



## BICS THIS WEEK: November 14-18, 2022

The Week Ahead	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Development Day; <b>School not in session</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:45 AM, Triple Ball Practice (Grade 7)</li> <li>3:30 PM, Triple Ball Game vs. Hollyburn</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:45 AM, Triple Ball Practice (Grade 7)</li> </ul>
Thursday	
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:40 AM, School-wide Read</li> <li>12:20 PM, Senior Choir</li> </ul>

Information, Requests, Reminders	
Winter Concerts	<p>Preparations have begun for our Winter Concerts this year. Please find details for the Winter Concerts on our School Website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Odd Divisions will perform on December 14; Even Divisions will perform on December 15.</p>
PAC Fundraiser: Poinsettias and Wreaths	<p>The BICS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is selling poinsettias and wreaths to help raise funds for BICS (sports equipment for recess and lunch, classroom funds, field trip support, etc.).</p> <p>Please <a href="#">click here to place your order</a> by November 26; payment can be made online by credit card when placing your order. Purchases will be delivered to BICS on December 10, details to follow.</p>
Reminder: Vancouver Coastal Health	<p>Vancouver Coastal Health is offering free Speech and Language Services for 0-5 year old children on Bowen Island. If you are a parent of a child in this age range and have some concerns with their speech and language development, <a href="#">click here to learn more</a>.</p>
Fire Safety Presentations	<p>Thank you to Bowen Island Fire Rescue for visiting BICS last Monday, and bringing the new fire truck too! Students in all Grades will have received a book from Bowen Island Fire Rescue on fire safety and other safety tips. Thanks again to Bowen Island Fire Rescue for supporting our students and commitment to safety in our community.</p>
<p><b>Learning Highlight – Remembrance Day (below)</b></p>	

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony was a memorable event, with important lessons shared by BICS Parent and Canadian Forces Veteran Ron Silva, a shadow theater presentation from Grade 6-7 students, and a lovely song from our Choirs. Students learned about ceremony and the importance of Remembrance Day, and they did an incredible job listening and demonstrating respect and honoring the purpose of the day.



### Help prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases

We have had a lot of students miss school recently due to illness. To limit the spread of colds, the flu, and COVID 19, please keep your child home if they are demonstrating symptoms of illness. Thank you.

[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.](#)