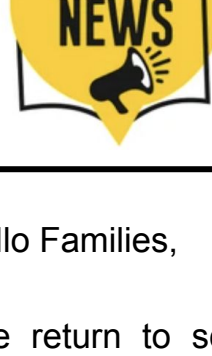


SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



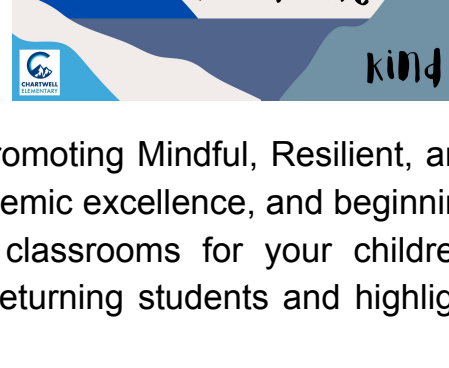
Regular home communication is important to us!

Please make reading our Thursday e-Bulletins a weekly routine to stay up-to-date with school events and information.

All eBulletins will be posted on the Chartwell website under "eBULLETINS"

Hello Families,

The return to school has been a joyful time for both students and staff, with many new families joining our community. Our PAC-led Parent Coffee and Tea reception was a wonderful success, and I enjoyed meeting so many of you.



This week marks Orientation Week, where we emphasize promoting Mindful, Resilient, and Kind behavior among our students. We take pride in our academic excellence, and beginning next week, we will focus on creating the best possible classrooms for your children. Orientation Week allows us to connect with both new and returning students and highlight our shared values.

On Monday, students will enter their new classrooms. Our teachers have thoughtfully organized class placements, a process that began last June and continued this week. Given the careful consideration involved, we will not be able to make changes to class assignments. Thank you for your understanding.

This year, Chartwell will have a variety of multi-age classrooms. For more information, you can find details [HERE](#). As the school year begins, children may feel both excitement and nervousness. I encourage you to focus discussions at home on the positive aspects of their new environment, such as new friendships and learning opportunities. I am confident that our teachers will work hard to ensure a positive experience for your child this year.

Ms. Bell

WEEK 2 SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2024

September 9th to September 13th

8:45 - 2:45 pm

8:45 - 12:00 pm

Regular day for all students in grades

Kindergarten students attend half day only

September 9th to September 12th

Kindergarten Intake Conferences - after school - by appointment

LOOKING AHEAD

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| September 6 | Treehouse Colour Spirit Day |
| September 9-12 | Kindergarten In-take conferences - K dismissal 12pm |
| 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 Open House - EARLY Dismissal 1:53 (more information to come) |
| September 27 | Orange Shirt Day |
| September 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School closed |
| October 9 | First PAC Meeting |

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

LATE AND ABSENT POLICY

If, for any reason, your child is scheduled to be absent, late, or leaving early from school, please be sure to advise the classroom teacher via email and the school via our voicemail system 604-981-1210 or an email to the office at Chartwell@wvschools.ca

Chartwell School must account for each student's whereabouts.

- **Be sure to include the following:** child's full name, grade/teacher, and anticipated length of absence.



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.

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: Tuesdays - 1:50 pm - 2:45 pm and Thursdays - 8:00 am - 8:45 pm in the music portable.

PARENT ACTION ITEMS

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR – TIME SENSITIVE



District On-line Release Forms All Parents in the district are asked annually to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online form for each of their children.

This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately owned electronic devices on school networks and media parental consent form.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this Policy and Procedures form.

It is very important these forms are completed promptly.

School Cash Online

We are very excited to announce that 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 when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

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.schoolcashonline.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

Personal Digital Device Expectations

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 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.

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 Camidge 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.

[See Map HERE](#)

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](#)

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)

[CHARTWELL PARK BELL TIMES](#)

WV Community Corner

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

Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blog and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyves.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrknkennedy>

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"I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwkwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides."