


BICS THIS WEEK: September 12-16, 2022

The Week Ahead	
Monday	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:20 PM, Grades 3-7 Cross Country Meeting (for interested participants) in the Gym 5-6 PM, Grade 4-5 Cheakamus Outdoor School Parent Meeting in the Gym
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:20 PM, Cross Country Running Practice 12:45 PM, Grade 6-7 Band
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:20 PM, Cross Country Running Practice 12:45 PM, Band 5-6 PM, Meet the Teacher Night
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:20-12:45 PM, First Rehearsal of Senior (Gr. 6-7) Choir

Information, Requests, Reminders	
Meet the Teacher Night	<p>Families are welcome to BICS This Thursday from 5-6 PM for meet the Teacher Night. The format is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 minute presentation in the gym from Principal Scott Slater and Vice-Principal Jennifer Ohlhauser on school direction and how to support your child with their learning 20 minutes in your first child's class 20 minutes in a second child's class <p>This is a great opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher(s). If you would like your child to join you for Meet the Teacher Night, they can attend also.</p>
Cross Country Running	<p>Cross Country Running is available to students in Grades 3-7. If you think your child might be interested in practicing at BICS and competing in the meets in West Van, please encourage them to attend the Tuesday Meeting. Students can also just participate in the practices if they are not able to attend the Tuesday meets in town.</p>
Volunteering at BICS	<p>Not only do volunteers at BICS help children, they also get a better feel for the school. If you would like to volunteer at BICS, please complete this survey. Thank you!</p>
Cheakamus Parent Meeting	<p>Parents of Grade 4-5 students are asked to attend a parent information evening on the Cheakamus Overnight Indigenous Cultural Program at 5 PM in the Gym. If you are not able to attend in person, you can attend virtually (Click here to join the meeting online). Please review your July 6th email from Scott Slater for initial details on this trip. Permission forms and further details will be given to families Monday.</p>
BICS Next Weeks...	<p>Looking at the BICS Calendar (here) for events beyond the upcoming week is a good idea. Two notes families will want to know about now regarding upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 23rd is a professional development day; school will not be in session Monday, September 26 is Individual Photo Day

Optional Accident Insurance	Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is <i>The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance</i> . This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here: https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc or contact: Phone: 1.800.266.5667; Email: solutions@ia.ca
West Vancouver Schools	<div><p>West Vancouver Schools is sharing a new program for neurodiverse soccer players.</p><p>Visit westvanfc.com for further details.</p></div>

Help prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases

Staff, other adults entering the school, parents, caregivers, and students should not come to school if they are sick.

[Click here](#) for information about Health Checks including symptoms of illness.
[Click here](#) to access the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.

Vaccine safety

Health Canada has a thorough approval process to make sure all the vaccines and medicines we take are safe.

- Vaccines are tested extensively before being approved for use
- Health Canada continues to monitor for vaccine safety
- No major safety concerns have been identified in the data Health Canada reviewed

Review Health Canada guidance on [COVID-19 vaccine safety and side effects](#). To date, 6 vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada.



[Click on the image above to learn more about Immunizations.](#)

The document below was shared with families at the end of the last school year but might still be helpful.

Preparing for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dear BICS Families,

1. K-7 School Calendar

Our Base Calendar (detailing Professional Development Days, Holidays, etc.) [is here](#). We are in the process of updating our [online calendar](#) as well.

2. K-7 Busing

Please refer to the [School District Transportation website](#) for updated information regarding Registering for Bus Transportation for the next school year. [Registering](#) each school year is required for all users.

3. K-7 School Supplies

All school supplies are available on our [School Website here](#).

4. Grades 4-7 Bring Your Own Device

Students in Grades 4-7 are encouraged to bring in a digital device, ideally a laptop or Chromebook. [Please click here](#) to learn more about why we encourage students to bring in their own device.

5. Grades 6-7 Band

Grades 6-7 students are eligible to participate in band! We have a terrific program, and you can learn about Elementary School Band, including how to register, [here](#).

If you have questions not answered in the documents above or on our school website, please feel free to reach out to our [Administrative Assistant Carmen Lane](#) or me.

Warm regards,

Scott Slater