

Parent News

Week of February 8, 2021

MONDAY, February 8, 2021

- **NEW** Enhanced mask guidelines

TUESDAY, February 9, 2021

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021

THURSDAY, February 11, 2021

- Lockdown Drill

FRIDAY, February 12, 2021

- Last Day to register for Program of Choice at 4 pm



Coming Up:

Feb 15: Family Day-Students do not attend

Feb 16: Non instructional Day - Students do not attend

Feb 24: Pink Shirt Day

To register for the 2020/2021 School Year

1. Parents must complete the **intent to register** online form: <https://newwestschools.ca/intent-to-register/>
2. The Registration Team will phone you to walk through the requirements and determine whether:
 - You have access to printers and are comfortable enough with the process to complete your application, so that you can use the contactless drop system in the new Welcome Centre
 - or whether you require an appointment to come into the Welcome Centre for more assistance.

Please note: due to COVID-19 protocols, no drop-in appointments are available.

If you have challenges accessing the form, or have other questions, please call the Registration Team at 604.517.6200 or email registrations@sd40.bc.ca.

In order to complete your registration, you will need to complete the following form:

[Registration form](#) and provide some combination of the documents listed in the

New [document guide for parents & caregivers](#).

Programs of Choice, 2021/2022

To register for Programs of Choice (Early French Immersion, Kindergarten and Grade 1; Late French Immersion; Montessori, Kindergarten and Grade 1):

1. First register your child, as per the instructions above
2. **An online application will be open from January 18th at 9am, through to February 12th at 4pm.** (*Placement as below, not first-come-first-serve.*)

Priority placement is given to those with sibling status (defined by [AP 220](#)). All other applicants will be placed in a randomized draw, held on Monday March 1, 2021.

New Westminster Schools offers multiple Programs of Choice. To learn more about what they are, please click here: <https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/programs-of-choice/overview/>

New Welcome Bell Schedule: Monday, February 8

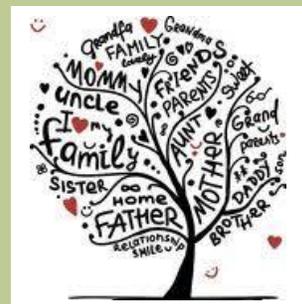
Students in **Group B** will be welcomed into the building at 8:50 while students in **Group A** will be welcomed at 8:55 to continue with our staggered start.



Group A	Group B
Div. 2 White	Div. 1 Jovanovic
Div. 4 Wyness/Goldie	Div. 3 Kennedy
Div. 5 Loukidis	Div. 6 Choi
Div. 10 Louvet	Div. 7 Seddiki
Div. 11 Sproule	Div. 8 Hardy/Burgess
Div. 12 Willows	Div. 9 Janz/Burgess
Div. 13 Wong	Div. 16 Sol/Lam
Div. 14 Taylor	Div. 17 Liu
Div. 15 Alava/Bloom	

BC Family Day is a provincial statutory holiday- February 15

British Columbians celebrate Family Day on the third Monday of February. In 2021, Family Day falls on Monday, February 15th. Due to COVID-19, provincial restrictions are in place. Please follow public health guidance when participating in Family Day activities.



PAC Fundraiser Reminder- Mom's Pantry

Don't forget to place your online order **before February 12th**. A catalogue has been sent home with your child for full information. Pick up date will be announced once orders are placed. Thank you.

Contact: fundraising.tweedspac@gmail.com with any questions.

Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines

Today's announced enhancements will build on the layers of protection that are already in place, in these specific ways:

- **Enhanced mask guidelines***

Effective in New Westminster Schools on Monday, February 8th All K-12 staff and all middle and secondary students will be required to wear masks in all indoor areas – even within learning groups – except for when they are sitting or standing at their individual seat or workstation in a classroom, when there is a barrier in place, or when they are eating or drinking.

*Mask wearing at other times, or for students in Elementary settings, continues to be a personal choice that will be supported and respected.

- **Additional guidelines for Physical Education and Music classes**

- High intensity physical activities are to be held outside, whenever possible.
- Shared equipment, such as weight machines or musical instruments (like drums or guitars) can only be used if they've been properly sanitized between each use.
- Students playing instruments must be spaced at a minimum of 2 meters apart, with masks required when singing.

- **Increased protocols for staff-only spaces**

- **Introducing a new K-12 Health Check App**

The Ministry of Education has worked with Public Health and the BCCDC to develop a website and mobile app (available for iPhone and Google Android users), as a voluntary alternative or additional tool for students and parents to use when completing their required daily health checks. This app *does not track location* and is not a tool meant to support the contact tracing process: it is only intended to support the daily health checks already in place, and offer guidance to those questioning whether or not a student should attend school. No personal information will be either collected or stored.

As noted above, the extended mask rules will go into effect starting Monday. Over the coming days and weeks our various teams will delve into the updated BCCDC guide, working with our leadership and Health and Safety committees. We will support schools in introducing and communicating the enhancements with staff, students and families.

Lost and Found

We have collected a large number of items on our Lost and Found. **Please mark your child's coats with their initials or name so we can trace the owner quickly.** This would help immensely in keeping our collection to a minimum.

