

# Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

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September 2, 2022

Dear Churchill Students and Families,

Further to our email last week, please find below some information regarding COVID-19, food services, school fees, extracurricular activities, school forms and our school schedule for 2022-23.

## Everyone at Churchill is very excited to welcome students back to school on September 6, 2022!

The Vancouver School District and Churchill Secondary continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated guidance for the K-12 sector indicates that, "Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff."

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the BCCDC website. Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others' personal space while going through daily school activities.

Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Churchill.

Clean air and proper ventilation is an important part of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found at https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/updates/Pages/default.aspx

## **Food Services**

Food will be for sale in the cafeteria and our vending machines are available.

# **School Fees**

All school, program, course, workbook, contest and fieldtrip fees should be paid online. Please click for schoolcashonline for details and for the 2022-23 Fee Schedule.

# **Extracurricular Activities**

Extracurricular sports and other activities will resume in full this fall. More information will come from coaches and sponsors as the year begins.

# **School Forms**

Parents/Students are asked to visit <a href="myforms.vsb.bc.ca">myforms.vsb.bc.ca</a> to complete important paperwork. You will need your child's PEN (personal education 9-digit number which can be found on the report card) and date of birth to complete the following forms:

- CASL (Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation) Form
- Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- Adobe Consent Form

Students will bring home a VSB Media Consent Form along with a Reunification Form for parents/guardians to complete and sign. Students are expected to return these forms to the 1-1 teacher by the end of the week. Please verify your contact information in MyEd and let us know right away of any changes.

# Lockers

Lockers have been assigned to all Grade 8 students and information will be given to students by their Block 1 teacher on Tuesday, Sept 6. Returning Grades 9-12 students will use the locker they had last year. Any Grades 9-12 students who are NEW to Churchill this school year will be emailed a Locker Preference Form to complete; please submit the form only if you wish to use a locker. School issued locks must be used on lockers. Locks can be purchased on schoolcashonline. At this time, the office has a limited number of locks for purchase. Students will be notified in the Student Hub on Teams when more become available.

# **Secondary Schedule for 2022-23**

We will continue to organize our school timetable using a semester schedule, with the exception of the IB Programme which runs courses year-long.

Semester 1 September 7, 2022 - January 31, 2023 Semester 2 February 3 - June 29, 2023

Students will take four courses from September to January and another four courses from February to June. School will begin at 8:40 a.m. and finish at 3:06 p.m. This schedule is consistent across all secondary schools in the District.

The bell schedule includes two 50-minute periods of Flexible Instructional Time per week. This is instructional time designed to support students' personalized learning. The intent is to build-in flexibility and choice within a student's schedule that allows them to determine how, when and where some of their learning takes place, to access extra help from teachers, collaborate with peers and pursue other learning activities. During this time, all staff will be on site and students will be supported in determining how to best use this instructional time.

To find out more about FIT, visit the <u>District's website</u>.

New to this year's calendar are 8 periods of Collaborative Time. Students do not have to be on-site during this time. Staff will be involved in collaborative work at school on:

September 21 during 1-1 October 5 during 1-4 November 16 during 1-2 January 4 during 1-3 February 15 during 2-1 April 5 during 2-4 May 10 during 2-2 June 7 during 2-3

We are really looking forward to seeing students on Tuesday!

- Grades 9 12 for Homeroom with their 1-1 class at 10:30, for approximately one hour.
- Grade 8s go to the south field to find their 1-1 Homeroom class teacher at 12:00pm for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.
- Wednesday, September 7 is a full school day. Here is the <u>bell schedule</u>.

Warm regards,

Ms. Vey-Chilton, Principal

Ms. Denise Clark, VP

Mr. Tom Myring, VP Ms. Hilary Watt, VP