

Superintendent's letter to parents March 10, 2022

Dear Students and Families,

Before we go on spring break, I want to provide a brief update on recent announcements and preview the upcoming term.

You will likely have seen Dr. Bonnie Henry's announcement yesterday with the lifting of the mask mandate in our province, including schools. Wearing a mask in our schools will be a personal choice following spring break. There are several other changes that see a lifting of restrictions in the K-12 setting. More information on the K-12 guidelines can be found [HERE](#). I know the change in masking requirements and other changes will be met by a wide range of views, and we will continue to be respectful of personal decisions students and families make regarding mask wearing and other measures.

The final term of the year brings with it much excitement. We will see the return of our elementary track meet, more opportunities for field trips, and in-person grade 7 leaving and high school graduation events. I am especially happy for our Grade 12's and their families, who will get to celebrate together. The last two years have been hard on our students. I am thrilled that we can begin to return to our many important rituals and traditions.

And finally, on behalf of our staff I would like to say thank you. We are beyond grateful for your continued support of all of us here in West Vancouver Schools. This term, and the last two years, have been full of uncertainty, but you, our families, have been wonderful partners in our work as we navigated the pandemic.

I wish you all the best for your spring break and look forward to connecting with you again soon.

Chris