


August 29, 2024

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY  E-BULLETIN

WELCOME BACK CHARTWELL!

Hello Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Chartwell! We hope your summer was filled with joy, laughter, and memorable moments. My name is Sara Bell, and I am thrilled to continue serving this wonderful community as your principal.



At Chartwell, we are committed to creating a positive and nurturing environment where every student can thrive both academically and socially. This year, we will focus on fostering a love of learning, encouraging curiosity, and building resilience in our students. Our dedicated staff is here to support your children in every step of their journey, ensuring they feel safe, valued, and inspired.

Let's work together to make this school year one of growth, kindness, and achievement. I look forward to collaborating with you all to create a vibrant and inclusive community where every child can reach their full potential.

Please take some time to review the information provided, as it will help you prepare for the week ahead. Here's to an amazing year filled with learning and discovery!

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE – September 2023

OPENING DAY

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. Students will participate in activities organized by grade as well as in Treehouse multi-age groupings throughout the week.

If your child or children will not be at school for the first day, it is essential that you email the office (aundseth@wvschools.ca) to let us know. This is essential as all student are required to attend by **September 5th** to confirm their enrollment. Chartwell is full this year with many students on our waitlist.

Tuesday, September 3rd

8:45 - 10:15 am

New Students report to the Library

*(*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 Room 10

Grade Three - Meet in Room 9

Grade Four - Meet in Room 7

Grade Five - Meet in Room 5

Grade Six - Meet in the Lower Learning Common Area

Grade Seven - Meet in Room 1 (lower floor)

Parents - Chartwell PAC will host a Welcome Back Tea in the gym on the lower level of the school between 8:45 - 10:15. This is a great place to wait for your child and gain a better understanding of the year ahead. Ms Bell the Principal will host a small Welcome Back Presentation.

All Parents are all welcome.

**** 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. If you still need to purchase supplies the link is on our [school website](#) ****

Wednesday, September 4th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

Students in Grades 1-7 meet in grade groups (same as Tuesday, New Students meet with their grades)

09:00 - 11:00 am

Group A Kindergarten students attend

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Group B Kindergarten students attend

Thursday, September 5th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

Students in Grades 1-7 meet in grade groups

09:00 - 12:00 am

Group A Kindergarten students attend

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Group B Kindergarten students attend

Friday, September 6th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

Students in Grades 1-7 meet in grade groups

09:00 - 12:00 am

Group A Kindergarten students attend

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Group B Kindergarten students attend

WEEK 2 SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday, September 9th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

09:00 - 12:00 pm

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Regular day for all students in grades
Kindergarten students attend half day only
Kindergarten Intake Conferences

Tuesday, September 10th

08:45 - 2:45 pm

09:00 - 12:00 pm

1:00 - 2:30pm

Regular day for all students in grades
Kindergarten students attend half day only
Kindergarten Intake Conferences

Wednesday, September 12th

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 13th

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 14th

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

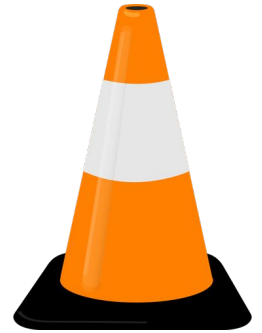
LOOKING AHEAD

September 3	First day back to school for Grades 1 to 7
September 3	PAC welcome coffee morning 8:45 am
September 12	PAC Meeting 9:00 am
September 17	#1 Gr 3-7 Cross Country - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 20	Professional Development Day - students not in session
September 24	#2 Gr 3-7 Cross Country - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 25	Individual Photos
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
October 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - 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:

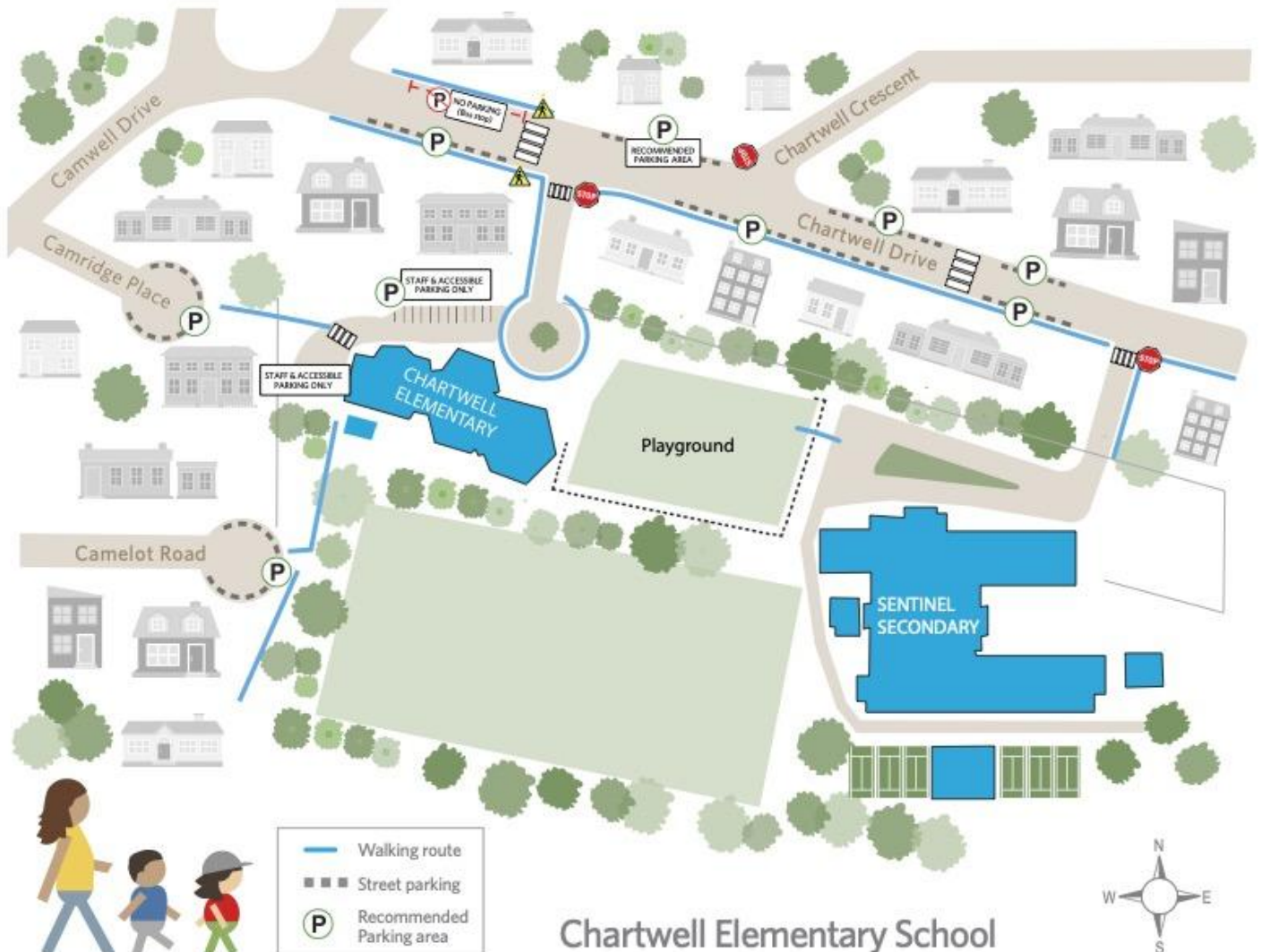


- Carpool or use other modes of transportation (walk, roll or bus)
- Drop off and pick-up intermediate students on Cambridge Pl. and Camelot Rd.
- Avoid the busiest drop-off and pick-up times if possible.
- Arrange a meeting place with your child on Chartwell Drive.
- If your child is not ready to be 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.

[Safe and active routes to school | West Vancouver Schools](#)

[Back to school: ICBC shares safety tips for drivers, parents and caregivers](#)



Personal Digital Device Expectations – NEW!

At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for different school levels:

- **Secondary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in place during instructional time. Instructional time is during classes, assemblies and all school related learning activities.
- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

1. **Familiarize Yourself:** Please take the time to read through the *Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices* (link and attach) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s). Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.
2. **Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child.
3. **Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
4. **Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time unless it's an emergency. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Many considerations have been considered when placing our learners in their classes for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year by Friday, September 6th.

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 Instagram and 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) or via telephone (604-981-1210) if you have any questions.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

There is still time to order your school supplies. All supplies on the lists are required. If you would rather purchase your own supplies, or reuse some from previous year, please ensure you print the list from the EDU PAC site to ensure your child has the required items for their grade level.

The link to our website with ordering instructions can be found [\[HERE\]](#)



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Students who are not in attendance by 3:00 pm on Thursday 5th 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

Chartwell After School

Chartwell Grade 4-7 Multi-Sport After School Program

Dates: Mondays Sept 16 - Dec 9 (**10 Sessions, Prorated**)

Times: 2:45 - 4:15

Grades: 4-7

Cost: \$330 + GST

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!

Register Here: [Chartwell 4-7 Multi-Sport](#)

CHESS CLUB IS COMING BACK

Keep your eyes open in upcoming e-Bulletins for registration for lunch time chess club in the library. We are just finalizing details and will let you know as soon as we are ready to start up!



Hoops Basketball Academy

Basketball and Fitness After School Program (KG – Gr3)

Learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and encouraging environment. Fun and movement is the focus!!

Fall Registration NOW OPEN 

(KG – Gr3) Thursdays à 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm @ Chartwell Elementary

For more information and to register, click [Here](#) or visit us at: www.hoopsbasketball.ca

HOOPS BASKETBALL ★ ★ ACADEMY ★ ★

BASKETBALL AND FITNESS AFTER-SCHOOL
PROGRAM!!

KG - GR 3

Fall Registration NOW OPEN 

THURSDAYS (SEPT 26 - NOV 14)

2:45 - 4:00 PM

@ CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY

Register Now

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Kids Yoga and Music by Menka

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"The nervous system, how to calm it and a strong body "

AFTER SCHOOL WEEKLY KIDS YOGA

WITH MENKA FROM SEPT-DEC 2024 AT CHARTWELL

through fun stories, games, discussions, songs, mindfulness, and anatomy



Balance, discipline, perseverance, consistency, kindness, resilience, gratitude, stillness and self regulation.

Equip your children for life's hullabalooos.

Gift them with yoga: Prevent mental and physical injuries, understand our anatomy and embrace mobility.

Breathe, chant affirmations, meditate, and thrive.

Mixed Ages

Sept 25- Dec 4 2024

Wednesday

255-355pm

\$165 + GST = \$168

(\$15/class)



To register, sign up on the link:

<https://forms.gle/ppGj7CtBb4puqT2n7>

or contact menkapurswaney@gmail.com 604 861 3309

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)

[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 3rd @ 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!