

WELCOME BACK! 2024-2025



Important Dates:

Sept 4- Meet the teacher 1:30=3:30

Sept 5- First day for students

Sept 16- Home and School Meeting 6pm

Sept 20 & 33- Strong Beginnings- No classes

Sept 26- Welcome back BBQ lunch

Sept 27- Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30- Truth and Reconciliation Day- No School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back CVS students, families, and staff. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break! Special welcome to all K-8 students and families who are new to our school and community. This year we will continue to build on our school culture and community after a successful start to Crescentview 3.0. We are welcoming some new teaching staff this year which includes: Grade 1 – Ms. Andrich, Grade 1 – Ms. Grantham, Grade 4 – Ms. Miller, Grade 6 – Mr. Graham, Grade 7 – Mr. Fournier, Early Years Guidance, Mrs. Budz and Educational Assistant, Mr Mujcin.

We invite all students and families to our Meet the Teacher event on September 4th from 1:30 – 3:30. This is an excellent opportunity for students to see the school, their classrooms and connections to be initialized between school and home. School fees this year include: School fee \$30 for all students, and for Grade 7 and 8 students, HE/IA \$30, Band/Art/Guitar \$40. The first day of school is September 5th. Please see the CVS morning routine for students. We have updated our student handbook and it is available to view on our website at <https://cvs.plpsd.mb.ca/> .

Reminder that Strong Beginnings is Friday, Sept. 20th and the following Monday, Sept. 23rd. Students will attend a one-hour appt with their teacher only. All parents/guardians/caregivers will receive an information letter about Strong Beginnings through Bright Arrow. This year, we are going to attempt to schedule these appointments using the Parent Portal, found in PowerSchool (our student information system). This will require parents logging in and setting up their accounts, see information below on how to do this.

September is a busy month here at CVS. We are happy to offer open gym and breakfast program, starting the week of September 9th in the morning. Teachers will be going over the procedure and schedule with their homeroom students. Cross Country running for Grades 5 to 8 and Volleyball for Grade 7 & 8 will be starting with practices the first full week. Home Economics and Industrial Arts will be starting on September 6th. We continue to offer canteen services this year for K-8 students, which will start on September 16th. A menu for our canteen will be sent out to parents shortly. Our CVS Home and School Association has planned a welcome back BBQ for all CVS students and families from 11:00am to 1:00pm on September 26th. Please see attached information on our Cell Phone/Device policy.

We look forward to a great month and an exciting year! We have Facebook and Instagram pages where you will find important information along with what's going on here at CVS. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to homeroom teachers or school administration.

Doyle Moar
Principal

MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child requires the use of an inhaler or EpiPen please ensure that it has been sent to school and that it is not expired.

VISITORS/PARENTS

If you are needing to drop off an item for your child, pick up your child for an appointment, or have an appointment at our school, please report to the front entrance of our school. There, you can use the video doorbell to gain entry and then report to the office. Visitors/parents are not permitted into the school through any other school doors.

MORNING ROUTINE

When students are arriving at school in the morning, they will be meeting their classmates outside in their grade's designated meeting area. All areas are marked with signs on the fence or on the field. Students are not permitted in the school before 8:30am unless participating in open gym. If needed, at 8:30am, admin or staff on duty will send students in the building if the weather is inclement (raining, blowing snow, extreme cold), no earlier. On regular days, students will be expected to stay outside until directed in by staff at 8:50 and they will enter the building through their assigned doors. Once entering the school, students need to head directly to their classroom and get ready for the day. Kindergarten students can head directly in the front entrance when they arrive at school in the morning.

OPEN GYM

Open gym is offered for Grade 4 to 8 students from 8:10-8:45am. Students who wanting to participate can line up at the side gym entrance doors across from the bus loop at 8:10 and PE staff will let them in the building. The open gym schedule is as follows: Grade 7 – Day 1, Grade 8 – Day 2, Grade 4 – Day 4, Grade 5 – Day 5, Grade 6 – Day 6.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROGRAM

The health of our students is important to us here at CVS. Research shows that taking part in daily physical activity: Increases student academic achievement, increases overall fitness and self-esteem, increases positive attitude toward life, increases good decision-making skills, and decreases discipline problems. Our goal here at CVS is to empower our students to lead healthy active lives by giving them the tools they need to succeed. We encourage you to be involved in your child's activity level and support them any way that you can. Being active with your child is also very helpful. The family that plays together, stays healthy together.

STRONG BEGINNINGS

Strong Beginnings is an assessment that occurs early in September for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 in our division. On September 20 and September 23, students will attend school by appointment for 60 minutes to participate in assessment activities with their teacher. Students are expected to be at the appointment for the full allotted time. The appointments on these days replace regular classes. This is an opportunity for teachers to extend and consolidate their understanding of each child in order to plan for instruction and to assess recovery of learning. This in turn will effectively address unique learning needs as early as possible in the new school year.

PARENT PORTAL

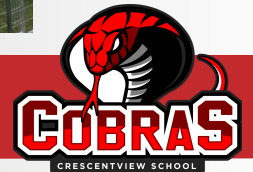
This year we would like to encourage all parents to log in to PLPSD Parent Portal. Here is the link: <https://www.plpsd.mb.ca/caregivers-students/parent-portal-powerschool>. This portal is a communications tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in their children's education. The portal provides parents/guardians with secure online access to our Student Information System (SIS). With a single username and password, parents/guardians can access the following information for each of their children attending any PLPSD school: Student Information, Excuse Attendance, Attendance Information, School Information, Set Email Notification, Permissions & Consent Forms and more! We hope to send more information soon about how we are going to use Parent Portal to schedule Strong Beginnings this year.

PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

Our portable classrooms will be fully functional to use in a couple of weeks. This year they will be housing Grade 7 and 8 Band and Guitar programs for CVS and EAM. As you can see, they are fully accessible and divide our playground into west and east sides. We are excited for our staff and students to get into these brand-new spaces.



CVS CLOTHING STORE



CVS has recently opened an online clothing store at The Screen Door. You can purchase Tee shirts, hoodies, hats, toques, jackets and more. Click on the link below to see the large selection of our CVS merchandise

<https://thescreendoor.ca/crescentview-school/>



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Mrs. S. Calder
Vice Principal

Dear Crescentview School families,

As per Manitoba government regulations, schools and school divisions will implement updated policies as students head back to school to ensure consistency across the province, which include: **banning cell phone use during school hours, including lunch and breaks, for students in kindergarten to Grade 8.**

We are asking our CVS families to continue to support our efforts. Last year at CVS we restricted cell phone use during the school day and we noticed a significant improvement in our students' focus throughout the day, increased engagement in learning, increased student physical activity and healthy habits at breaks, and decreased phone/social media related conflicts. As students were becoming more dependent on their devices, it was leading to difficulty with responsible cell phone usage. We continue to believe that phones are a distraction to student learning. Without the access to social media and messaging apps during the school day, interruptions to learning in the classroom were limited. As we have experienced, device usage during the day creates conflicts which include: arguments with school staff, group chats/arguments with peers, pictures taken of other students/staff that are shared, bullying over social media, and students disengaged in the classroom because they are distracted by their phones. Bullying issues that we see at school are often tied to device use on messaging apps and in other unsupervised chat groups. Students who participate in any of these conflicts will result in having technology privileges revoked and depending on the severity, it could result in further disciplinary action.

CVS students are instructed to leave their devices at home. If a student does bring their device to school, it should be put in their locked locker and stored there for the day. Locks can be purchased at the school for \$10 and we will provide a replacement lock for any defective locks that are purchased from the school. If students bring a device to school and aren't using a locker, they can store their device in the office for safe keeping.

We have an office phone for students to use if they need to call home and parents can also call the school if they need to speak to their child. If a student has their phone and needs to make a call or send a message home, we will provide a safe space in the office where they can do so in private. Please review these expectations with your child so they know the consequences of device misuse. **Lost or stolen devices are not the responsibility of the school or division. Student should not have a cell phone or device at school.**

Thank you for your support and understanding,

Mr. D. Moar – Principal
Mrs. S. Calder – Vice-Principal



welcome back
BBQ

Sept 26
11am-1pm

CVS Front Entrance

**Free for CVS students &
their parents.**
**Pop by for lunch and a
visit!**

CVS Home and School Association

Next Meeting- Monday September 16th, 6pm in CVS Library



All parents, guardians and staff are welcome!
Here's why you should get involved:

This is a great chance to voice your opinion and help to make important decisions. It gives the ability to stay in touch with more parents and staff. Research also shows that when parents are involved children tend to do better in school.

You can choose to attend meetings, or simply join our workgroup and volunteer your time on an as needed basis.

Our upcoming meeting topics

Appointing council positions

Planning Welcome Back BBQ

Yearly goals for fundraisers and events- rough budget

What we do

Discuss the needs of students and staff from a parent perspective

Fundraise \$ for these needs as required

Host events to help build a sense of community and belonging

Offer support to staff as needed

CONTACT

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MEETINGS

Sept 16 6PM
Oct 21 6PM
Nov 18 6PM

CONTRIBUTE

Volunteer, fundraise or sponsor events. We are happy to hear from you about your ideas.

Email us!