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**Daily Health Check** It is important that parents **continue** to do a thorough **DAILY HEALTH CHECK**. At school we have always followed the same procedures regarding student illnesses - when children are sick and not well enough to be at school and participate **fully in all aspects of the day**, for any reason, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child. The purpose of this has always been to ensure the child receives the care they need and that the illness is not spread at the school.

**WESTCOT Pink Shirts** We are excited to offer the opportunity for everyone to order new shirts for Pink Shirt Day 2025 designed by our very own Grade 7 students! This will be a pre-order opportunity with limited inventory available after the pre-order window has closed. **Fundraising is now open on Munchalunch and the deadline for pre-orders is Friday, December 13, 2024.** Click [HERE](#) login and Go to Fundraising Open to order and make your payment. **The money raised will go to the WPAC and support upcoming key improvements to Westcot including upgrading the kindergarten playground and new class set of iPads.**



**Westcot Christmas Sing a Long Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** Join us for our annual Westcot Holiday Sing a Long. This year we are once again invited to join in wearing our Pyjamas, Santa Hats, Antlers..., a school wide Pyjama Day and Sing a Long! we will wrap up our first term with holiday cheer! All students K - 7 students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. following the assembly.

**West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device Expectations**

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

**Why We're Doing This**

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

**What You Can Continue to Do**

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

1. **Celebrate Progress** -Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
2. **Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. **Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
4. **Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
5. **Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success

**LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE** [WINTER SHOW! INSIDE OUT!](#) This Winter, we will be putting on a musical created specifically for our afterschool students! Inspired by the movies of the same name, students will sing, dance, and act their hearts out as they join Riley on a journey through her emotions! After School Thursdays **JAN 16 - MAR 13 2:45PM - 5PM (K-4 students supervised from 2:40pm) GRADES: K to 7 Fee: \$365\* (\*plus GST)** <https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/westcot/>

**West Vancouver Little League (WVLL)** visited Westcot and delivered 45 minute Introduction to Baseball Training sessions for primary (K-4) classes. As a result of the success, WVLL is pleased to introduce **The Little League Academy** – an afterschool program designed to continue to develop a love of baseball! Beginning in February on the Wednesday after school **WVLL Academy** is designed to attract Little Leaguers ages 5 to 8 with the goal and expectation to fall in love with baseball and create excitement where they can't wait to get to the diamond for practices and games. WVLL Professional Coaches will focus on safely teaching the **basic skills** of the game, expanding on eye hand **coordination skills** and how to **play with teammates** with the goal to develop a basic understanding of the game, and its **rules and techniques**. **REGISTRATION:** <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/462227>

**WHEN:** Wednesdays from February 5th to March 12th

**TIME:** 3pm-4:30pm (Students will be picked up at 2:40 and supervised until class begins)

**WHERE:** Westcot gym

**COST:** \$150

**Fun Lunch** Fun Lunch ordering at Westcot is open for hot lunch orders that will be delivered to school every Monday ~ Friday with a rotating menu in each week. To order, click [HERE](#) After making your selections please go the very last menu > click 'Finished' > Next > Submit. Then follow the steps to make your online payment. **Please note that only paid orders will be processed.** Please only create an order if you are prepared to pay at the same time. **Please note there is a 10 day window between an order and when lunch will begin/ be available at school.**



If you have any questions, please email [westcotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:westcotlunch@gmail.com) **Please remember to send all necessary cutlery with your child. Cutlery will not be provided.** Thank-you for supporting Westcot PAC!

**District Events**

**Feeding Futures** 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 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.

**West Vancouver Schools Admissions** **West Vancouver Schools Registration Opens January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15!** If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: [West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

**Grade 8 Information Nights**



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

Date: Tuesday, January 7th, 2025  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Where: Sentinel Secondary  
1250 Chartwell Drive, West Vancouver

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

Date: Wednesday, January 8th, 2025  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Where: Kay Meek Theatre  
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

**Community Connections**

All local programs, events, and resources can be found in one convenient location, accessible through this [single link](#) that our District will update each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.

December	16	Grade 6 Immunizations
	20	Last Day Before Winter Holiday Sing a Long 11:00 am Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
January	6	School Reopens
	15	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
	24	Lunar New Year Celebrations (Gym)
	27	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
February	14	Family Day (Schools Closed)
	17	Reading Break (Schools Closed)
	19	WPAC Meeting 9:30 am VIRTUAL
	26	Pink Shirt Day
March	6	SAVE THE DATE K - 7 Westcot Presents <b>On the Radio</b> at the Kay Meek Theatre
	14	Norooz Celebrations Last Day Before Spring Break Learning Updates Published



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