



THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

[West Bay Website](#)



KINDERGARTEN AND CATCHMENT GR 1-12 REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE NOW CLICK [HERE TO REGISTER](#)

LEAVING EARLIER THAN 3:00 PM

Please email teachers and office first thing in the morning. All students need to be signed out at the office if departing before 3:00 PM.

PLEASE EMAIL sbarrie@wvschools.ca

Text Messaging for Winter Weather or School Closures when Power is Down

Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

WINTER WEATHER INFO [CLICK HERE.](#)

FORGOTTEN ITEMS INCLUDING LUNCHES

Need to be labelled with child's name and left at the drop off area by the office.

NOVEMBER

29 09:30 Gr 7 Performance
1:45 Gr 7 Performance

DECEMBER

- 2 Dose #1 Vaccination Clinic for Gr 6s
- 3 Field Hockey All Grades
- 4 Deadline for Hamper Gift Delivery
- 6 **Festive Friday - Hats**
Holiday Hamper Wrapping in LC
- 10 **Last Robotics Class**
Back Tuesday 14 January
- 11 Grade 3s to Science World by Bus
- 13 **Festive Friday - Sweaters**
Last Chess Class
Back Friday 10 January
First Report Card Published
Gr 7s to Climb Base 5
Craft Fair After School 3:30 PM
- 16 **Last Math Before School**
Back Monday 13th January
- 17 **Decorations Day in PM**
- 18 **Last Debate Club**
Begins on 22 January
Gr 7 Field Trip to SFU by Bus
- 19 Division 1 Climb Base 5
- 20 **Festive Friday PJs**
Holiday Singalong
Last Day-12:15 Dismissal

HOLIDAY HAMPERS

DELIVERY OF ALL GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS BY 4 DECEMBER

Have your West Bay student elf bring in the unwrapped gift item that you signed up for and place in the donation bins outside classrooms.

For gift cards or grocery cards, please write the amount on the card and have your student take the cards to Mrs. Barrie in the office for safekeeping.

Please help us by bringing in your gift right away.

Thank you for your support in continuing this West Bay tradition!

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you West Bay community for your support of our book fair! We had a happy, positive buzz around new books (and, yes, fluffy pens and bookmarks too). I could not have run the fair without my helpers so an especially big thanks to Mrs. O'Handley and the team of 11 parents who organized the crowd, cashiered, and helped children in ever so kind ways. Parents, you were patient with the hordes and line ups at our Monday after school event and we sure do appreciate that.

Next year we can revamp the cashier space to bring people through a little more efficiently. Because of a generous profit sharing program with Scholastic, we've taken about \$1500 worth of books from the fair for our school library. Additionally, we'll have \$900 in future Scholastic product and another \$700 to spend with other suppliers. The book fair was fun, a good community builder, promoted recreational reading, and was a successful fundraiser! Thank you.

WEST BAY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Friday 13 December After School in Gym

Tables are all sold.

The craft fair will have lots of homemade and festive items. Please bring cash. More information to follow.



GR 7 FUNDRAISER
PURDYS CHOCOLATES
ORDER BY 2 DECEMBER

Gr. 7 Grad Fundraiser

Stock up on your favourite Purdy's holiday treats and support the Grade 7s grad.



Order deadline: December 2

Pick-up: December 13 at the West Bay Craft Fair

Step 1: Click [here](#) (or go to fundraising.purdys.com and click "Support a Campaign").

Step 2: Register or sign-in to your Purdy's account.

Step 3: Join campaign #: 78173

Prices are the same as in store. West Bay grad receives 25% of the profits.

VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREES

Excitement builds ...



The boys had a great end to the season at the Rockridge jamboree. They showcased their hard work and dedication as their much-improved skills led them to a strong fourth place finish at the tournament.



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Click [HERE](#) to find out when.



SCO CASH ONLINE HERE

Grade 3 Field Trip to Science World
Payment due by 29 November,

Division 2 Field Trip to Climb Base
13 December. \$25 online to pay by 6 December.

Grade 7 Field Trip to SFU
18 December. \$24 online to pay by 6 December.

Division 1 Field Trip to Climb Base
19 December, \$25 online to pay by 6 December

IB CORNER/STUDENT LEARNING/LEARNER PROFILE



WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Throughout time, humans have sought to understand the universe

Grade 6 student visited the Space Centre last week to kick off their inquiry into the universe, systems in the universe and how space exploration has evolved over time.



HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Through science we ask questions and seek answers to grow our scientific knowledge

GRADE 2 STUDENTS

EXPLAIN THE WATER CYCLE

"The water comes from the oceans, lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, puddles and reservoirs. The water comes from the clouds. Water is dropping down. After it rains the gas is going up to the clouds and the sun. Also sometimes the water comes up to make another cloud and another. And when it just started, the cloud is puffy and white and not heavy enough and when it is more grayish and more heavy it drops"



WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB TEACHING THE "FUN'DAMENTALS OF HOCKEY!"

Coming soon!
Our students will be learning the "FUNdamentals" of field hockey during an indoor session with West Vancouver Field Hockey Club.

After trying out their hockey skills and games, the children will receive a certificate and a WVFC wristband. If your child/children enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com



Registration for Spring League 2025 opens November 4th 2024
All levels welcome



www.wvfhc.com



SAVE THE DATE!

FOR OUR ANNUAL
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Date: Thursday, January 9th, 2025
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Where: Rockridge Secondary
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

GR 2 STUDENTS RECREATE COAST SALISH ART

Using the ovoid - one of the basic shapes of traditional Northwest Coast art.



TIS THE SEASON - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FESTIVE FRIDAY
6 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY HATS



FESTIVE FRIDAY
13 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY SWEATERS



DECORATIONS DAY
17 DECEMBER



FESTIVE FRIDAY
20 DECEMBER
HOLIDAY PJS



LAST DAY
20 DECEMBER
12:15 DISMISSAL
HOLIDAY SINGALONG
@ 11:30 AM



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**KINDERGARTEN AND
CATCHMENT
GR 1-12 REGISTRATION**

Open Online Now
Click [HERE](#) to register



Click [HERE](#) for requirements.

JANUARY 15 @ 08:00 AM
Out of Catchment and Out of
District Registration Opens
Online



Dear West Bay Families,

This letter is a follow-up to my letter sent on October 31st, when I shared news of the passing of beloved West Bay Teacher, Mimi Ross. My intention today is to share information with you related to ways we will commemorate Ms. Ross in our community. All decisions to commemorate Ms. Ross are guided by her family. As a community, West Bay School will be engaging in the following initiatives to honour Ms. Ross.

1. We will plant a memorial tree, such as an Eastern Redbud, that wows us with its beauty, and reminds us of Ms. Ross' vibrancy. The garden in front of the library will be enhanced and dedicated to Ms. Ross.
2. West Bay sweatshirts, in Ms. Ross' favourite colour purple, will be added as a special order in January with the link shared in our weekly newsletter, The Wolf.
3. A Scholarship in Ms. Ross' name will be created, beginning June 2025. The scholarship will be given to West Bay alumni who demonstrated kindness, compassion, and a commitment to the value of inclusion that Ms. Ross held dear. Our hope is for the scholarship to run for 10 years.
4. A Memory Book will be created honouring Ms. Ross. The idea is to include pictures and text from students, staff, families, and friends, that share positive memories of Ms. Ross or the lasting impact Ms. Ross has had. [Click here](#) to contribute to the Memory Book. The book will be printed and available in the library to be taken out by students, staff, and families.

If you would like to donate to the ways above to commemorate Ms. Ross, you may do so [here](#). All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. We plan to use the funds for three purposes: (1) the tree and garden enhancements (approximately \$1000); (2) printing copies of the memory book (approximately \$500); and (3), all remaining funds will go to a scholarship for graduating secondary students. If you are not able to use the link above, please email me and I can share other ways to donate.

Ms. Ross' Celebration of Life will occur in Ontario for family and close friends. We encourage families to honour Ms. Ross within their family in a way that makes sense for the relationship their family had with Ms. Ross. Some ideas that families have shared include planting flowers in their gardens; going for a walk in a beautiful place and sharing reflections of Ms. Ross; and contributing writing reflections either for the Memory Book, or for personal reflection as a keepsake.

We thank families for their kind wishes and support, and know that grief is shared by people in all parts of our community – children, staff, and families. Please feel free to share this letter.

Scott Slater - Principal
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HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday (Foodie Kids/Aburi),
Tuesday (Foodie Kids)
Thursday (Foodie Kids/Panago)
Friday (Foodie Kids)

Returning Parents Order [Here](#)
New Parents Order [Here](#)

LAST ORDERING DATE

WILL BE 15 MAY 2025 LAST LUNCH 20 JUNE 2025



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

DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
8 Jan, 09:00 AM	5 Dec, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
5 Feb, 09:00 AM	9 Jan, 7:00 PM	16 Jan, 7:00 PM
5 Mar, 09:00 AM	6 Feb, 7:00 PM	13 Feb, 7:00 PM
2 April, 09:00 AM	6 Mar, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
7 May, 09:00 AM	3 April, 7:00 PM	10 April, 7:00 PM
4 June, 09:00 AM	8 May, 7:00 PM	15 May, 7:00 PM
	5 June, 7:00 PM	12 June, 7:00 PM

OPEN PARACHUTE

Open Parachute is a school program being used in West Vancouver classrooms in grades 6-9. It is one tool we are using to support social emotional learning.

This resource is also available to all parents and it is fantastic. Parents are strongly encouraged (no matter the age of your child) to sign up and create an account.

You will have access to short video clips and lessons to help equip parents to handle those emotional ups and downs that are inevitable. To sign up for an account use this [link](#).

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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](#)



VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

If you are able to help out please sign up [HERE](#).



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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.