

# WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS PREMIER BASEBALL ACADEMY

## The Concept

This program offers students the opportunity to complete their academic coursework in a Semester System while also being able to participate in baseball academy skill development training during X Block periods.

The Premier Baseball Academy is a choice program for males, Grades 8-12 who are registered full time at any one of the district's three secondary schools: Rockridge, École Sentinel or West Vancouver Secondary. We do, however, encourage interested females to apply and to participate in an assessment.

## Courses

By participating in the Baseball Academy, students (8-12) receive the following Ministry courses depending upon their grade levels:

- Physical & Health Education 8 & Career Education 8
- Physical & Health Education 9 & Career Education 9
- Physical & Health Education 10 & Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Theory & Principles of Baseball 10
- Fitness & Conditioning 11 & Active Living 11
- Fitness & Conditioning 12 & Active Living 12

## Personnel

**Head Coach:** Mr. Brooks McNiven

Coach McNiven is also a West Vancouver Schools full time teacher in the district

**Assistant Coach:** Mr. Ken Mackenzie

**Assistant Coach:** Mr. Lachlan Fontaine

**Assistant Coach:** Mr. Ivan Hartle

Coach Hartle is also a West Vancouver Schools teacher-on-call in the district

**Assistant Coach:** Mr. David Corrente

**Strength & Conditioning Trainer:** Mr. Brain Gillis

## Schedule

**Locations:** Parkgate Park, North Vancouver fall & spring when the weather is conducive  
Inside Performance indoor training facility

**Days:** Tuesday & Thursday during X Block periods all year long (program runs linear)

**Time:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

## **Clothing/Equipment**

We would like students all uniformly dressed. The baseball clothing includes such items as baseball pants, tops, t-shirts, shorts, and a water bottle. Optional items are also available such as hoodies and long-sleeved shirts. Students are also requested to bring their own gloves.

Once registration is complete, parents will be informed & provided an online link (May/June) that outlines the process to order the mandatory & optional clothing items to ensure the clothing is received on time for school start-up. Parents will also be provided with a deadline date when all online orders must be completed.

## **Transportation**

There is transportation provided for students in the Baseball Academy. After lunch, the students are picked up at Rockridge, West Vancouver Secondary and Sentinel and transported one-way to the facilities (e.g., Parkgate Park OR Inside Performance). Parents are responsible for picking up the students at the conclusion of the training sessions.

## **Fees**

\$525 per month x 10 months (September – June)  
Total: \$5250 per year

## **Process for Registration Completion**

Complete & submit a Student Information Form to the Premier Baseball Academy at:  
<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/baseball>

Scan a copy of the student's most recent report card to Academy Assistant, Ms. Tara Ledingham at [tledingham@wvschools.ca](mailto:tledingham@wvschools.ca)

The student application is reviewed by the coaching staff. Parents are contacted to confirm a date/time for an assessment. Parents are informed via email or telephone call of the results of the assessment.

Once parents receive student confirmation of acceptance into the academy, parents will receive the following forms to be completed:

- Physical Activity (Par-Q & You)
- Waivers (e.g., Parkgate Park & Inside Performance participation)
- Health & Safety

Parents complete the registration process by providing a non-refundable deposit of \$525 the student's School Cash Online account or by submitting a cheque made payable to West Vancouver Schools with the current date. This non-refundable deposit covers September's fees and confirms the student's registration.

Please note that Academy fees for October to June will be processed through School Cash Online enabling parents to initiate automated monthly payments via credit card or direct debit.

For further information regarding registration please contact:

WVS Premier Academies Assistant

Mrs. Tara Ledingham

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