

**HOLLYBURN THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 14th - 18th**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - school not in session</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:10-8:40: GIRLS GRADE 7 &amp; VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE THROWING CLINIC FOR K-3</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>PHOTO RETAKES</b>  <b>3:00-3:30: BOYS GRADE 7 &amp; VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:10-8:40: GIRLS GRADE 7 &amp; VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 2:50 - 3:10 PAC - SMART SWEETS SALE \$4 (outside the gym)</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS... see at the bottom of the document**

**Information, Request, Reminders**

<b>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS</b>	<p>2025/2026 admissions open on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 in-catchment students.</p> <p>Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens at 8:00am on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</p>
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For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/>

Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

**WINTER  
WEATHER  
CLOTHING  
REMINDER**

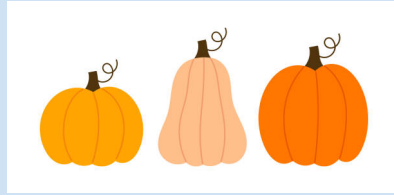


As we head into winter, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for both wet and cold weather. Essential items include waterproof shoes or boots, a rain jacket, and spare socks, as well as warm layers like sweaters, toques, and mittens. It's also helpful to pack a spare set of clothes, including a t-shirt and pants.

In the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake or power outage, students may need to remain in an unheated building or outdoors for an extended period of time, so warm clothing is crucial. Additionally, we rarely have "inside recess" during rainy days, so students should be prepared to play outside in all weather conditions.

Please ensure that ALL items you send to school with your child are clearly labeled with their first and last name.

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES AT HOLLYBURN



As families begin to source, make and purchase wonderful Halloween costumes for their children, we kindly ask students and families to follow

these guidelines for Halloween:

- **Costume Choice:** Students can wear a costume, Halloween colors, or simply come as they are – it's all welcome!
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Please avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. For information on cultural appropriation versus cultural appreciation, visit this website for more guidance if needed: [UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office](#).
- **Masks:** Refrain from wearing full-face masks, except for health-related masks. We need to ensure student visibility and recognition.
- **No Weapons:** Do not bring items that resemble weapons.
- **Comfort:** Choose a comfortable costume that can be worn all day and is suitable for outdoor weather.
- **Appropriate for All Ages:** Remember, students from ages 4 to 13 will be participating, so keep costumes appropriate for a school setting.
- **No Scented Products:** Avoid scented items, such as certain hair sprays, that could affect others.
- **Arrive Dressed:** Students should come to school in their costumes. We won't have space or time for costume changes during the day.
- **No Candy:** We discourage students from bringing Halloween candy to school as it can distract from learning. Any candy brought may be returned at the end of the day.



Thank you for helping to make this a fun and inclusive day for everyone!

## TYPING PAL SCHOOL EDITION



**What is it?** Typing Pal School Edition is a web-based application that encourages keyboarding practice for students, from beginner to intermediate. We are making this available to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 9.

Students should go to the unique url for their school: [Typing Pal](#) and choose “Log in with Google.” If students have more than one Google account, they will be asked to choose their account - they should choose the school one.

When students first log in they are prompted to take a diagnostic type of test that will give the program an idea of where to start them. From there, the program will cater to each students’ speed/ability.

**PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES AT HOLLYBURN**

<b>Personal Digital Device Use at Hollyburn</b>	
<b>8:00 AM – 8:49 AM</b> <b>Student Arrival</b>	Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone.  Students cannot play video games, use social media, take, or view photos or videos, etc. No laptop or tablet use.
<b>8:50 AM – 2:50 PM + School Events</b>	Students are only allowed to use their device when given permission by a staff member.  Devices are to be stored in silent mode or off.
<b>2:50 PM – 4:00 PM</b> <b>Student Departure</b>	Students can send text messages and make phone calls on their mobile phone.  Students cannot play video games, use social media, take, or view photos or videos, etc. No laptop or tablet use.

**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.

## WEST VANCOUVER FOOD SECURITY PLAN

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 their school principal ([blloyd@wvschools.ca](mailto:blloyd@wvschools.ca)) or to [feedingfutures@wvschools.ca](mailto:feedingfutures@wvschools.ca) if they need support with food-related costs.



Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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.



## NEWS FROM OUR HPAC

- Halloween Dance & Read-A-Thon will be held on October 31. More information to follow
- T Shirts and hoodies are for sale here <https://munchalunch.com/login>
- Save the date: the next HPAC meeting will be held on Thursday November 7th, 9am at the school library. Everyone is welcome.



<b>Coming Up!</b>	
<b>Tuesday October 22nd</b>	Volleyball - Game #1
<b>Friday, October 25th</b>	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - school not in session
<b>Tuesday, October 29th</b>	Volleyball - Game #2
<b>Thursday, October 31st</b>	Halloween