

November 21th, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

As we continue to work together to support our students' growth and development, I want to remind everyone of the important role parents play in their children's education. Research consistently shows that positive communication between parents, teachers, and students has a direct impact on student achievement. Our teachers are dedicated and hardworking professionals who are always happy to engage in meaningful discussions about student learning.

This week, I want to highlight one of the newest district tools we are piloting in a number of classrooms across the school: **Spaces EDU**. Spaces EDU is an incredible platform that provides an online portfolio for students and teachers, enabling seamless communication and collaboration. This tool allows teachers to share and document student learning in a way that is interactive, visual, and organized.

Here are the top 5 ways teachers can use Spaces EDU to support student learning:

- Student Portfolios** – Teachers can upload student work samples, including photos, videos, and documents, allowing students to reflect on their progress.
- Goal Setting** – Teachers and students can collaboratively set learning goals and track progress over time.
- Parent Engagement** – Spaces EDU allows for direct communication between parents and teachers, making it easy to stay up-to-date on student learning.
- Classroom Updates** – Teachers can post regular updates about classroom activities, assignments, and projects, helping parents stay informed.
- Reflection and Feedback** – Students can use the platform to reflect on their learning and receive feedback from both teachers and parents.

I'm excited about the potential of Spaces EDU to further strengthen the partnership between home and school. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out. As always, my door is open to families, and I welcome any opportunity to connect.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to foster a community based on **mindfulness, resilience, and kindness**.

Warm regards,  
Sara Bell

LOOKING AHEAD	
November 22	<b>Immunization Clinic - Kindergarten &amp; Grade 6</b>
November 27	<b>Boys Volleyball Jamboree</b>
November 28	<b>Girls Volleyball Jamboree</b>
December 20	<b>Chartwell Christmas Sing-A-Long</b> <b>Last Day of School before Winter Break</b>
January 6th, 2025	<b>First day back to School after Winter Break</b>
January 7th	<b>Sentinel Secondary: Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM</b>
January 8th	<b>West Vancouver Secondary: Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM</b>
January 15th	<b>Black Excellence Day</b>
January 15th	<b>PAC Meeting 9AM - Chartwell School Library</b>
January 24th	<b>Lunar New Year Celebration</b>
January 27th	<b>Professional Development Day - School not in Session</b>

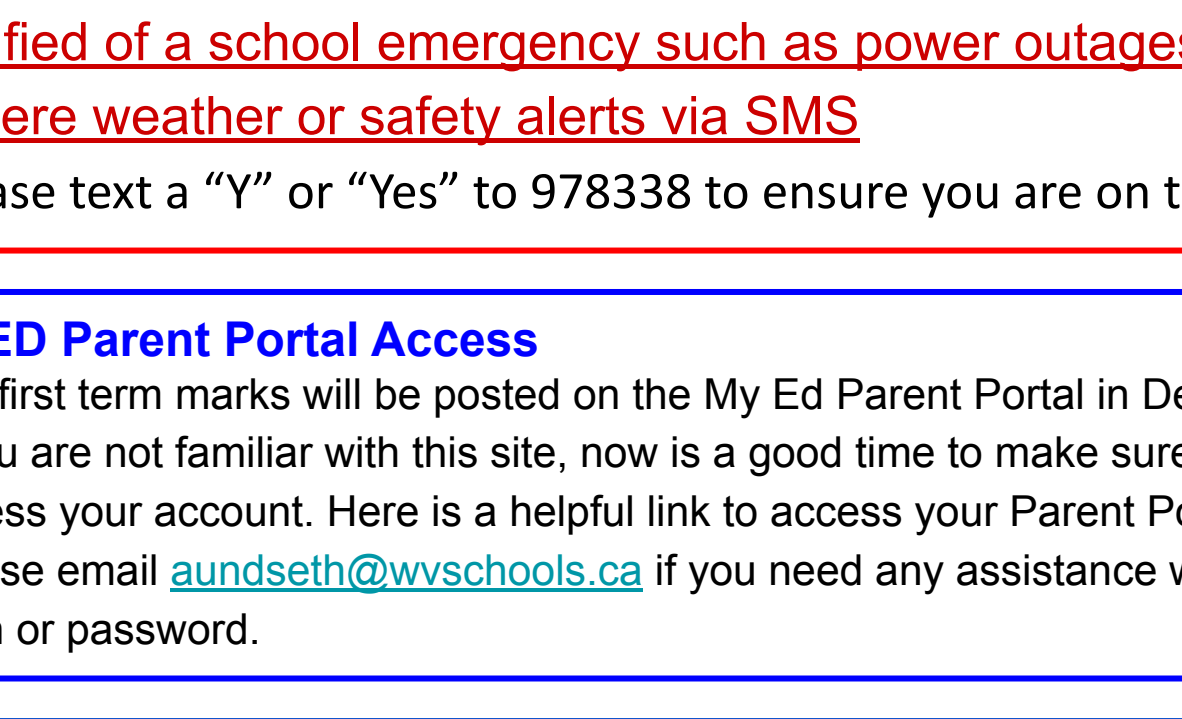
**IMPORTANT THIS WEEK:**

- Text Message Opt-in for Parents
- MyEd Logins for Student Report Cards
- PAC Update

**Chartwell's Division 8 Spotlight**

This week, students in Division 8, had the opportunity to reflect on important events in their learning and our school community through a fun and creative classroom newspaper project. Each student wrote and illustrated their own newspaper article, showcasing their unique perspective on key moments they found meaningful.

The students were very proud of their work, and it was evident that they had fun throughout the process. The articles offered a wonderful glimpse into their thoughts, creativity, and experiences. We are excited to share some photo samples of their finished projects and celebrate their hard work and enthusiasm!



**PARENT ACTION ITEMS**

**Text Messaging – For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS**

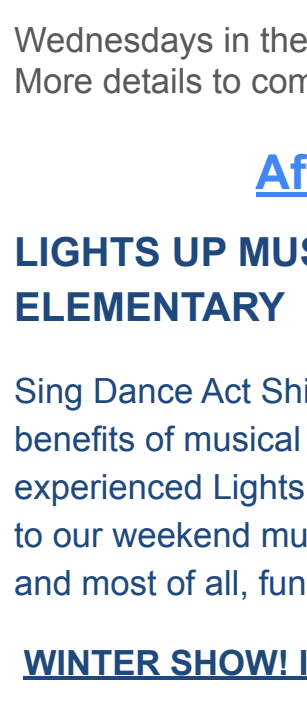
Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

**MyED Parent Portal Access**

Our first term marks will be posted on the My Ed Parent Portal in December. If you are not familiar with this site, now is a good time to make sure you can access your account. Here is a helpful link to access your Parent Portal. Please email [audseth@wvschools.ca](mailto:audseth@wvschools.ca) if you need any assistance with your login or password.

**Chartwell Reminders**

**HOT LUNCHES AT SCHOOL**



If your child is absent, please let the office know if you intend to pick their lunch or if a sibling will bring it home. Otherwise, in order to limit waste, extra hot lunches may be distributed to students in need. We appreciate your cooperation.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

As the first term is drawing to a close, we are working on programs for next term. Yoga will be returning (Wed), as will Sport Explorers, formerly "Multi-Sport" (Mon), Red Fox (Wed), Hoops (Thur) and Parent Badminton Club (Fri). We also currently setting up a Drama program that will run Friday after school.

**Chartwell Sport Explorers After School Program**  
 Location: Chartwell Gymnasium  
 Dates: Mondays, January 13 - March 10 (No session Jan 27, Feb 17)  
 Time: 2:45-4:15  
 Grades: 4-7  
 Pricing: \$210 + GST (7 Sessions)

**Program Description:**  
 Unlock your child's potential through our engaging, multi-sport after-school programs designed to inspire and energize! Led by experienced coaching staff dedicated to providing an unforgettable experience, Sport Explorers introduces athletes to a world of fun, teamwork, and skill-building in a safe, inclusive environment. Each session offers a mix of sports that keeps kids excited, moving, and discovering new talents. Perfect for all experience levels, Sport Explorers makes after-school time active, social, and full of adventure. Sports include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, Pickleball and more! Register today to secure your child's spot for sport exploration!

**Registration Link:**  
<https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/ChartwellSEASPTerm2>

**After School Weekly Kids Yoga "Yoga and our Second Brain"**  
 Children will become aware about making good food choices and how practicing yoga can help us to digest the nutrients in our food. Yoga also helps the digestive tract making us think better and feel clearer.

Wednesdays in the Chartwell Library.  
 More details to come soon.

**After School Lights Up - NEW PROGRAM\*\***

**LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTER SCHOOL AT CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY**  
 Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up After School, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend Lights Up Musical Theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun after school activity right at the bell!

**WINTER SHOW! INSIDE OUT!**  
 This Winter, we will be putting on a musical created specifically for our afterschool students! Inspired by the movies of the same name, students will sing, dance, and act their hearts out as they join Riley on a journey through her emotions!

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 5pm! Performance for parents on the last day of classes!  
 Fridays  
 JAN 10 - MAR 14, 2:45 PM - 5PM  
 GRADES: K to 7 Fee: \$365\* (\*plus GST)

[lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/chartwell/](http://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/chartwell/)

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**West Vancouver Community Events**

**We are changing how we share community connections. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.**

**All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.**

Sara Bell  
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 Chartwell Elementary School  
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*"I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides."*

**PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Dear Chartwell Parents and Guardians,

Hope you all had a wonderful week. Below are some important updates and upcoming activities that require your attention from PAC.

**1. Review of Family Basketball Event**

The past Family Basketball Event was a great success, bringing together our community for an unforgettable 2 days of fun and teamwork. A huge thank you goes to Coach Bijan and the incredible volunteers from Ball Lab for their dedication and support. Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents, whose enthusiasm and participation made the event truly special. Thank you all for contributing to such a memorable experience!



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**2. Christmas Market on December 17th**

Join us for the Christmas Market on December 17th—a festive fundraiser that brings our school community together for a wonderful cause! Parents are invited to adopt a booth and showcase arts and crafts, handmade gifts, and seasonal treats. Further information will be given soon.

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. Your involvement is essential to making these events and activities successful for the Chartwell community.

Best regards,

Jasmine Ni

PAC Chair