

Bulletin Updates

Dear Skwo:wech Families,

It is hard to believe that today is December 1st. It is an extremely exciting time of year for all of our students with many diverse cultural celebrations recognized and enjoyed in our school community through the winter season. It also is a time to remind everyone to ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear for this wet and sometimes slippery weather. Our facilities crew do their absolute best to salt our campus on colder days, but due to the size of our campus, salting all surfaces before 8:50 is very challenging. We remind everyone to use good care and caution on slippery mornings. Also, a reminder, that in snowy conditions, certain pathways will be closed. The closed pathways will be marked with caution tape. This does mean that you may need to walk your child around the perimeter of the school to a different entrance point as some will be closed during snowy conditions.

Rehearsals for our winter concert are underway and students are looking forward to sharing their performances with you. You can expect tickets to come home with your child, next week on Thursday. In order to comply with capacity regulations in our gym (and so everyone has a good view of the performers) we are inviting families with last names A-M on Wednesday, December 13th at 1:30pm and families with last names N-Z on Thursday December 14th at 1:30pm. Please let your child's teacher know, with a note in their planner, or email (skwowech@sd40.bc.ca) the office if you are not able to attend as this might allow space for another guest. While the tickets are offered at no cost, we will be gratefully accepting donations at the door! Funds collected this year will support our fine arts programs and continue to support the rebuilding of our refreshed book collection in the library.

Report Cards on MyEducation BC Family Portal –Thursday, December 14 at 4:00pm

- Report Cards will be published to [MyEducation BC](#) on the afternoon of Thursday, December 14
- For information about logging on to MyEdBC and resetting forgotten passwords, please visit our [MyEducation BC Family Portal resource](#) on our website

Winter Break – December 25, 2023, to January 5, 2024

- School closed

SKWO:WECH 10 DAYS OF GIVING

Our school community will be helping families in the New Westminster Community by collecting non-perishable food items for the holiday season. Please see below for daily theme ideas.

Date	Theme	Ideas
December 4	Breakfast	Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, jams, canned fruit...
December 5	Lunch	Mac & Cheese, soups, peanut butter...
December 6	Dinner	Meals in cans, canned vegetables, grains, pasta sauce...
December 7	Snacks	Granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers...
December 8	Desert	Cake mixes, cookies, pudding, jell-o cups...
December 11	Baby food	Baby cereal, crackers...
December 12	Toothbrush and toothpaste (hygiene products)	Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash...
December 13	Body Soap & Wash	Soap bars...
December 14	Shampoo & Conditioner	Assorted products
December 15 Final Day	Keeping Warm	Tea, coffee, hot chocolate mix...

A warm thank-you for your generosity and care!

Our Grade 5 student leadership group is organizing the “Skwo:wech 10 Days of Giving” in support of Purpose Society. Please see the calendar for suggested ideas for giving!

Thank you in advance for your generous support.



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. If you are unable to come on your allotted date please try and make arrangements with other families to switch dates.
- The performance will begin at 1:30pm. The front doors of the gym and the courtyard will be open at 1:15pm for seating.
- 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
- Tickets are at no cost, but donations will be gratefully accepted at the door.



DISCOVER



New
Westminster
Schools

When

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Where

New Westminster
Secondary School

Time

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



"Discover our fantastic Programs of Choice, explore course selection options, and more!"

Event Schedule

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION		
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Programs of Choice and Featured Curricular Area Booths	Grand Commons		
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	District Book Fair	Library Learning Commons		
6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.	Specific Programs of Choice and Course Programming Sessions	French Immersion (EFI and LFI) Room: 3034–3036	Careers and Apprenticeship Programs (Grades 9–12) Room: 3035–3037 International Program and Homestay Opportunities Room: 3024–3026	Grade 9 Course Programming Session (current Grade 8 students and families) Room: Theatre
6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Specific Programs of Choice and Course Programming Sessions	Montessori Room: 3034–3036	Grade 10 Course Programming Session (current Grade 9 students and families) Room: 3035–3037	International Baccalaureate Program (current Grade 10 students and families) Room: Theatre
7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.	Specific Programs of Choice and Course Programming Sessions	Home Learners Program Room: 3034–3036	Grade 11 Course Programming Session (current Grade 10 students and families) Room: 3035–3037	Grade 12 Course Programming Session (current Grade 11 students and families) Room: Theatre

** All live scheduled sessions will be recorded and the videos uploaded to the New Westminster School District website (<https://newwestschools.ca/>)**





NWSS MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

Annie JR.

BOOK BY
THOMAS MEEHAN

MUSIC BY
CHARLES STROUSE

LYRICS BY
MARTIN CHARNIN

JANUARY 17 & 19, 2024
NWSS THEATRE @ 7PM

TICKETS \$10 IN ADVANCE
(LIMITED CASH TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR)



FOR TICKETS. VISIT SCHOOLCASHONLINE

ANNIE JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



NWSS MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

Disney's

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ONE ACT EDITION



JANUARY 18 & 20, 2024

NWSS THEATRE @ 7PM

FOR TICKETS, VISIT [SCHOOLCASHONLINE](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)

TICKETS \$10 IN ADVANCE

(LIMITED CASH TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR)

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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
Regular registration opens	November 6, 2023	February 5, 2024
Regular registration closes	January 26, 2024	February 23, 2024
Placement offers	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

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 8th to Friday February 2nd, 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

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

Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

- December menu is available online
- 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

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

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

- Mrs. Sharp – Div. 1
lsharp@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Gibson – Div. 2
lgibson@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Bhatti – Div. 3
sbhatti@sd40.bc.ca
- Mr. Stevens – Div. 4
mastevens@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Hikida – Div. 5MO
khikida@sd40.bc.ca
- Mr. Bamford – Div. 6
rbamford@sd40.bc.ca
- Mr. Wong – Div. 7MO
ddwong@sd40.bc.ca

- Mrs. MacLeod – Div. 8
emacleod@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Lee – Div. 9
mlee@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Lacey – Div. 10
slacey@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Toufic – Div. 11MO
htoufic@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Tse – Div. 12
jtse@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Kamagianis – Div. 13
dKamagianis@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Gong – Div. 14
cgong@sd40.bc.ca

- Ms. Thompson/Ms. Pelka – Div. 15
jthompson@sd40.bc.ca /
kpelka@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Stewart/Mr. Elves – Div. 16
astewart@sd40.bc.ca /
deleves@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Stephanie – Div. 17MO
skwok@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Whyte – Div. 18
swhyte@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Ballantyne – Div. 19
vballantyne@sd40.bc.ca
- Mrs. Simpson – Div. 20
jsimpson@sd40.bc.ca
- Ms. Peng – Div. 21MO
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