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# ...Newsletter... DECEMBER

## Important Dates

December 2nd, 4th, 9th— Swimming Lessons Gr. 3-5 and 7

December 5th— Whole School Field Trip to SVRSS for Jazz Concert

December 12th—Christmas Concert @ 1:30, everyone welcome!

December 15th—Taco in a Bag Hot Lunch

### Saying Goodbye!

With heavy hearts, we say Goodbye to two of our wonderful and supportive Educational Assistants.

Tetiana Sherstiuk, will be moving onto a new adventure and we wish her nothing but the best.

Febe Kestierki who will be heading to her home in South Africa for the cold winter months, we will be seeing Mrs. Kestierki again in the new year and can't wait to hear all about her trip!





# SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION WELCOMES 2026-2027 REGISTRATIONS FOR K<sup>I</sup>NDERGARTEN



The Swan Valley School Division offers full-time Kindergarten. If you have a child who is 5 years old or will be by December 31, 2026, it's time to register for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

We are currently accepting registrations between the hours of 8:45 am - 4:00 pm. Please visit your catchment school to complete a registration form or download it from the Division website.

## IMPORTANT

IF APPLYING FOR SCHOOL OF CHOICE, YOU STILL  
NEED TO REGISTER AT YOUR CATCHMENT SCHOOL.



To register, you will need to provide one of the following documents:

- Medical Card
- Birth Certificate or Baptismal



**Contact Us!**

Benito School ..... (204) 539-2466  
Bowsman School ..... (204) 734-4506  
ESRSS (French Immersion) ... (204) 734-4518  
Minitonas School ..... (204) 734-5222  
Taylor School ..... (204) 734-4593

## Hot Lunch Thursday, Dec. 15th

Mr. Wintoniw and the students at SVRSS will prepare our Taco in a Bag hot lunch!

Lunch is provided!

The menu is:

- Dorito Chips
- Ground Beef
- Sour Cream
- Salsa
- Cheese
- Lettuce



## Christmas Word Search

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STOCKING  
WREATH  
JOLLY

BELLS  
CANDY CANE  
ELVES  
HOLIDAY

RUDOLPH  
FROSTY  
CHRISTMAS  
SLEDGE



# Minitonas School Mustang Update!

Can you believe it? Less than four weeks until Christmas Break! Time is flying, and our Mustangs have been busy showing off their skills and school spirit.

## **Volleyball Season Recap**

The volleyball season wrapped up with our boys' and girls' teams giving it their all at the final SVSD event of the year. Their improvement and effort were amazing throughout the year! Everyone worked hard all season, and it showed.

## **Way to go, Mustangs!**



## **Basketball Season is Coming!**

Basketball season kicks off soon

Preseason practices are scheduled for

**December 15 & 17, 2025.**

In January the practice schedule is as followed:

**Boys:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:00–5:30pm

**Girls:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00–5:30 pm

## **Cold Weather Reminder**

Brrr! The chilly weather is here. Please make sure your child comes dressed appropriately so they can enjoy outdoor recess comfortably.

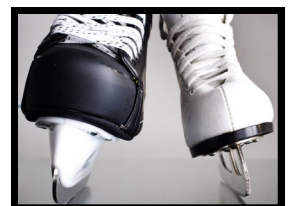
## **A Big Shoutout to Our Students**

We're so proud of the effort and enthusiasm our students bring to athletics and school activities. We hope going into the new year that our crowd of supporters will keep cherring on our athletes as they continue to represent our school!

## **Questions?**

Contact **Mr. Woitowicz at Minitonas School** for more information about the athletic program.

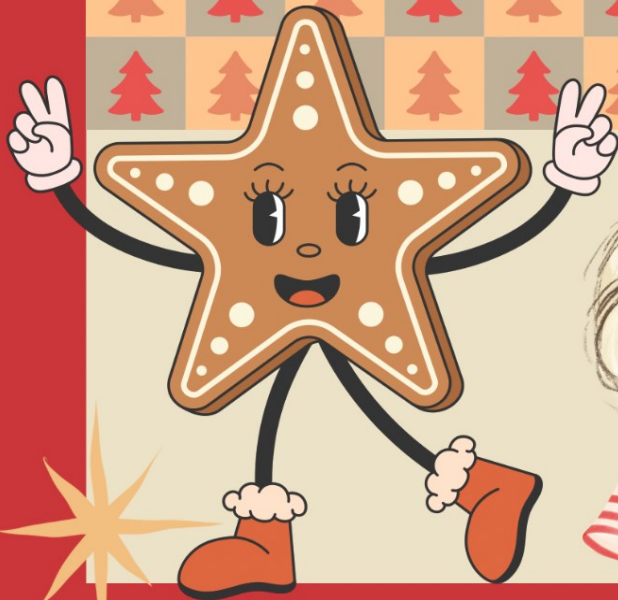
All students will be going skating in the new year. Please try to find your child(ren) skates and a helmet if they don't have any.





# MINITONAS SCHOOL PRESENTS

A CLASSIC  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT



DEC  
12TH

FREE ENTRY

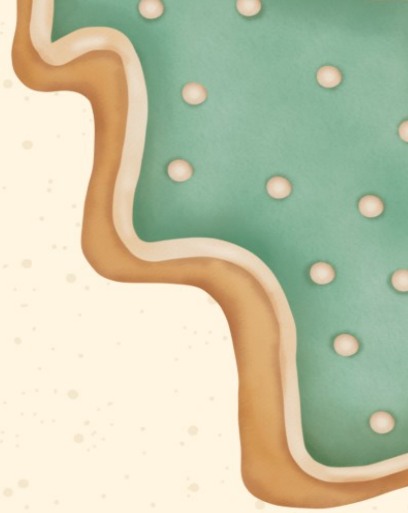
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COOKIE SALE - SINGING - BAND







# CHRISTMAS COOKIES SALE

**HOMEMADE COOKIES AT THE MINITONAS  
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**\$2 CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
THE MINITONAS AREA.**



*Merry  
Christmas*

Minitonas School Presents:

# *Six Days of Christmas*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**FIRST DAY**

**FANCY DAY!**

Dress in your BEST attire

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th**

**SECOND DAY**

**BAH HUMBUG!**

Represent any other Holiday (NO  
Halloween Costumes)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th**

**THIRD DAY**

**Gift Day!**

Dress as a present

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th**

**FOURTH DAY**

**Ugly Christmas Sweaters**

Wear your festive sweaters!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18th**

**FIFTH DAY**

**Christmas Character Day**

Dress as your favourite character! (Ru-  
dolph, gingerbread people, snowmen, elves,  
the grinch)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

**SIXTH DAY**

**Twass the Night Before Christmas**

PJ Day



## WHAT IS BETTER BEGINNINGS?



Better Beginnings is a parent/child program that supports the health and learning development of young children (from birth to age five) and their families.



It is a **FREE** program and is open to **all children from birth to 5 years** who are accompanied by a parent or a childcare provider.

The program offers a 1.5 hour session in community classrooms in: Benito, Bowsman, Minitonas, and Swan River. Sessions are on a drop-in basis, no registration required.

Thursdays, 10:00- 11:30 a.m. Session Leader - Kattie Griffith	Benito School
Tuesdays, 10:00- 11:30 a.m. Session Leader - Jill Shaw	Bowsman School
Thursdays, 10:00- 11:30 a.m. Session Leader - Jill Shaw	Minitonas School
Fridays, 10:00- 11:30 a.m. Session Leader - Kattie Griffith	ESRSS
Wednesdays, 10:00- 11:30 a.m. Session Leader - Jill Shaw	Taylor School

Sessions offer playtime, crafts, stories, songs, rhymes, healthy snacks, gym time and family resources.



### Your role as a parent at Better Beginnings:

Parents/ childcare providers are in charge of each child that they bring to Better Beginnings. However, if there is conflict between children and the parent is unaware, the leader or another parent may intervene on your behalf until it comes to your attention. It is important that Better Beginnings is a safe place for all children.

**Parents should encourage their children to participate in age-appropriate activities.** Parents are encouraged to participate alongside their children during all activities in the session.

#### Examples of parent participation are:

- 1) Joining your child on the floor to build a tower or do a puzzle together.
- 2) Joining in the circle during songs, rhymes, or other activities. Please sing along!
- 3) Directing your child to the floor for story time. Sit down with them to help them get involved with the story and stay interested.
- 4) Some crafts may require parental help. Be available to HELP with cutting or gluing etc. but try not to do it all for them. Remember that the appearance of the end product is not what's important. Crafts are a great way for your child to learn dexterity, creativity and independence.



For more information contact [betterbeginnings@svsd.ca](mailto:betterbeginnings@svsd.ca)



# Photos of our Month!







2025

Minitonas School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (Day 2)	2 (Day 3) Swimming 1:15-3:15 Gr. 3, 4, 5 and 7	3 (Day 4)	4 (Day 5) Swimming 1:15-3:15 Gr. 3, 4, 5 and 7	5 (Day 6) Trip to SVRSS at 2pm for Jazz Concert	6
7	8 (Day 1)	9 (Day 2) Swimming 1:15-3:15 Gr. 3, 4, 5 and 7	10 (Day 3)	11 (Day 4)	12 (Day 5) Christmas Concert @ 1:30  <b>Fancy Day</b>	13
14	15 (Day 6) Taco in a Bag Hot Lunch  <b>Bah Humbug</b>	16 (Day 1)  <b>Gift Day</b>	17 (Day 2)  <b>Ugly Christmas Sweaters</b>	18 (Day 3)  <b>Christmas Character Day</b>	19 (Day 4) Last school day before Christmas break  <b>Night Before Christmas</b>	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31			