



## CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

**September 1, 2023**

### **WELCOME BACK CHARTWELL!**

Hello families,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to school and we hope your summer has been filled with laughter, joy and a few adventures. My name is Sara Bell, and I am truly excited to be part of this community as your school principal. While new to Chartwell, I have been a teacher and administrator in West Vancouver Schools for many years. Thank you to all of the Chartwell staff and families who have been incredibly warm and welcoming. This school has a rich history of creating a safe and engaging learning environment for your children, and I know that tradition will continue in the 2023/2024 school year.



### **WEEK 1 SCHEDULE – September 2023**

#### **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Week One at Chartwell introduces a unique and special school start-up structure for September 2023. Our first week is dedicated to fostering a strong sense of community among students and staff across all grades, setting the tone for the entire academic year. By prioritizing our core values—Mindful, Resilient, and Kind—we enable both students and staff to transition smoothly into the new year, cultivating a supportive community and nurturing positive relationships. Students will participate in activities organized by grade as well as in Treehouse multi-age groupings throughout the week. These activities have been collaboratively planned with our dynamic staff, and we are eagerly anticipating an engaging week filled with school spirit. Go Cougars!

If your child or children will not be at school for the first day, it is essential that you email the office ([jdouglas@wvschools.ca](mailto:jdouglas@wvschools.ca)) to let us know. This is essential as all student are required to attend the first day of school to confirm their enrollment so we can finalize school organization.

**Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45 - 9:45 am**

**New Students report to the Gym**

*(\*New Kindergarten students do not attend on the first day\*)*



**Returning Chartwell students Grade 1-7:**

**Grade One - Meet in the Kindergarten Classroom**

**Grade Two - Meet in the Upper Common Area**

**Grade Three - Meet in the Upper Common Area**

**Grade Four - Meet in the Library Learning Commons**

**Grade Five - Meet in the Library Learning Commons**

**Grade Six - Meet in the Lower Common Area**

**Grade Seven - Meet in room one**

**Parents** - Please join the Chartwell PAC in the undercover area for a welcome back Tea and Coffee

\*\*\*\* Parking will be provided on the gravel field. Please enter from Sentinel School and proceed to the field to park. Please do not park in the Chartwell staff parking lot. \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* Note: Students do not need any supplies the first day. \*\*\*\*

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**08:45 - 2:45 pm**

**09:00 - 11:00 am**

**12:30 - 2:30 pm**

**Students in Grades 1-7 meet in grade groups (same as Tuesday)**

**Group A Kindergarten students attend**

**Group B Kindergarten students attend**

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**08:45 - 2:45 pm**

**09:00 - 11:00 am**

**12:30 - 2:30 pm**

**Students in Grades 1-7 meet in grade groups**

**Group A Kindergarten students attend**

**Group B Kindergarten students attend**

**Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**08:45 - 2:45 pm**

**09:00 - 11:00 am**

**12:30 - 2:30 pm**

**Students in Grades 1-7 meet in grade groups**

**Group A Kindergarten students attend**

**Group B Kindergarten students attend**

## **WEEK 2 SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**08:45 - 2:45 pm**

**09:00 - 11:45 am**

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**

**Regular day for all students in grades**

**Kindergarten students attend half day only**

**Kindergarten Intake Conferences**

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**08:45 - 2:45 pm**

**09:00 - 11:45 am**

**1:00 - 2:30pm**

**Regular day for all students in grades**

**Kindergarten students attend half day only**

**Kindergarten Intake Conferences**

### Wednesday, September 13th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

09:00 - 11:45 am

9:00 am

1:00 - 2:30pm

Regular day for all students in grades

Kindergarten students attend half day only

First PAC meeting in the Library

Kindergarten Intake Conferences

### Thursday, September 14th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

09:00 - 11:45 am

1:00 - 2:30pm

Regular day for all students in grades

Kindergarten students attend half day only

Kindergarten Intake Conferences

### Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

08:45 - 2:45 pm

09:00 - 11:45 am

1:00 - 2:00pm

Regular day for all students in grades

Kindergarten students attend half day only

WV District Kindergarten Picnic

## LOOKING AHEAD

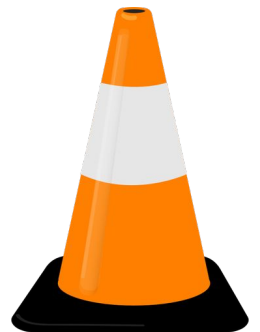
September 5	First day back to school for Grades 1 to 7
September 5	PAC welcome coffee morning 8:45 am
September 13	PAC Meeting 9:00 am
September 19	#1 Gr 3-7 Cross Country - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 22	Professional Development Day - students not in session
September 26	#2 Gr 3-7 Cross Country - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
October 2	National Day for Truth - Stat holiday - school closed

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

### SAFE ARRIVAL AND PICK UP INFORMATION

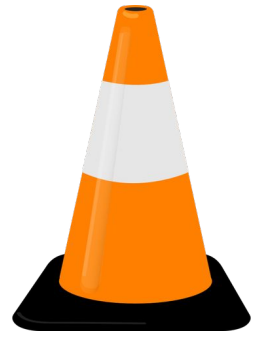
We want to ensure that getting to and from school is safe for all students. Please do your part to follow Chartwell School's drop-off and pick-up procedures and expectations. Traffic is challenging at Chartwell, specifically during peak before and after school hours. Here are some strategies to assist with traffic flow:

- Carpool or use other modes of transportation (walk, roll or bus)
- Drop off and pick-up intermediate students on Cambridge Pl. and Camelot Rd.
- Avoid the busiest drop-off and pick-up times if possible.



- Arrange a meeting place with your child on Chartwell Drive.
- If your child is not ready to be picked up, you will need to leave the roundabout and re-enter. We recommend you park on Chartwell Drive and walk to the school to connect with your child.

Please communicate this information to any other individuals who may be dropping off or picking up children.



Please note: Cross Creek Road is closed!

## CLASS PLACEMENTS

Many considerations have been considered when placing our learners in their classes for the 2023-2024 school year. Factors that Chartwell School considers for classroom configuration and placement include, but are not limited to:

- Unique individual and diverse needs
- Learning styles, self-regulation and executive function strengths and challenges
- Ministry class size and composition requirements
- Enrollment demands (ever-changing)
- Social/emotional needs
- Past friendships and possibilities for new friendships, with a focus on what is best to support each child in ensuring their studies are positively impacted

When school staff return in September, changes to school enrolment often occur. Changes include new families registering and other families informing the school that they will no longer be returning. This often means that new class configurations and placements need to occur across all West Vancouver Schools.

**Learners can expect to officially meet their new teacher(s) for the 2023-2024 school year by Monday, September 11th.**

Given the care and consideration taken in the creation of classes and the cascading effects that can come about when changes are made, no changes can be made to the classes once students have been assigned. Thank you for your understanding.

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Each Thursday, families will receive the **Chartwell E-Bulletin** with information for the upcoming week. Additionally, please consider following our Twitter/X Feed (@SchoolChartwell) and visit our school and district websites. Please consider visiting our [website](#) to complete the annual parent consent forms prior to the start of the school year.

We are excited to greet our returning students and meet our new students and their families next week. Enjoy the final days of summer and please reach out via email ([sbell@wvschools.ca](mailto:sbell@wvschools.ca)) or via telephone (604-981-1210) if you have any questions.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Students who are not in attendance by 3:00 pm on Thursday 7th September may not be guaranteed spots at Chartwell Elementary School for the coming year. This policy is in line with our District Administrative Procedures, which ensure a smooth and fair enrollment process for all students.

The commencement of the school year is an integral period for students to establish a strong foundation for their academic journey. The initial two weeks hold significant value, as they set the tone for the curriculum and establish essential routines. Moreover, we typically experience a surge in registrations over the summer, making it crucial to have an accurate count of attending students to accommodate everyone effectively.

If you feel your child's absence during these crucial weeks is unavoidable, please reach out to Sara Bell, Principal - [sbell@wvschools.ca](mailto:sbell@wvschools.ca)



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies for those students who placed orders with Creative Packs will find them waiting at the school in their new classrooms.

## FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)

[CHARTWELL PARK BELL TIMES](#)

## PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WELCOME BACK COFFEE

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is excited to invite you to a:

- **Welcome Coffee Meet & Greet**
- **Tuesday, September 5th @ 8:45AM**

This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet the PAC executive members. Please plan on attending. A special welcome to parents of our new students!