unfortunately, no other visitor parking is available.

Please!

Keep our school updated on any changes in address, contact phone numbers and email addresses. This is very important in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for any other reason. Log on to Parent Connect to view your current information at any time.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT COMING TO SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON...



please phone the school at **204-586-9716** and leave a message. If a child is absent and we have not been informed, parents or guardians (or emergency contacts) will be phoned to ensure the child is safe. Please call the office if you need to pick up your child early and the office staff will let your child's teacher know.

END-OF-DAY PICK UP

Our school day ends at 3:30 pm. Please let your child's teacher know who is authorized to pick up your child. We need parent/guardian permission to change an end-of-day routine. If this routine changes for any reason, please let us know immediately.

Thanks!

2024-25 Staff

Principal	Andrew Volk
Admin Assistant	L. Pascual
Kindergarten AM	K. Van de Laar (Rm 14)
Kindergarten PM	K. Van de Laar (Rm 14)
Grade 1/2	N. Simard (Rm 7), A. Olave (Rm 8), O. Gutierrez (Rm 19)
Grade 2/3	K. Campbell (Rm 12)
Grade 3	A. Doole (Rm 17)
Grade 3/4	R. Korade (Rm 5)
Grade 4	C. McQueen (Rm 1)
Grade 4/5	C. Magus (Rm 9)
Grade 5	M. Evans/L. Toppazzini (Rm 6), C. Mar (Rm 18)
Learning Support	T. Tesluck, J. Grant, A. Pacag/B. Miller
Physical Education	A. Basi/A. Pacag
Music	L. Rumak
Library Technician	J. Malloy
Comm. Coordinator	V. Thiffeault
Custodians	P. Jeromin, R. Jackson, J. Sousa
Educational Assistants	B. Poworoznyk, B. Marchenski, C. Polson, G. Schultz, L. Hladkyj, R. Gagnon, S. Warha, S. Bhamra, R. Correia, A. Grace, S. Bhamra
Divisional Supports	F. Silla (School Psychologist), K. German (Speech and Language Pathologist)

IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES MEDICATION AT SCHOOL...

1. The medication must be delivered to the school by a parent or responsible adult.
2. The medication must have an official label from a pharmacy (no over-the-counter medicines can be given as per school division policy).
3. An authorization form must be completed. Forms are available in the office or on our school web site.

Please keep the school informed of any changes in your child's health which may affect him or her at school.



EMERGENCIES AT SCHOOL

In order to prepare for emergencies at school, we hold 10 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills per year. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor shoes at school at all times so they are prepared for a drill. A letter to parents and guardians is sent home prior to lockdown drills to inform families of the procedure.

In the event that we need to evacuate students and staff, we would go to the Ben Zaidman Educational Resource Centre or École Seven Oaks Middle School. Once there, we would contact parents/guardians at home or at work to pick up their children.



Guidelines and Procedures

LUNCH AND SNACKS AT SCHOOL

Many students bring food to school and eat in their classrooms during our two nutrition breaks. Encouraging healthy eating and teaching children about nutritious foods and treats (or “sometimes” foods) is a component of our Health curriculum. We ask parents not to send pop and sugary snacks to school with their children. We are not offering milk for purchase at this time. If you wish to send warm food, please use a thermos container, as microwaves are not available for reheating food. Please send utensils with your child as well. There is **no cost** to parents to have their children eat lunch at school.



Please review the following expected behaviours with your child:

1. Children must be seated at a desk or table while they eat lunch.
2. Appropriate table manners and speaking voices are taught.
3. When the break is over, children are asked to clean up after themselves and get ready for the activity break.



BUSSING

Applications are required for bussing, and certain restrictions apply. Students who ride the bus are expected to behave in a safe and appropriate manner at all times.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT TAKING THE BUS BUT USUALLY DOES...

call transportation (204) 338-7051 and the school (204) 586-9716 to let the teacher and staff know. We require this information as early as possible in the day.

WE ARE A PEANUT-CONSCIOUS SCHOOL

Given the number of students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts, we are a PEANUT-CONSCIOUS school. We ask that you look for the peanut-free label when buying snack and lunch items, and not to send foods containing peanuts to school.



SEVERE WEATHER

If you are unsure whether or not there is school on a stormy day, please listen to CBC Radio 1 (89.3) or check the Seven Oaks web site at www.7oaks.org.



Please note that if school buses are not running in the morning, they do not run at the end of the school day either.

REMAINING INDOORS FOR RECESSES

When the wind chill reaches -27°C , or if it is raining hard, we keep the children indoors during recess breaks. Otherwise, children are expected to play outside and are asked to dress appropriately for the weather conditions (i.e. hats, mittens, warm footwear, etc.) Even when children have minor illnesses such as colds, they benefit from fresh air.

A good rule of thumb is that “if a child is well enough to attend school, they are well enough to go outside for recess.”



IMPORTANT DATES:

September 3 & 4	Orientation Days – Appointment Only – NO SCHOOL
September 5	First Day of Classes Gr 1-5
September 5&6	Kindergarten Staggered Start
September 9	First Day of Full Kindergarten
September 19	Family BBQ
September 23	Treaty Education PD Day – NO SCHOOL
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL
October 8	Divisional PD Day – NO SCHOOL
October 14	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
October 22	Picture Day
October 25	MTS Day – NO SCHOOL
November 1	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
November 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November 22	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – NO SCHOOL
November 28	Picture Re-take Day
December 20	Last Day of classes before Winter Break
Dec 23—January 3	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
January 6	Classes resume
January 31	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
February 17	Louis Riel Day – NO SCHOOL
February 19-20	Winter Concerts @ SOPAC
February 21	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
March 14	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – NO SCHOOL
March 28	Last Day of classes before Spring Break
March 31—April 4	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
April 7	Classes resume
April 11	Treaty Education PD Day – NO SCHOOL
April 18	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
May 19	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
June 6	Divisional PD Day – NO SCHOOL
June 13	Whole School Field Trip
June 25	Grade 5 Farewell (Time TBA)
June 27	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal (Time TBA)

Dates may change! — please refer to our monthly newsletters, website calendar and school emails for up-to-date information.

www.7oaks.org/school/victory

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

VALUABLES

Students are asked not to bring valuable items to school, as they may be easily lost or damaged.



These include iPods, cellphones, iPads, jewelry, trading cards, video game devices, etc. Thanks for your support and cooperation with this.

Kidi-Garden BEFORE & AFTER

provides before and after school childcare for Grade 1-5 students in the school. For more information, please call 204-338-3193. The before and after program is not run by school staff.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Parent-child preschool programs for children age 0-5 are provided at our school at no cost to families living in Seven Oaks School Division. For more information, please call the school at 204-586-9716 and ask for Veronica Thiffeault.



VOLUNTEERS

Please email your interest in volunteering at the school to victory.school@7oaks.org, our volunteer coordinator will be in touch if we are in need of someone.



STUDENT PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY - NEW

In Manitoba, the use of personal devices is banned for all K-8 students during school hours, including during breaks, as they are known to cause distractions that disrupt learning and social interaction at school.

Victory School asks that students do not bring personal devices/cell phones to school.

Families requesting accommodation should contact the administrator to establish a plan that meets their child's needs. Except in cases involving an identified medical need, Victory School will require student devices to be turned off and handed in to the classroom teacher or the office upon arrival at school. Student devices will be kept in a secure location and returned to students upon dismissal.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RESPONSIBLE USE & DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Please read the Seven Oaks policy on [Responsible Use of Technology](#) and speak with your child about responsible use and digital citizenship.