



WEST BAY
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BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

4	Labour Day Stat
5	First Day Back to School 09:00-10:00 AM Welcome Back Coffee in Library Field Open for Parking
6	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Group A, 09:30-11:30 Group B, 12:30-2:30
11	Munchalunch - Hot Lunch/Sign Up will go live this week for Hot Lunch and BBQ
12	08:15 X Country Practice - every Tues Last Practice 4 October
14	08:15 X Country Practice - every Thurs
15	PAC Meeting - @ 09:15 in person
19	Cross Country Meet #1, Gr 3-7
20	Curriculum Evening
21	Welcome Back to School BBQ Sign Up Opens Week 11 September
22	Professional Development Day School Not in Session
25	First Hot Lunch Day
26	Cross Country Meet #2, 3:30 PM
25-27	Gr 6 Outdoor School Camp Jubilee
29	Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters

STUDENT PLACEMENT

In an effort to maximize the number of students who can enroll in our District, Schools will place students in their 2023-2024 classrooms on Friday, September 8th or Monday, September 11. West Bay will place students on Friday. Prior to that, we will be making full use of this time by having students learn in multi-age Wolf Groups for parts of Wednesday and Thursday with the purpose of students and staff getting to know each other across the grades and build school community.

STUDENT ABSENCES

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE sbarrie@wvschools.ca or call 604-981-1260

2023-24 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you ordered these supplies via EDUPAC before the Summer break they have arrived and will be distributed to your child's class on Friday, September 8th.

Greetings from Principal Scott Slater

Dear West Bay Families,

I am thrilled to be West Bay's new principal and I'm excited for the start of what will be an exceptional school year. I look forward to getting to know students and families in the coming days and weeks and hope to see parents at some of the events hosted by the PAC, such as the Morning Coffee and BBQ, both of which are detailed below as well as Meet the Teacher Night on September 20th. All the best for 2023-2024! Scott Slater

PAC MORNING COFFEE

Join us in person at the Welcome Back Coffee on 5th September, 09:10-10:00 in the Library. The field will be open for parking via Westmount Place.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FOR 23-24 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY.



FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL -5TH SEPTEMBER

We are really excited to be welcoming our students back for what we anticipate will be an engaging and exciting school year Please have your child/ren line up in last year's spot where they will be greeted by our staff.

New Grade 1-7 students will be met outside the gym and can be picked up here at the end of the morning session - 10:00 am.

There will be staff available to receive new students and signs will be displayed.

TRAFFIC NOTICE AND ACCESS

The construction of a bike lane is occurring along Westmount Road and is scheduled to continue until September 30. There will be no restrictions to access the school on Thompson Rd. or Westmount Pl. but expect delays during work periods, which are scheduled from 9 AM - 2:45 PM. The sidewalk has been removed close to the school so there is at this time unsafe pedestrian access along parts of Westmount Road. Scoping out a route and walking it with your child is recommended.

Students who are not in attendance by 3:00 pm on Thursday 7th September may not be guaranteed spots at West Bay for the coming year. This policy is in line with our District Administrative Procedures, which ensure a smooth and fair enrollment process for all students.

The commencement of the school year is an integral period for students to establish a strong foundation for their academic journey. The initial two weeks hold significant value, as they set the tone for the curriculum and establish essential routines. Moreover, we typically experience a surge in registrations over the summer, making it crucial to have an accurate count of attending students to accommodate everyone effectively.

If you feel (child's name) absence during these crucial weeks is unavoidable, please reach out to Scott Slater, Principal - sslater@wvschools.ca

2023-24

YEAR IN A GLANCE CALENDAR

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR CALENDAR

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 2023-24
PRIMARY, K TO GRADE 3

09:00-10:20	Two 40 minute blocks
10:20-10:40	K to Grade 3 Morning Recess
10:40-12:30	Three 40 minute blocks
12:40	Students outside for lunch recess
1:00-1:20	Students eating lunch
1:20-3:00	Two 40 minute blocks and one 20 minute block

INTERMEDIATE, GRADES 4-7

09:00-11:00	Three 40 minute blocks
11:00-11:20	Morning Recess
11:20-12:40	Two 40 minute blocks
12:40	Students outside for lunch recess
1:00-1:20	Students eating lunch
1:20-3:00	Two 40 minute blocks and one 20 minute block

PAYMENTS DUE [CLICK HERE TO PAY](#)

KINDERGARTEN/NEW GR 1-3 BOOK BAG
\$13 Fee - Due 8 September

STUDENT PLANNERS (Gr 1-7) - \$7
For those students who did not purchase supplies from EDUPAC.

GRADE 3-7 STUDENTS
Who return permission slips by 8 September and are participating in Cross Country will be asked to pay a \$10 Fee.

BYOD LETTER - GRADE 4-7 STUDENTS
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Click [here](#) for 23-24 Computer Recommendations.

PLEASE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Teaching staff would be grateful if all families could complete the annual online Policies and Procedures eform by Friday 8th September. Parents need to submit a form for each child. **The form can be accessed [here](#).** If you previously created an account to complete the 22/23 form or register for Elementary Band, the form is the same. If you have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions to reset it. When you login, you have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or create a new one.

As in past years, the lack of a form must be considered a negative response, which means, among other things, that students are not allowed to leave school property outside for walks etc. and teachers are not able to allow students to use software and websites.

23-24 STUDENT RELEASE DRILL FORMS

These forms will go home with students on 5th September. Please return by Thursday 21st September so that we have all your contact information on record in the case of an emergency release.

MEDICAL ALERTS

EPIPEN

If your child requires an EPIPEN to be administered during school hours because of a life threatening allergy please ensure that the school office is informed so allergy alerts can be sent to homerooms as soon as possible *and* please supply the office with an up to date EPIPEN at the same time.

INHALERS

If your child requires an inhaler, please supply the school office with an inhaler as soon as possible.

MEDICAL FORM

We will need a completed medical form, [here](#), for all students requiring an EpiPen or Inhaler to be administered at school.



VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning opportunities.

Our teachers do their very best to support students during required absences due to illness, however, when the absence is voluntary and a family's choice (such as extending a weekend, holiday, or vacation), it is a family's responsibility to maintain academic learning at home. Please take time to read with your child, have them write in a "holiday" journal, do Math IXL online, participate in any assignments shared via Google Classroom (intermediate students), and take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking).

Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning of students within the classroom



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1ST PAC MEETING - 09:15 AM ON
FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER IN PERSON
WEST BAY LEARNING COMMONS

ONLINE SIGN UP COMING SOON

2023-24 HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We are excited to bring you another year of Hot Lunch.

Hot Lunch will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will begin on Monday 25th September.

Sign up will open week beginning 11th September. Look out for the email.



SIGN UP COMING SOON

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ
THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER @ 5:00 PM

**Sign Up Link will be the same as for Hot Lunch
Sign Up and goes live
week beginning 11th September**

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the West Bay BBQ on Friday. If you are able to help out please email danirenouf@gmail.com



USEFUL LINKS

[SUPPORTING PYP LEARNER](#)

[MUNCHALUNCH](#)

[MYEDUCATION BC](#)

[SCHOOLCASHONLINE](#)

[OPEN PARACHUTE](#)

[DRIVER'S FORM FOR FIELD TRIPS](#)

ONLINE LINK COMING SOON

WEST BAY SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE STORE
OPENS WEEK 11 SEPTEMBER

Get your school spirit on and order some West Bay spirit wear featuring the West Bay Wolves logo.

GRAD HOODIES

Grade 7 Families will also be able to order Grad Hoodies on the same site.



PAC FALL APPLE FUNDRAISER ORDER BY 7TH OCTOBER

Click [here](#) to place your order.

Delivery week of 16th October - final delivery tbc





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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed an interest in joining the West Bay Cross Country Running Team which is available for students in Grades 3-7. The season will consist of morning practices at West Bay and three meets at Ambleside.

Practices will occur Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 AM starting from September 12th to October 4th. Practice areas include running along Westmount Place and on the sidewalk along Westmount Road.

Students are expected to attend practices to ensure they are well prepared to run in the meets. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to and from the cross country meets. Athletes should be taken to Ambleside Park (across from the concession stand) by 3:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday afternoons: September 19th, September 26th, and October 3rd. The meets are scheduled to end by 4:30; however, your child may be finished earlier depending on their start time.

Please return the form below to the school office by Friday, September 8th. Please also make payment via **School Cash** of \$10.00 to pay for field rental and other District costs associated with Cross Country. **On receipt of your child's hard copy of the form to the office we will set up your payment online.**

Sincerely,

West Bay Coaches

Permission Form: Cross Country Running 2023

Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without fault on either the part of the student, or the school board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that this activity, as described above, is suitable for your child.

I give permission for my child _____ in Grade _____ to attend West Bay Cross Country running practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and participate in the Meets at Ambleside. I understand that my child will be running both on and off the West Bay School site.

Parent Signature _____ Parent Phone: _____

Date _____

☐ I understand that I am responsible for both my child's transportation to Ambleside Park on Tuesday, September 19th and 26th and October 3rd *and* for their supervision at the meet.

☐ I am available to volunteer at morning practices (Tuesday or Thursday at 8:15-please circle one/both)

☐ I am available to volunteer (circle all that apply) at the cross country meet on:

September 19th

September 26th

October 3rd