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Chartwell eBulletin

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December 18, 2025 NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

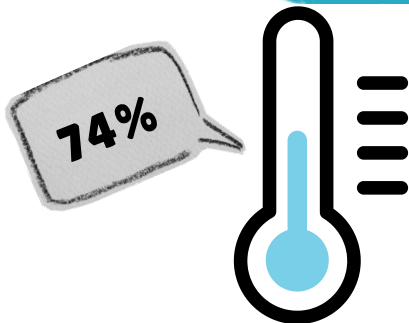
**Innovating for Excellence: Chartwell's 2025
Technology Campaign**

**LAST DAY- Campaign deadline
EXTENDED!**

**Thank you to the families who have already
contributed to our 2025 Tech Campaign.**

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

Our Goal: \$30,000



WE ARE SO CLOSE

♥ Every dollar matters. Every gift counts. Your support brings new iPads and ViewBoards into classrooms—ensuring all Chartwell students benefit from engaging, up-to-date learning environments.



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Chartwell This Week!

Dear Chartwell Families,

As we head into the winter holiday break, I want to wish each of you a joyful and restful two weeks ahead. No matter how your family celebrates, I hope this time offers a chance to slow down, connect, and enjoy being together.

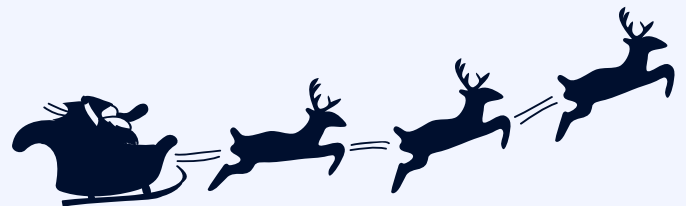
These two weeks can feel very different for children, exciting, unstructured, and sometimes a little challenging. However, they are also wonderful opportunities to enjoy simple moments as a family. A walk around the neighbourhood, a visit to the library, skating at the local rink, cooking together, or exploring a favourite park can all make meaningful memories.

Encourage your children to pull out the puzzles and board games, read a good book, build something, create something, and take a healthy break from screens. These small activities support connection, curiosity, and a sense of calm during a busy season.

We hope your children return in January feeling refreshed, recharged, and ready for a great new year of learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. Wishing you and your family a safe, peaceful, and happy holiday.

Warmly,
Sara Bell



Christmas Sing Along

A huge thank you to our music teacher, Ms. Ng for two absolutely outstanding Christmas concerts. The level of preparation, care, and musical excellence on display was remarkable. Our students shone with confidence and joy, and it was clear how much thought and effort went into creating such meaningful performances. We are so grateful for the energy, leadership, and passion that made these concerts such a memorable celebration for our community.



Chartwell This Week!



LOOKING AHEAD

December 19th

Last Day of Classes – Early Dismissal – 12:03 pm
Holiday Spirit Wear – Wear your Pajamas!

January 5

School Back in Session

January 6

West Van Secondary Information Night –
Kay Meek Theatre – Parents – 6:30 pm

January 7

First Aid Course – Division 1
Sentinel Information Night – Grade 8 students + Parents 6:30pm

January 8

First Aid Course – Division 2
Kindergarten Hearing Test

**January 13 +
14**

First Aid Course – Division 3 + 4

January 15

Black Excellence Day

January 20

Boys Basketball – Away game
Girls Basketball – No game

January 30

Professional Development Day – School not in session

Chartwell This Week!

Thank you for your patience as we worked through the power outage on Monday morning.



If you did not receive a text message (SMS) from the school district about the outage, and you would like to, please text a “Y” or “Yes” to **978338** to ensure you are on the list.

These notifications are only used in the case of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts.



**Join the Chartwell PAC
WhatsApp group for
information on school and PAC
events. Thank you to Soroush
for taking on this responsibility
this year.**





TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Sign Up Here

Registration for 2025-2026



Applications for Kindergarten (in-catchment, out of catchment and out of district) AND for in-catchment registrations in Grades 1-12 are open.

**Out of catchment and out of district
will open January 15, 2026**

Please note that **current Chartwell students are not required to re-apply** for the next school year. Grade 7 students going to Sentinel also do not need to apply, they will automatically transfer. Sentinel counsellors will visit us in late winter/early spring to distribute transfer forms at that time. HOWEVER, if your first choice for a secondary school is not Sentinel then you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines.

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more information
spotlighting Chartwell's
teaching, learning and
fun!**

@Chartwellelementary



Please check this link for the deadlines [*Click Here*](#)



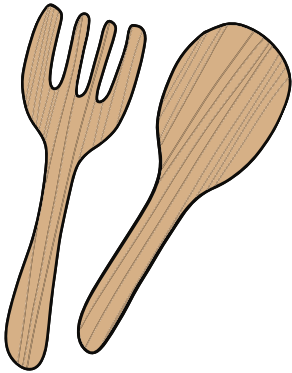
Chartwell Reminders

NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

The wet weather has arrived! Students are outside for approximately 45 minutes for morning and lunch recesses and will need to keep warm and dry. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate waterproofed clothing and footwear. Please pack an extra set of clothes for your child to keep at school or in their backpack.



PLEASE PACK UTENSILS



Students need to bring a fork, spoon or chopsticks from home to eat their lunches. The office does not have extra for our students. Being mindful of single use plastics we are looking to have our students bring reusable cutlery from home.



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 an email to the office at Chartwell@wvschools.ca or voicemail system (**604-981-1210**).

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

Chartwell This Week!



Personal Digital Device Reminders



Over the first term, students and staff have worked hard to follow the West Vancouver Schools **Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations**. Classrooms are more focused, transitions are smoother, and students tell us they can concentrate better without the pull of their phones. Thank you to families for reinforcing these habits at home.

As we return to school after the winter break, please help us keep this momentum going by reminding your children of the digital device expectations while at school.

What's expected at school:

Elementary (K–7): Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.

Secondary (8–12): Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

How families can help:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support schools by demonstrating these expectations whenever possible. This includes limiting adult cell phone use in and around school and refraining from contacting your child during school hours.

For a one-page overview of expectations, [see our Parent & Guardian Infographic.](#)



Chartwell Reminders

IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

CHARTWELL BELL TIMES

West Vancouver Schools
Community Connections



Earn Treehouse Points + Give Back!

Have your child bring in a non-perishable food item to boost their Treehouse Points. Every item goes directly to the Harvest Project to support local families.

Sara Bell
Principal
Chartwell (ECH)
West Vancouver Schools
T 604-981-1210



**WEST
VANCOUVER
SCHOOLS**

A world of opportunity

I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.

WV Community Corner

Literacy at the WVML

Join us for an engaging session on supporting your child's literacy and language development. Presented by West Vancouver Schools in partnership with the West Vancouver Memorial Library, these workshops will explore practical strategies to foster a love of reading, build foundational skills, and create strong home-school connections. Sessions will include insights from district educators and library staff, highlighting local resources that help every child thrive academically. All sessions will take place in Welsh Hall at the West Vancouver Memorial Library. Session dates are as follows:

- January 27th – Parents of Grades 4 – 7 students
- March 3rd – Parents of Grades 8 – 12 students

Did you know that it takes someone about 25 minutes to refocus on the task they were doing after being distracted by their phone?

The average teen gets 10 notifications an hour.
Classes last 80 minutes.

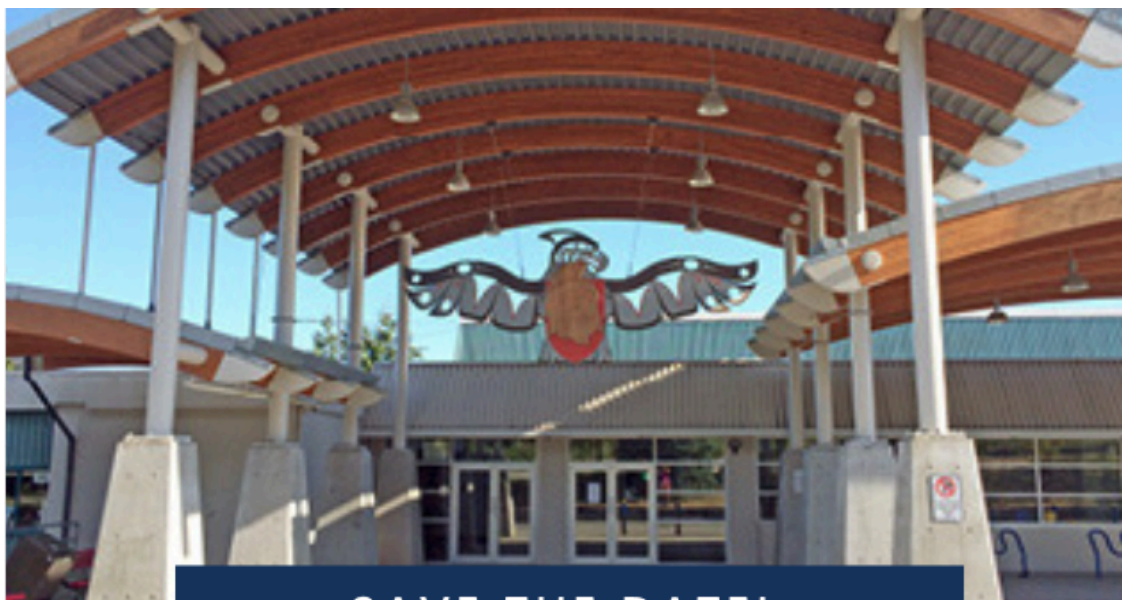
YOU DO THE MATH!



Parents & Caregivers

Learn about Discord, Roblox, Instagram and Snapchat using the link below:

Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices



SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Date: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Where: Sentinel Secondary

1250 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver

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: [Culture of Yes](#) or [Chris Kennedy's Twitter Account](#)



PAC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Week of Dec 15 -19



CHARTWELL ELEMENTARY PAC
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Chinese Liaison Vacancy We are also seeking a volunteer to serve as our Chinese Liaison. If you are interested, please contact CHPac@wvschools.ca

Lunar New Year Committee is inviting the members of the Korean Community to join the committee. Please contact Monica liangxym@gmail.com

Meeting with the Principal: Chartwell PAC executives had a meeting with the principal to discuss pancake breakfast, fun fest., leaving ceremony, digital device upgrade.

Class Parents: Huge thanks to our amazing class reps who took time during holiday season to organize collective gifts for teachers and staff.

Hot Lunch Program



Hot Lunch Team is working on next term's order. It takes time to add new vendors and menus; we appreciate your patience while the team is finishing the work. New term order will be open soon. Stay tuned!

No Hot Lunch Tomorrow Friday December 19th!!!!

Friday Badminton Second Term is Opened!
Please go to – Munch a lunch - Fundraising

Chartwell Elementary Friday Badminton Program Enrollment (2026 Winter)

We want to thank all parents for your support and participation in this PAC fundraising event. We are pleased to announce the registration details for the upcoming spring term Friday Badminton activity.

Here are the full details:

Activity 1: Family Badminton Play

Dates: Every Friday from Jan. 9th to Mar. 7th (except Jan. 30th and Feb. 13) **Time:** 3:00PM - 7:00 PM

Court Availability:

- 3:00 - 4:00 PM → All 3 courts available
- 4:00 - 6:50 PM → 2 courts available

Fee option 1: \$30 per family per term (includes access for all family members)

Fee option 2: Drop-in - \$5 for occasional attendance.

Activity 2: Student Badminton Training (Limited to 4 students per session)

Dates: Every Friday from Jan. 9th to Mar. 7th (except Jan. 30th and Feb. 13th.)

Time: 4:00PM - 7:00PM • Total Weeks: 7 weeks

Fees: \$190 per term for the first child (includes access for all family members)

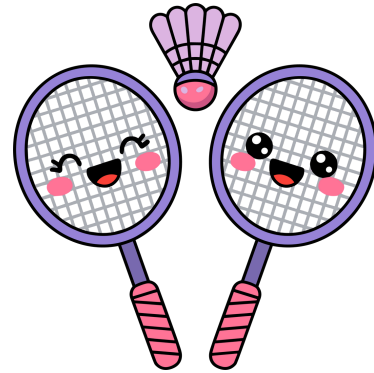
Sibling rate: \$160 per term for the second and subsequent children within the same family

Time Slot Skill Level

4:00 - 5:00 PM Beginner/Intermediate

5:00 - 6:00 PM Intermediate/Advanced

6:00 - 7:00 PM Intermediate



Clarification on Supervision Requirement:

1. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that only families who are registered for the activity remain in the gym.
2. Please note that children who participate in the family play session must be always supervised by a parent or guardian.
3. If students' training ends and they wish to stay for the family play session, parents must be present and supervise throughout the activity. This is to ensure the safety of all participants, especially when younger and older students are sharing the gym space.
4. Please enter and exit through the gym's side door (closest to the parking lot), and make sure to sign in and out at the check-in table by the entrance.

Chartwell PAC wishes all families an amazing holiday season!

Thank you for your support and see you in 2026!

