

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL E-MEMO

DEC 15-19 2025



Dec 15-19

Dec 15:	Fire Safety Presentation
Dec 16:	Santa's Thrift Shop!
Dec 17:	Hot Lunch
Dec 17-18:	Mom's Pantry Order Pick-up (see info below)
Dec 17:	Winter Concerts - K, 1, 2, 3's in & Bilous/Reyes class
Dec 18:	Winter Concerts - 5, 4, 3's (except Bilous/Reyes class)
Dec 19:	Early Dismissal @ 2:25pm

Down the Road

Dec 22 – Jan 2:	Winter Break
Jan 13:	Field Trip MB Museum (Ms. McAuley's & Mrs. Klassen's classes)
Jan 26:	HPA Meeting
Jan 28:	Hot Lunch
Jan 30:	Co-ordinated Day (no classes)
Feb 2:	Co-ordinated Day (no classes)

Information

Mom's Pantry

If you ordered items from our Mom's Pantry fundraiser, please plan to pick up your items before or after the Winter Concerts on Wednesday & Thursday. If you require a different arrangement for picking up the items, please call the school at 204-654-1818.

Winter Concerts

Our winter concerts are **THIS WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY!** Families **must** be in attendance for their child to stay and perform after school. If there is a sibling in the school who will be heading to the gym after school to attend the concert, please communicate this with their teacher(s) so we know which students to send to the gym.

Our Winter Concerts will be on:

- December 17 from 3:30 – 4:30 (for Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 3's from Ms. Bilous & Mrs. Reyes' class)
- December 18 from 3:30 – 4:30 (for Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5)

Santas Thrift Shop Year 3!

We will be having a "Santa's Thrift Shop" ran by Mrs. Klassen's class where students can come and shop for 1-2 items for a friend or family member for \$1.00 each. **The shopping event will take place on Tuesday, December 16th.**

School Safety

A reminder to all community members that access to the school should be through the front doors only. Thank you for helping to keep our school a safe place to be by following this rule!



Christmas Cheer Board

The phone lines open for Christmas Cheer Board.

To apply, click the following link: <https://www.christmascheerboard.ca/how-to-apply>

What is the Christmas Cheer Board? The Christmas Cheer Board envisions a city where everyone has the necessities to enjoy the holiday season. We strive to make this vision a reality by providing Winnipeggers in need with food, toys and other necessities.



Hampstead Winter Concert Series

December 17

Mrs. Sran
Mrs. White
Mr. Walker
Mrs. Enns
Mrs. Acheson
Ms. Bilous & Mrs. Reyes

December 18

Mrs. Valka
Mrs. Klassen
Mr. Willms
Mr. Kruk
Ms. McAuley

December 17 & 18, 2025

3:45-4:45 PM



RETLife is dedicated to helping people connect to living The Good Life.

We value:

- making connections
- providing opportunities for people to share their passion with other people
- growth based learning at all levels for community members, instructors, and administrators.

Whether you are looking to participate in a fitness class or leisure activity, or build your skills so you can land your dream job, we have a class for you – whatever age or stage you're at. And the best part? You can stay close to home and do it all in the River East Transcona School Division.

RETLife programming for Winter 2026 is open for registration!

We are excited to launch our Winter 2026 Program List and have space available in more than 80 programs for all ages! A few examples of classes available for kids include:

[Dancing Together: Parent and Child \(ages 3-5\)](#)

[Playful Performance \(ages 7 – 9\)](#)

[Indoor Soccer for Kids](#)

[Origami \(ages 8 and up\)](#)

[Cooking classes for kids and their families](#)

[Stay Safe](#)

[Playground Games](#)

(for kids who never have enough time at recess!)

[Gymnastics!](#)

...and much more!

Call or visit [RETLife](#) with any questions you may have! Phone: 204 667 6193.



TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, safety patrolling, and outdoor recess to keep your children safe. All metro Winnipeg school divisions, including River East Transcona, use the temperature reading at The Forks as our guide.

School Closures

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

Winter Clothing

Please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it's below -34°C , facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied, because skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

Busing

When the temperature or wind chill is between -35°C and -45°C (or colder), buses will be cancelled for the entire day, but schools usually remain open.

We'll post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we haven't posted a cancellation alert by 7:15 a.m., buses are running.

School Patrols

When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it's -35°C to -39°C , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it's -40°C and below, no patrols will be on duty.

Recess

When the temperature or wind chill is between -25°C and -27°C , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it's below -27°C , recess is usually moved indoors.* This is at the discretion of the principal. *with the exception of Polar Bear Club Recess participants

Polar Bear Club Recess

For schools taking part in Polar Bear Club Recess:

- Student participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent is required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks.
- Students must be dressed appropriately in a warm tuque/hat, snow pants, face covering, warm insulated jacket, mittens, and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.

 **All students will remain inside when the temperature or wind chill is -40°C or below. If you have any questions that haven't been addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**