

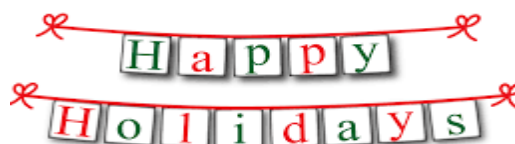
Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of
Skwo:wech Elementary
December 25 - January 8



Fuel Up! School Lunch Program

Please submit orders at least 2 business days ahead of time.
order.lunchlady.ca



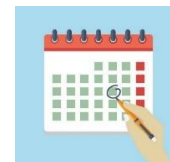
Report Cards are available on MyEdBC

For information about how to log in, please refer to our website under [“Parents – Notices & Information – MyEducation BC Family Portal”](#)

We encourage all families to download and save a copy of their child’s report card.

2023	DECEMBER/JANUARY				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
25	26	27	28	29	
		WINTER BREAK			
1	2	3	4	5	
		WINTER BREAK			
January 8	9	10	11	12	
Welcome Back!					
15	16	17	18	19	

Mark Your Calendar



**December 25 to
January 5**
Winter Break
(School Closed)

January 8
School re-opens 8:50

January 26
Community/Family Reading





Dear Skwo:wech families,

As we head off for the holiday season, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our amazing school family, each and every one. We are thankful to our dedicated community for your support and devotion to our students.

Wishing you much peace and joy this holiday season, sprinkled with loads of giggles and loving family memories!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Jude Sullivan





Skwo:wech
Winter Village
By: The Wolf Pack
(Divisions 9, 11, 12, 13 & 17)



Thank you to our incredible PAC for your generous support of our grade five students! The hoodies arrived just in time for the holiday!



Celebrating
Red and Green
Day!



Student leaders bring our new school charter to life!





New
Westminster
Schools

Community School Programs at Skwo:wech!

The Power of Drawing (Grades 1 - 5)

Young Rembrandts teaches drawing, the fundamental skill of all visual arts to children. Your child will develop drawing and art skills, expand their creativity, imagination and confidence.

Library

Mondays, 3:00 - 4:15pm

Date: Jan 29 - Mar 11 (6 sessions)

No class on Feb 19

Registration Fee: \$97.50

To register, please visit: www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/

Hip Hop & Jazz Dance (Grades 3 - 5)

Develop great hip hop dance moves and funky jazz dance steps set to popular music. Learn at a slow safe pace with warm ups, stretches, strengthening, movements, and simple progressions to help boost confidence.

Music Room

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Date: Jan 17 - Feb 21 (6 sessions)

Registration Fee: \$55.50

To register, please visit: [City of New Westminster Parks and Recreation registration site](#)

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools

Phone: 604-517-6291

E-mail: communityschools@sd40.bc.ca



New
Westminster
Schools

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WITH KRISTIN BUHR

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

NWSS THEATRE

6:30-8:30pm

MORE
DETAILS TO
COME!

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/>)****

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.