

HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: December 11th-15th, 2023



The Week Ahead	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Winter Plants pick up in gym 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thursday	
Friday	Report Cards to be posted on MyEd (parents can access through parent portal - see instructions below) HPAC Hot Chocolate Sale (outside the gym) - bring a toonie!
UPCOMING...	See more details on our calendar at the end of this document

Information, Request, Reminders	
MYED PARENT PORTAL ACCESS	<p>Our first term marks will be posted on the MyEd Parent Portal on December 15th. 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. Or watch THIS VIDEO for step-by-step instructions.</p> <p>Please email cdenman@wvschools.ca if you need any assistance with your login or password.</p>

**WVSS GRADE 8
STUDENT & PARENT
INFORMATION
NIGHT**



If your child is planning on attending West Vancouver Secondary School next school year, you and your child are invited to attend a parent information session on **Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm at the Kay Meek Theatre.**

Please see more information [HERE](#).

**INFORMATION FROM
VANCOUVER
COASTAL HEALTH
-
VISION SCREENING
FOR CHILDREN**

Early access to vision care is an important part of school readiness. Many vision problems are preventable or treatable.

- **All children should see an optometrist before kindergarten, ideally by age 3, to start school ready to learn.**
- Find an optometrist in your area through the [Find-a-Doctor tool](#) on the BC Doctors of Optometry platform
- Good vision is important for children's learning and development.
- When vision problems are found early, it is often possible to correct them or prevent them from getting worse. Some vision concerns or changes can be difficult to detect or notice without testing.
- B.C. Medical Services Plan covers vision check-ups once a year for children under age 19.
- Some eye clinics have additional charges associated with children's eye exams.
- It is a good idea for families to call eye clinics before scheduling an appointment to ask about costs and other services such as languages spoken.

Please find a printable poster [HERE](#) with these key messages. Please see our webpage Vision services for children at vch.ca for additional information about vision health care for children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alex Choi, Medical Health Officer, North Shore

Dr. Althea Hayden, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver

Dr. Ceinwen Pope, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver

Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver

Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer, Richmond

Dr. Michael Schwandt, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver

Dr. Moliehi Khaketla, Medical Health Officer, Coastal Rural

<p>WV DISTRICT FOOD SECURITY PLAN</p>	<p>As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare Feeding Futures Initiative, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to the school principal (jduncan@wvschools.ca) if support is needed with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.</p>
<p>SCHOOL-AGED CHILD CARE DEMAND PARENT SURVEY</p>	<p>On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's ChildCareBC initiatives:</p> <p>We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's ChildCareBC plan is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.</p> <p>The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.</p> <p>While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.</p> <p>This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all. The survey is now available online at: https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1167</p>
<p>ART MANIA LUNCH PROGRAM FOR GRADES 3-7</p>	<p>Art Mania is coming to teach classes at lunchtime on Thursdays in January. Has your child ever wanted to create their own graphic novel? Students will have fun learning comic sketching, scriptwriting, drawing and composition. Their Artmania teacher will help them explore comics and illustration using various drawing and colouring techniques to bring their characters to life. For our lunchtime classes, students are taught their lesson while they are eating their lunch, so they have lots of time to create! Please access the flyer HERE for further information and the link to register.</p>
<p>K-3 MULTI-SPORT AFTER SCHOOL</p>	<p>This excitement-filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will</p>

PROGRAM	<p>move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!</p> <p>NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level</p> <p>Dates: Wednesdays, January 17th - March 13th (9 Sessions) Times: 2:50-3:50pm Grades: K-3 Cost: \$180 + GST</p> <p>Registration: Sign Up Here</p>
CHRISTMAS BUREAU A Family Services Program	<p>Each year, the Christmas Bureau helps some of the North Shore's most vulnerable community members by providing grocery gift cards, toys and holiday gift baskets. The support the Bureau provides helps reduce some of the overwhelming stress of financial hardship that is often felt deeply during the holiday season.</p> <p>Need help? Do you know someone who may benefit from this giving program? To find out more about the program and what support is available, families, couples or individuals can call the Christmas Bureau at 604-984-9627 (Monday - Friday from 10am - 4pm) or visit here.</p>
DISTRICT INFORMATION SESSIONS	<p>The following event is being offered for families and the community: Family Smart Workshop Series and Information Sessions: FamilySmart Monthly Online Events - Fall Series 2023.pdf</p>

In the Community	
WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	<p>The WVML November/December 2023 e-newsletter for families can be accessed here. As always, everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.</p> <p>Please check out the WVML website for more information.</p>
REC CENTRE HAPPENINGS	<p><u>Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball</u> Ages: 5-12 Years Old (Drop-ins welcome!) Where: WV Rec Centre All equipment and wheelchairs are provided. Registration is here</p> <p>Winter Break camp registrations are now open: https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/r</p>

	<p>recreation-activities/camps</p> <p>Browse your recreation activities and programs here: https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities</p> <p>Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us: https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers</p>
DUNDARAVE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2023	<p>FREE, FESTIVE, AND FABULOUS! You are invited to visit the Forest of Miracles!</p> <p>When: Open all day every day Where: Ambleside</p> <p>Performance Program: <u>Friday Dec 8th</u> 4-5pm *GROSVENOR AMBLESIDE GALLERIA* Mulgrave Junior Choir</p> <p><u>Saturday Dec 9th</u> noon to dusk Paddle Songs and Reconciliation Noon Squamish Elder Wendy Charbonneau 2pm Viper Central 3pm MIDMAY</p> <p><u>Saturday Dec 16th</u> - noon to dusk World Christmas NOON Bollywood dancing class for beginners 1pm Scottish Country Dancing 2pm Ukrainian Songs with Zeellia 3pm Burstin' with Broadway.</p> <p><u>Saturday Dec 23rd</u> 4-8pm Christmas Wassail and Bonfire Night Los Duendes - Psych Latin Funk Fusion Square Dancing Carolling Santa arrives by Search and Rescue Boat, Music Dancing etc.</p>
WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION	<p>West Vancouver Little League registration is open! Spring baseball for ages 5-16 We have girls only programs this year! https://wvll.ca/registration/</p>

COMING UP!

Monday December 18th

- Winter Concert @**6:30pm** in the Hollyburn Gym



**SOLD OUT*

Tuesday December 19th

- Winter Concert @5:30pm in the Hollyburn Gym

Tickets available on SchoolCashOnline

Friday December 22nd

- Last day of school before Winter Break (dismissal at 12 noon)

Monday, January 8th

- School re-opens