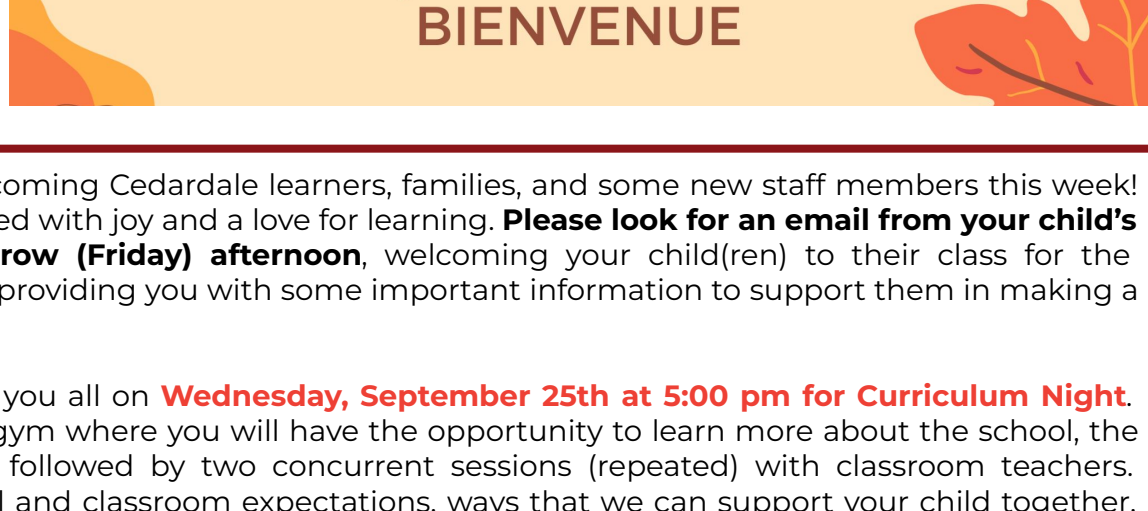


September 5th, 2024

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### Hawks Highlights

Sept	13th	Individual Photo Day
	17th	#1 Cross Country Meet Grades 3-7
	19th	Terry Fox Run
	20th	Professional Development Day - no classes
	24th	#2 Cross Country Meet Grades 3-7
	25th	Curriculum Night 5:00 pm
	27th	Orange Shirt Day
	30th	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - School not in session
Oct	1st	#2 Cross Country Meet Grades 3-7



It has been a pleasure welcoming Cedardale learners, families, and some new staff members this week! The halls are once again filled with joy and a love for learning. **Please look for an email from your child's classroom teacher tomorrow (Friday) afternoon**, welcoming your child(ren) to their class for the 2024-2025 school year and providing you with some important information to support them in making a smooth transition.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00 pm for Curriculum Night**. This event will start in the gym where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the school, the PAC, and the year ahead, followed by two concurrent sessions (repeated) with classroom teachers. Teachers will outline school and classroom expectations, ways that we can support your child together, volunteer opportunities, and more!

### Pick-up, Drop-off, Parking - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Thank you for continuing to be cautious and patient when picking up and dropping off your child(ren).

#### NEW FOR 2024-2025

With reduced staff parking in the staff lot, the spots at the top of the turnaround (by the stairs to the back of the school and playground) will be reserved for **staff only**. **Please do not park in these parking spots.** **When picking up your Grade 4-7 child(ren), please do not arrive before 3:00pm. Your child will be dismissed at 3:00pm (not before).**

Staff will no longer be directing waiting parents/caregivers into these spots. If you are in the turnaround line and your child has not yet exited the school, you will be asked to exit the turnaround and get back in line at a later time.

We strongly encourage families to pre-arrange all pick-ups. You may wish to meet your child on Margaree Pl., at the back field on Inglewood Ave., or park a few blocks away and meet on foot. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

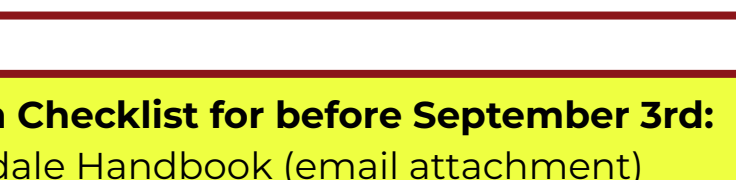
### School Fees

School fees in the amount of \$17 (for Gr. 1-7) will appear on School Cash Online in addition to the \$500 IB fee. These fees help support essential programs, classroom supplies such as agendas and yearbooks, and activities that enrich our learners' educational experience to ensure our learners have access to high-quality resources and opportunities. In addition, a portion of the cost is a School Cash Online User fee for all West Vancouver Students.



### No Furry Friends on the Playground Please!

Although we love your pets, dogs are **NOT permitted on school grounds**. Please keep furry friends in the car or off school property.



We are thrilled to welcome new staff to the Cedardale Community! Welcome to Mme Nam (Grade 1), Mme Lo (Music), Mme Vanessa (EA), and M. Alex (Day Custodian).

### Parent and Guardian Checklist for before September 3rd:

- Read the Cedardale Handbook (email attachment)
- Complete [Policy and Procedures Forms](#)
- Be familiarized with WVS Personal Digital Devices Policy (below)
- Be sure to have ordered [school supplies](#)
- Review the [Year at a Glance](#)

### Policy and Procedures Forms & Emergency Contact Forms - Action Item!

Please take the time as soon as possible to complete our online Policy and Procedures Forms: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Account/Login?rr=Form/PandP>.

It is very important that each learner has these forms filled out in order to participate in all school-based opportunities (i.e., Terry Fox Run, community walks, accessing digital resources, using school wifi, etc).

Each learner will also be sent home with a package containing information and important (paper) forms which must be filled out and returned to the school by **Monday, September 25th**. It is necessary to provide the office with the most up-to-date contact information which is used to contact families in case of emergency as well as to communicate important information from the school. Please review the Student Verification Form carefully as the contact information within represents the information we have on file. Without this, you will not receive timely communication from the school or school district. **Be on the lookout for this package next week!**

### Personal Digital Device Expectations – NEW!

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 different school levels:

- **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.**
- **Secondary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will be in place during instructional time. Instructional time is during classes, assemblies and all school related learning activities.

#### How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

**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). Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.

**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.

**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.

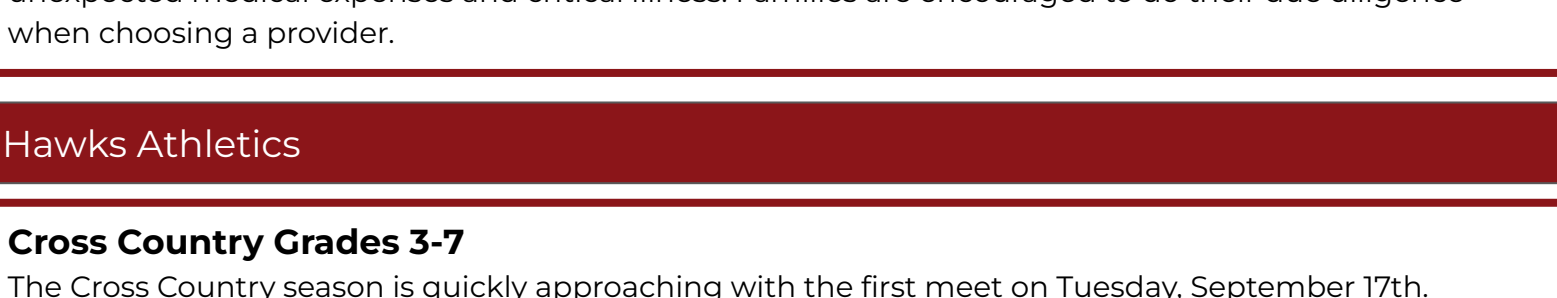
**Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. If there is an emergency or urgent communication is needed, **please contact the school office.**

The infographic includes a flowchart showing 'Personal Digital Devices' leading to 'Laptops are the preferred device for school use'. It also features a section titled 'What can parents and guardians do to help?' with a list of bullet points: 'Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school', 'Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital devices', 'Refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office', and 'Personally model and encourage digital device limitations (boundaries?)'. There are also separate boxes for 'Elementary' (Cell phones should not be used in elementary school) and 'Secondary' (Cell phones should only be used in class if specifically required for learning).

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.

### Cedardale Spirit Wear - get your gear for the new school year!

Click [here](#) to order Cedardale t-shirts, hoodies, and more! Red sports logo t-shirts and back!



### 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.

### Hawks Athletics

#### Cross Country Grades 3-7

The Cross Country season is quickly approaching with the first meet on Tuesday, September 17th. Permission forms will go out early next week for all hawks in Grades 3-7 who are interested in participating!

If you are interested in supporting the team as a **volunteer coach**, please contact M. Hugo @ [hpaquin@wvschools.ca](mailto:hpaquin@wvschools.ca). No experience necessary!

### Before and After School Programs & Community Connections

#### User Pay Opportunities:

#### Hoops Basketball Academy

#### Basketball and Fitness After School Program (KG – Gr3)

Learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and encouraging environment. Fun and movement is the focus!!

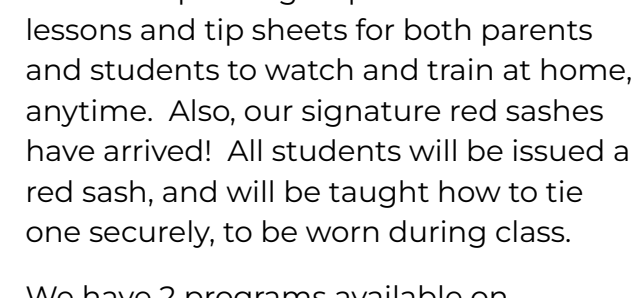
**Fall Registration NOW OPEN** 🏀🏀

**(KG – Gr1) ----- 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm (Mondays)**

**(Gr2 – Gr3) ----- 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm (Fridays)**

**After school sessions @ Ecole Cedardale Elementary**

For more information and to register, click [Here](#) or visit us at: [www.hoopsbasketball.ca](http://www.hoopsbasketball.ca)



#### Kung-Fu Kids Fall 2024 Session @ Cedardale (Wednesdays)

Looking for an after school program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-defence while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is resuming sessions this fall!

**NEW this year:** Kung-Fu Kids mentorship chat group with online video lessons and tip sheets for both parents and students to watch and train at home, anytime. Also, our signature red sashes have arrived! All students will be issued a red sash, and will be taught how to tie one securely, to be worn during class.

We have 2 programs available on Wednesdays after school starting on September 18 (13 classes):

Grades K-2: 2:45pm-3:25pm (40 minutes) - Using music, games, storytelling, and essential kung-fu patterns (basic kicks, blocks and punches) to learn about balance, coordination, reaction, and timing to develop better focus, listening, and gross motor skill skills. Kids will also learn about respect, communication & understanding among their peers. Certification and graduation will be held on the last day of class.

Fee: \$15/class + GST

Grades 3-7: 3:30pm-4:45pm (75 minutes) - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defence techniques in kicking, striking, blocking, and stances/footwork. The main goal is to develop speed, accuracy and power. We will use various modern conditioning and sports equipment, as well as safety gear such as mats, striking pads and kicking shields.

Levels 1 & 2 Grade testing and certification will be conducted on the last day of class.

Fee: \$20/class + GST

Still have questions and would like to know more? Attend our online Zoom information session next week:

- September 10 @ 11am and 7pm

- September 11 @ 11am and 7pm

If interested please contact James Chang ([james@westcoastkungfu.ca](mailto:james@westcoastkungfu.ca)) for questions, or to register!

The advertisement features the text 'L'ÉCOLINE ACADEMY FRENCH CLASS GRADES 5, 6, 7 Monday, Thursday 3:15pm - 4:45pm at L'École Cedardale starting from September 12th'. Below this, it lists 'WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD JOIN US?' with four bullet points: 'TO ENHANCE LANGUAGE SKILLS CRUCIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS.', 'TO DEVELOP MORE CONFIDENCE IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.', 'TO EXPLORE THE RICH TAPESTRY OF FRENCH CULTURE.', and 'TO CONNECT WITH A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS AND EDUCATORS.' The background includes a stylized landscape with flowers.