

CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

December 19th, 2024 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Dear Chartwell Families,

As the holidays approach, we encourage everyone to take a break from screens and make time to truly connect – with loved ones, with nature, and with the simple joys of the season. Whether it's playing a board game, reading a book together, or sharing stories around the table, these moments create memories that last far beyond the holidays.

We are truly grateful for the generosity of our families. While the gifts and cards are unnecessary, they are very much appreciated and remind us of the kindness that makes our community so special.

As we step into the new year, let's continue to embrace our Chartwell values of being mindful, resilient, and kind – with ourselves, each other, and our community.

Wishing you a season filled with warmth, joy, and meaningful connections.

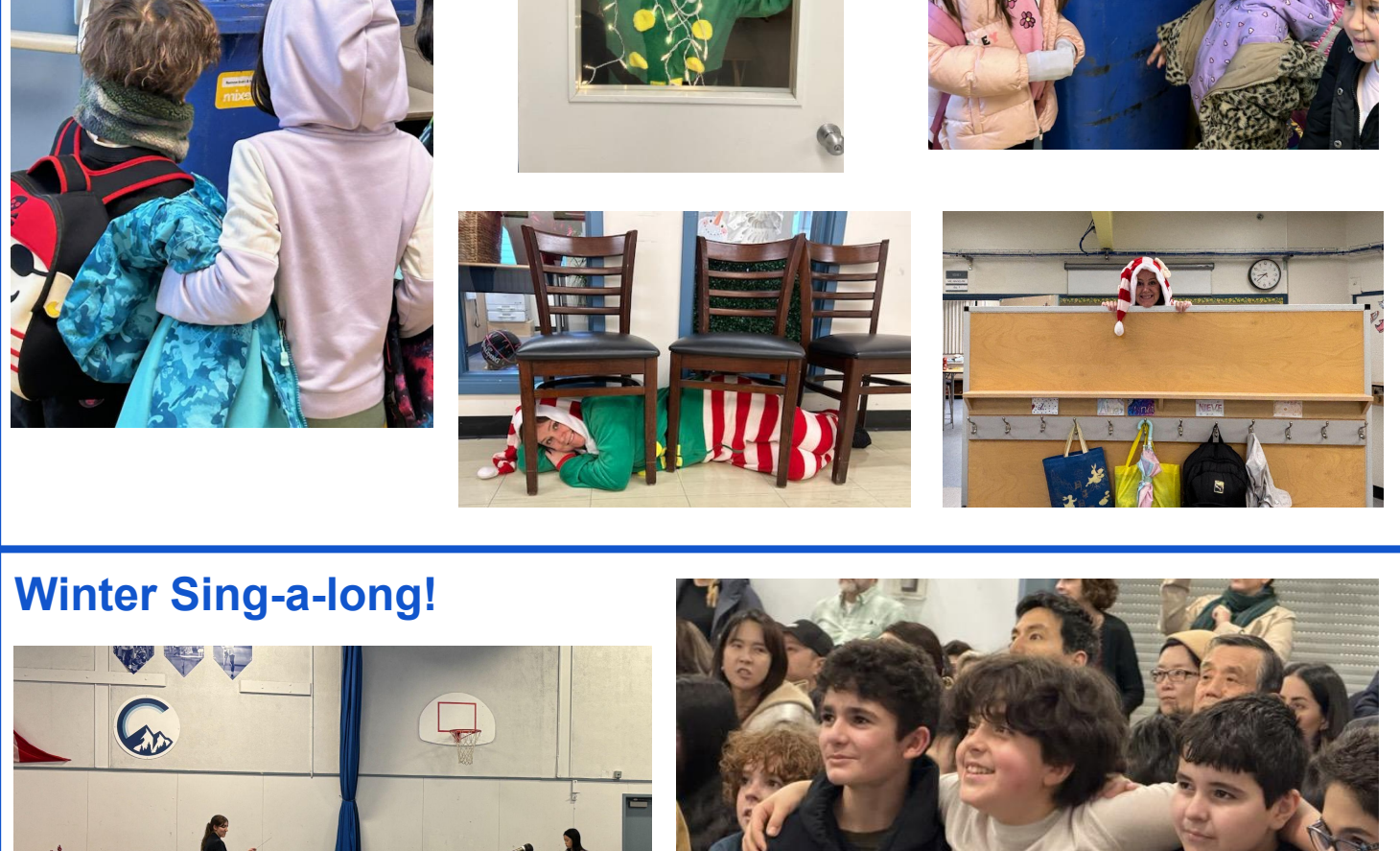
Warm regards,
Sara Bell

LOOKING AHEAD

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| 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 16th | Kindergarten Dental Screening |
| January 24th | Lunar New Year Celebration |
| January 27th | Professional Development Day - School not in Session |

Chartwell Spotlight

WHERE WILL SHE BE TOMORROW?



Winter Sing-a-long!



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!

Personal Digital Device Expectations

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

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 the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
- Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication 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.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

Chartwell Reminders

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.upliferinc.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](#)

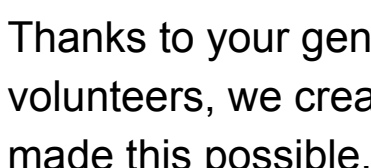
[CHARTWELL BELL TIMES](#)

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
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



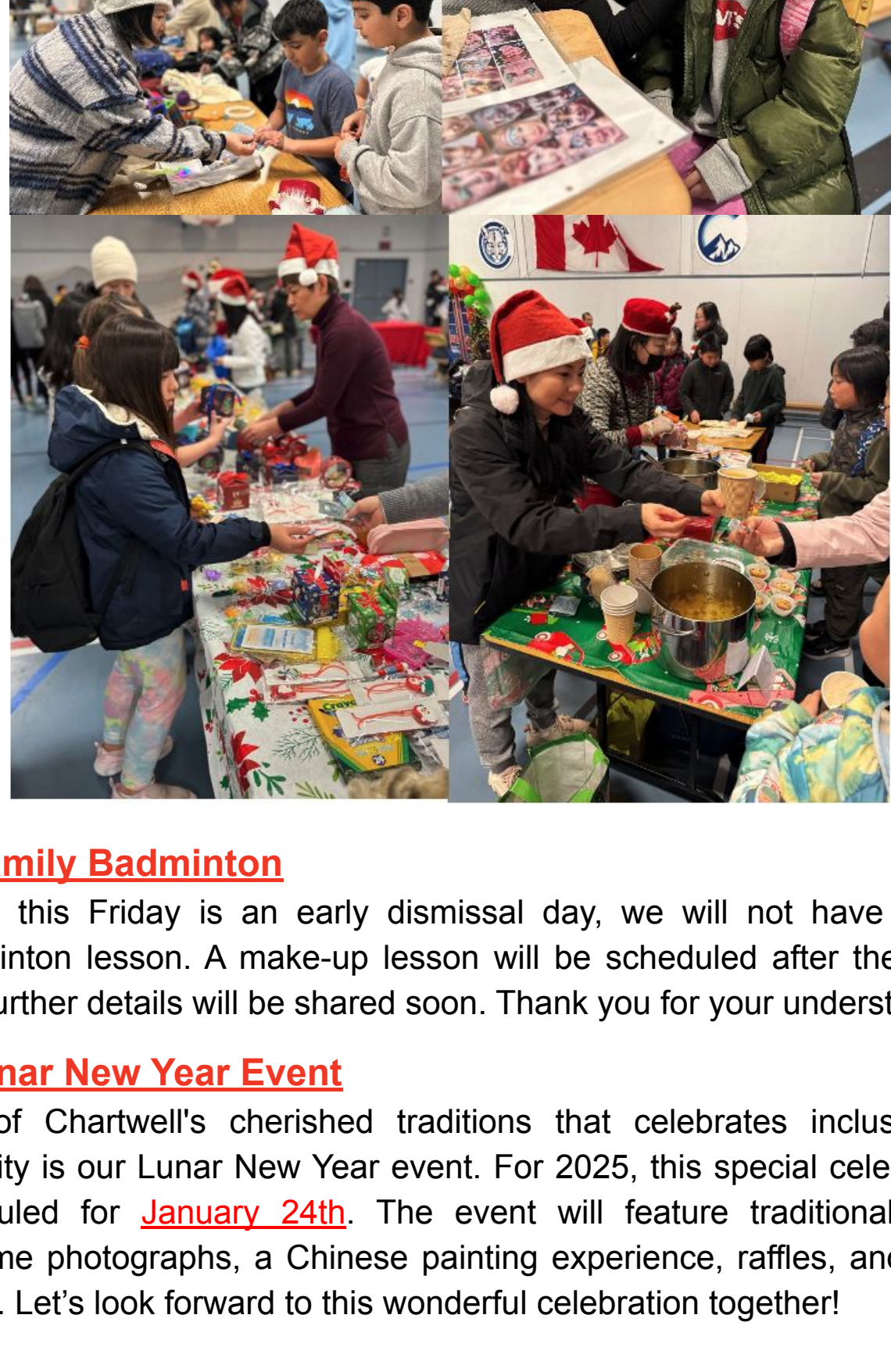
Chartwell Elementary PAC
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Dear Chartwell Parents and Guardians,

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

1. Christmas Market

We are thrilled to share that our Christmas Market was a huge success! Thanks to your generous donations and the hard work of our amazing volunteers, we created a memorable event for everyone. Your support truly made this possible, and we couldn't have done it without you.



2. Family Badminton

Since this Friday is an early dismissal day, we will not have our final badminton lesson. A make-up lesson will be scheduled after the holiday, and further details will be shared soon. Thank you for your understanding!

3. Lunar New Year Event

One of Chartwell's cherished traditions that celebrates inclusivity and diversity is our Lunar New Year event. For 2025, this special celebration is scheduled for **January 24th**. The event will feature traditional games, costume photographs, a Chinese painting experience, raffles, and exciting prizes. Let's look forward to this wonderful celebration together!

Thank you for taking the time to read these important updates. Your involvement is what makes the Chartwell community so strong and vibrant, and we deeply appreciate your continued support.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2025!

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