



# Viscount Montgomery Elementary School

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## Bruin Newsletter

Winter, 2020

Although things may look different this year, we are progressing and doing well. Our staff and students continue to shine! We may not be able to celebrate with our Viscount Past Traditions this year but we are in the process of planning some activities that meet our Public Health Guidelines.

We would also like to thank Ms. Behr for supporting us this year as a Temporary Vice Principal. Ms. Behr's last day at Viscount will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to wish all of you a Happy Holiday and we hope you enjoy your winter break!

### Arrival Time

We have noticed an increase of late arrivals in the mornings. Our school day begins at **8:50**. As mentioned in the beginning of the year, we have created structures to support cohorts. When a student arrives late, we have to make sure that are not exposed to another cohort (class). Please make every effort to have your child at school when the bell rings.

### Winter Weather

As winter begins, we want to remind families that we do go outside for recess on a daily basis. Please ensure that your child is coming to school with proper winter attire. We do keep extra hats, mitts and coats available for those that need them.

### Dismissal

We have a very safe dismissal procedure here at Viscount. However, there is one area that is a concern. If you are picking up your child on the Glenholme Avenue side of the school, please do not park in a no stopping area. Our buses pick up students there and they struggle to get through the street with cars parked in the no stopping area. As you have probably heard in the media, there are a shortage of bus drivers and many students are picked up late. Our bus drivers have more routes after Viscount and the cars parked in the no stopping area are holding them up. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

### Viscount Spirit Wear

We have approval to sell Spirit Wear this year. Due to Public Health Restrictions, all orders will be completed online. You may order at [www.teamandspiritwear.com/Viscount](http://www.teamandspiritwear.com/Viscount). The order due date is **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. The items will arrive after the Winter Break.

### Grade 8 Grade Wear

This will be the same process as above for our Grade 8 Students only. You may use the link [www.teamandspiritwear.com/Viscount-Grad](http://www.teamandspiritwear.com/Viscount-Grad). Orders are due by **December 13<sup>th</sup>** and will arrive after the Winter Break.

### Possible Remote Learning

As you may have seen on our board website, we are planning for a possible remote learning situation. We are making sure we are prepared at the school level in the event that we move to remote. Teachers have been working on various platforms during the past few weeks to ensure that our families have all the information they will need if there were to be a remote learning situation. In



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In addition, we will be sending home some instructional items that your child may need if we find that we are participating in remote learning. These items will go home the week before our Winter Break. If you have any questions about programming or instruction during a possible remote situation, please contact your child's teacher.

## **School Spirit Days**

During the month of December, we will be celebrating school spirit on Fridays.

December 4: Viscount Day!  
(wear Purple and Yellow)

December 11: Ugly Sweater Day!

December 18: Pajama Day

## **Important Dates**

December 21-January 3: Winter Break

January 29: PA Day

February TBD: School Picture Day (more information to follow)