

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

December 12th, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the collective progress we've made as a community. Together, we've worked hard to create a positive, focused learning environment where all students can thrive — and your support has been invaluable.

One area where we've seen significant improvement is in the use of Personal Digital Devices (PDDs) at school. With the district's clear expectations and the dedication of our students, families, and staff, we've fostered more engaged and mindful learning spaces. This aligns beautifully with our shared values of mindfulness, resilience, and academic achievement.

Why We're Doing This

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

What You Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- **Celebrate Progress** – Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
- **Reinforce Healthy Habits** – Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- **Model Consistency** – Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on school grounds or in the school building and during shared family time.
- **Support School Communication** – Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, including through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- **Stay Engaged** – Revisit the *Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices* to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Your partnership and commitment are key to the success of this initiative. By working together, we ensure that our students continue to benefit from a focused and supportive learning environment.

At Chartwell, we believe that when we work together — with open communication and shared goals — we create the best possible learning experience for our students. As always, my door is open, and I'm grateful to be on this journey with such a dedicated community.

Warm regards,
Sara Bell

END OF TERM WINTER ASSEMBLY!

Attention all Families! Chartwell will celebrate the end of a great term with a Whole School Assembly. The assembly will take place on Thursday, December 19th, at 1:50 pm in our gym. During the event, Chartwell's Band and Choir will perform a few short songs. Please arrive promptly to the gym at 1:45 as seating is limited.



LOOKING AHEAD

December 13	Last day of regular FAMILY BADMINTON Holiday Sweater Day or Spirit Wear
December 17	Chartwell Christmas Market - PAC Event - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
December 19	Chartwell Christmas Sing-A-Long Assembly - 1:50 pm
December 20	Pajama Day Last Day of School before Winter Break Early Dismissal - 12:03 pm
January 6th, 2025	First day back to School after Winter Break
January 7th	Sentinel Secondary: Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM
January 8th	West Vancouver Secondary: Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM
January 15th	Black Excellence Day
January 15th	PAC Meeting 9AM - Chartwell School Library
January 24th	Lunar New Year Celebration
January 27th	Professional Development Day - School not in Session

Chartwell Spotlight

Where will she be



West Vancouver District News

West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15th, 2025

K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15! If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

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 **before 12:00 pm day of**. Otherwise, in order to limit waste, extra hot lunches may be distributed to students in need. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please don't forget to pack your child's fork, spoon or cutlery!



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.

Chess Club - Thursdays at lunchtime - Chartwell Library:

Register here: <https://chartwellchess2025janmar.eventbrite.ca>

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)

Registration Link:

<https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/ChartwellSEASPTer m2>

After School Weekly Kids Yoga "Yoga and our Second Brain"

Wednesdays in the Chartwell Library.

Registration Link: www.worldofyogaschool.com

Hoops Basketball Academy

Registration Link:

<https://www.hoopsbasketball.ca/programs-110623-655952-589544-802005-465535.html>

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.

WINTER SHOW! INSIDE OUT! 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)

Registration Link: lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/chartwell/

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COMING YEAR

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)
[IMPORTANT DATES 2024 - 2025](#)
[CHARTWELL BELL TIMES](#)



West Vancouver Community Events

We are changing how we share community news and events. 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.

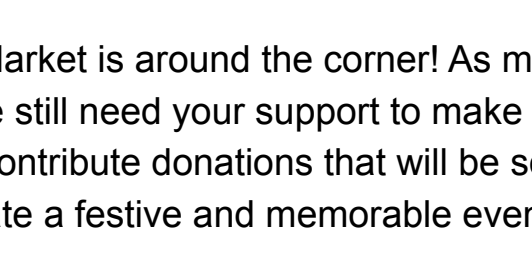
All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

Sara Bell
Principal
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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. Christmas Market on December 17th

The Chartwell Christmas Market is around the corner! As more and more parents have brought their donations, we still need your support to make it a success! We kindly ask all parents and guardians to contribute donations that will be sold at the market. Your generosity will help us create a festive and memorable event for our school community.

You could drop off your donation to the school office before the event, or use the sign-up link below and bring your donation on the event day.

Please find the donation sign-up link below.

Snacks, Bakery and Drinks:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qYsDHNqijzN_yuKsmJiS5TdtXzmGkH6Pk1roJxkAGCc/edit?tab=t.0

Crafts, Décor and Toys:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-xDjsiVzp2c5KCiHeeNmxSQS-cyfmr8E5nHbYfqZRVc/edit?tab=t.0>

Most of the merchandise will be priced between \$1 and \$20.

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 and Maryam Goodarzi
PAC Chair Co-Chairs