

## Bulletin Updates

### Exciting Update on Our Book Fair Success!



I am thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent Book Fair! Thanks to the overwhelming support from students, parents, and staff, we're excited to announce that we have greatly surpassed our fundraising goal.

Total Sales: Over \$6000.00!

This fantastic achievement means that we have earned over \$3000.00 in funds dedicated to acquiring new library books! Your enthusiasm for reading and commitment to supporting our library have truly made a difference.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated, whether it was by purchasing books, volunteering time, or spreading the word. Your collective effort has not only enriched our literary collection but has also fueled the love for reading within our school community.

Stay tuned for updates on the new additions to our library as we carefully select titles that cater to the diverse interests of our readers.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you for making our Book Fair a remarkable success. Your continued support is invaluable!

With regards,  
Oliver Leclair (he/him)  
Teacher-Librarian



### **PAC Meeting: Thursday, November 23**

- 7pm in person

### **Family Reading: Friday, November 24**

- Come join your child in the morning for family reading

## [PAC Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser](#)



Purdys Fundraising - Christmas 2023 Season

[fundraising.purdys.com](https://fundraising.purdys.com)

Please click the link above and enter your email address and create a password to start shopping!

## Winter Concert: Wednesday & Thursday, December 13 and 14

- Will be held in the afternoon on December 13 and 14
- Two tickets will be available per family
- Families with last names which begin with letter A to M will be invited to join us on Wednesday, December 13
- Families with the last names beginning with letters N to Z will be invited to join us on Thursday, December 14



## 2024-2025 Registration

It's time to register new students for the 2024-2025 school year! Please read the following information carefully.

**NOTE: You only need to register your child if they are not already attending school in the district. You can safely ignore this message if your child is a student in a district school or if they are transitioning between elementary, middle, or high school.**

New registrations for the 2024-2025 school year will open on **November 6, 2024** and close on **January 26, 2024**. As long as you register before **January 26, 2024**, the day you register will not affect your chances of getting into your catchment school.

1. Although we do our best to place new students at their preferred schools, it is regrettably not always possible. Our district has significant capacity challenges because of limited space in schools and a growing student population.
2. If the number of requests for a catchment exceeds the number of available spots, the district reserves the right to use a lottery system to determine placements.
3. The district will confirm all enrollment requests by the end of **March 2024**.

For more information, [learn more about capacity status at our schools](#).

### How to Register a New Student as a Parent or Legal Guardian

1. Book a 10-minute appointment with our Registration Team.
2. If you need a translator for your registration appointment, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
3. [BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE](#)

**NOTE: We do not accept bookings before November 6. Please ensure you choose appointments on days and times from November 6, 2023 until January 26, 2024.**

For more information on registration, including the forms and guides, [visit the district website's Registration section](#).

### **What to do on the Day of Your Appointment**

1. Visit our Registration Team at the Welcome Centre located in New Westminster Secondary School (enter through the south side of the building at **820 6th Street, New Westminster**).
2. Bring a completed [registration form](#) and copies of the documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#). **OR** Bring original versions of the documents outlined in the [Document Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#) and our team will help you print, photocopy and complete the required paperwork.
3. If you do not have the suggested documents outlined in the Document Guide, our team will be happy to speak with you confidentially to find a solution.

### **Key Dates**

1. **November 6** – Registration opens.
2. **January 26, 2024** – Registration closes.
3. Looking for a list of other important registration dates, including Programs of Choice enrollment info? [Download a list of key dates for the 2024-2025 school year](#).

We look forward to connecting with your family.

The New Westminster Schools team

We are always excited to welcome new families to the District. Here are the things you need to know to ensure your student is enrolled with the best placement to support their needs.

### Key dates for regular registration:

	In-catchment applications	Transfer requests & Out-of-district applications
<b>Regular registration opens</b>	November 6, 2023	February 5, 2024
<b>Regular registration closes</b>	January 26, 2024	February 23, 2024
<b>Placement offers</b>	March 29, 2024	June 14, 2024

*Please note: our District is facing significant capacity challenges, due to growing enrollment. Decisions about the 2024–25 school year are based on enrollment demands identified within the regular registration window. Enrollment applications received outside of this window will be placed within the district but may not be possible at the catchment or preferred school requested, as some schools may be deemed as being at full capacity at certain grades, or in some limited cases, for the full school. All placements follow the rules outlined in [Administrative Procedure 300](#).*

Questions can be sent to: [registrations@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:registrations@sd40.bc.ca)

### How to enrol:

Our Central Registration team works out of the Welcome Centre (south side of New Westminster Secondary School, via the external entrance). Information on documents required, process, how to book an appointment and more can be found on our website: <https://newwestschools.ca/our-schools/registration/registration-information-forms/>

### Programs of Choice:

Applications for our Programs of Choice are accepted from Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, via links that will be posted on the District website. Parent information sessions are hosted online in early January. **Students applying for a Program of Choice must first be enrolled at their regular catchment school, following the above process.**

Program	Grade of intake	Location(s)
Early French Immersion	Kindergarten or Grade 1	Herbert Spencer, Qayqayt and Lord Tweedsmuir elementary schools
Late French Immersion	Grade 6	Glenbrook Middle
French Immersion	Grade 9	New Westminster Secondary
Montessori	Kindergarten or Grade 1	Skwo:wech and Connaught Heights
Home Learners Program	Kindergarten to Grade 8	Hume Park Learning Centre

Questions can be sent to: [programsofchoice@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:programsofchoice@sd40.bc.ca)

All forms, Administrative Procedures, and information about capacity status can be found on our website.

## **School Cash Online**

- 2023/2024 Permissions & Emergency Release Forms are available on [School Cash Online](#)
- Planners are available on School Cash Online for payment

## **Fuel Up! School Lunch Program**

- November menu is available online as well as the first week of December
- Orders must be placed two business days before delivery. For example, for Monday's lunch you must order by Wednesday.
- If your child will be away from school and you did not cancel their lunch in time, please advise the office if you would like to arrange to pick up the lunch or if the school may donate the lunch to another child who might have forgotten their lunch.
- If your child is away from school, you must cancel two days before their hot lunch delivery and email The Lunch Lady at [new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca](mailto:new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca)

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/overview/>

# Do you need to connect with your child's teacher? Please see contact information below:

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- Mrs. Bhatti – Div. 3  
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- Mr. Stevens – Div. 4  
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- Ms. Hikida – Div. 5MO  
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- Mr. Bamford – Div. 6  
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- Mr. Wong – Div. 7MO  
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- Mrs. MacLeod – Div. 8  
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