

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Hello Chartwell Families,

It has been a wonderful week back at school! Our students are settling beautifully into their new classrooms, creating a vibrant and positive atmosphere throughout the school.

We are pleased to share that our school supplies have been delivered, and we are making great progress in organizing our classrooms. Some families have reached out regarding missing supplies; please rest assured that a few items are currently on backorder and will be delivered as soon as they become available.

Exciting news: the countdown to our new furniture delivery is on! In just 8 days, we will be unpacking our refreshed classroom spaces. A heartfelt thank you to the Chartwell PAC executive and our entire parent community for your dedication and support in making this important fundraising campaign a reality.

At Chartwell, we continue to emphasize the values of Mindfulness, Resilience, and Kindness among our students. With so much to look forward to this year, I am thrilled that our journey together is officially underway.


Warm regards,

Ms. Bell

LOOKING AHEAD

September 16	FORMS DUE; Student Verification & Emergency **
September 17	Gr 3-7 Cross Country #1 - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 19	Terry Fox School Run
September 20	Professional Development Day - students not in session
September 24	Gr 3-7 Cross Country #2 - Ambleside Park 3:45-4:45 pm
September 25	Individual Photos ELL Parent Cafe 1:00 - 1:50 Open House - EARLY MESSAL 1:53 (more information to come)
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School closed

PARENT ACTION ITEMS



WVSD 2023-2024 POLICIES AND PROCEDURE FORMS - Parent Action Item!

All Chartwell families are required to complete the [ONLINE District's Policies and Procedure e-Form](#) accessed on the school website. The form includes mandatory consents to enable your child(ren) to fully participate in school activities. Your child will be unable to participate in any activities taking place off school grounds, unless we have these completed forms.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to be linked to the form.

Please note packages of Student Verification and Emergency forms that went home today, are due back to school on Monday

School Cash Online

Our school will continue to offer School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. **If you registered in a previous school year you will not need to reregister.**

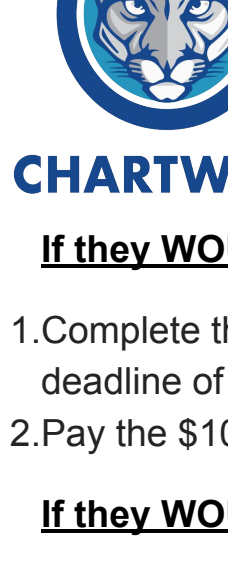
Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see any new items posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified when a new school expense is due. This is convenient so you don't miss any the deadlines.

New users - To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. **You received the PIN referred to in Step 3 in a separate email sent by Ms. Undseth - aundseth@wvschools.ca**

Register Online:
Step 1: Please click on this link: westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com
Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.
Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you will need your student's **PIN number, last name, and date of birth**. This will be emailed to you separately.

Chartwell Reminders

CROSS COUNTRY For Grade 3-7



Our Cross-Country season is beginning soon. Any student in **Grades 3-7** that is interested will be invited to attend a meeting this **Tuesday at Lunch** in the Library to meet the coaches, receive information about the season, and receive a PERMISSION FORM with detailed information, including practice and Meet locations and dates.

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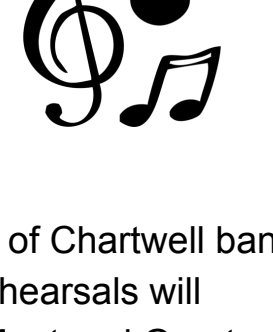
If they WOULD like to join the team:

1. Complete the permission form and return it to the school as soon as possible, with a deadline of Thursday, September 14th to submit the form.
2. Pay the \$10.00 fee via the School Cash Online link.

If they WOULD NOT like to join the team: NO further action is required.

BAND REGISTRATION AND START UP

Calling all Grade 6 & Grade 7 students!! Thank you parents and students who have already registered for Chartwell Band for the 2024-2025 school year. For students who are interested in joining and have not yet registered it is not too late! To register please click on the following link: [Elementary Band Program](#) page.



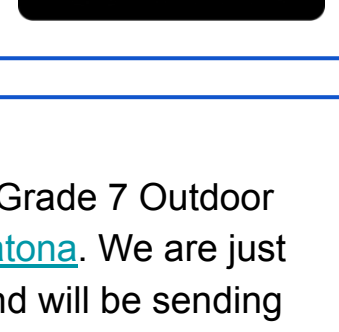
Band Start-up Reminder: I am very excited to announce the start up of Chartwell band for 2024-2025 school year. A reminder to students and parents that rehearsals will begin next week, Tuesday, September 10 - No Instruments needed! Meet and Greet with Ms. O'Brien

Rehearsals: Tuesday's - 1:50 pm - 2:45 pm and Thursdays - 8:00 am - 8:45 pm in the music portable.

Terry Fox Run

Chartwell will be supporting Terry's Marathon of Hope by hosting our own Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 19th, 2024. Primary students will be running around our gravel field while the intermediate students join Sentinel students on part of their course. Help Chartwell reach our target of \$1000 in support of Cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ChartwellElementary>



Grade 7 Outdoor School



We are really looking forward to the Grade 7 Outdoor School Trip, October 1-3 at [Camp Latona](#). We are just putting together some final details and will be sending out permission forms in the coming days. Grade 7 parents, keep your eyes open for them as we will have a quick turn around.

Personal Digital Device Expectations

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 Chartwell School:

- **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](#) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s).
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. 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 at 604-981-1210.**

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.

Cellphones in School: What Parents Need to Know

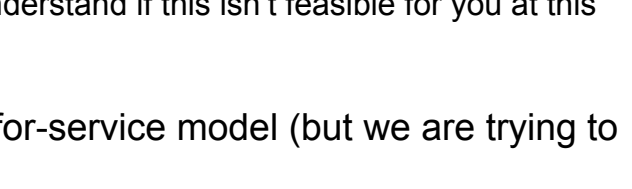
The Sentinel PAC presents an online evening presentation by Carl Wilson, West Vancouver District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology, on Tuesday September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Click on this [link](#) so see the flyer for the link to attend the online session.



New!

Dear Chartwell Families,

Thank you for your patience as we finalize registration for our Active Play program!



We're excited to start **Red Fox Active Play** on **Wednesday, October 2nd, from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m.**, running through Tuesday, December 11th.

**winter dates will be released at a later date*

As we navigate some financial challenges this school year, we're reaching out to invite you to join us in making this a fantastic year for our children. While we await additional funding and fundraising efforts, your support can truly make a difference in West Vancouver.

If you are in a position to contribute, Red Fox would greatly appreciate any monthly or one-time donations. However, please know that we completely understand if this isn't feasible for you at this time, we understand.

In the new year, we may have to move to a fee-for-service model (but we are trying to avoid this).

Thank you for your continued support!

Online Registration Form
<https://forms.gle/kvFB6BzNeJ24G7KV8>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

If you missed last weeks Special Bulletin with the links to our other after school activities please click the link [HERE](#)

PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Chartwell Parents and Guardians,

The Chartwell PAC is an active and supportive group, and we are excited for another great year of involvement and volunteerism at Chartwell.

We are currently accepting nominations for the positions of Co-Chair and Persian Liaison. If you are interested, please email Golnaz at CHPac@wvschools.ca

If no nominations are received, the current PAC Executive will appoint members to these positions.

Thank you,

Golnaz
PAC Chair

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

- [IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)
- [CHARTWELL PARK BELL TIMES](#)

WV Community Corner

West Vancouver Rec Centre:
See below for some of the many offerings provided by the West Vancouver Rec Centre.

Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall.](#)

Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September.](#)

Language Program for Various Ages:
[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)

Browse all your recreation activities and programs here:
<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:
www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers

OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

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. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider

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"I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skw̓w̓w̓mesh (Squamish) Nation, whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides."