



## Windermere Secondary School

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### Important Information – Please Translate

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Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

Dear Families of students at Windermere Community Secondary School.

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have enjoyed a healthy and restful winter break.

As stated in the letter sent to you by the Vancouver School District on December 30, as per the Minister of Education's announcement, the return to school for most of our students will be delayed until January 10 in response to the rising spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Vancouver schools will, however, be open this week (Tuesday, January 4 to January 7) to provide support for students coming from vulnerable circumstances, students with special needs, and children of essential workers who require support. Essential service workers include those employed in Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, Emergency Response, and those employed in K-12 education.

What to expect if you are planning on sending your child to school on January 4:

- School will begin and end at the regularly scheduled times
- Supervision will be provided by school staff. This may not necessarily include students' usual teachers.
- No new instruction will be taking place. Regular curricular instruction will recommence when schools reopen to all students.
- Students may be grouped differently from their usual classes.
- If your child is part of the school's subsidized lunch program and will be in attendance at school this week, lunch will be provided. Otherwise, please ensure your child has snacks and lunch from home.

- Bus service provided by First Student bussing will continue for students who are in District programs.
- There is no need to inform the school if your child will not be attending school from January 4 to 7. Students who choose not to attend school on these days will not be marked absent.
- Students who are attending will enter the school through the Main Entrance (27<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and will report to the Library for attendance and further instructions.

We will continue to emphasize our already existing and highly effective layers of protection as advised by health officials. Mask wearing and frequent hand hygiene will be in place and reinforced by educators. Staff will also continue to:

- clean high touch surfaces frequently (once per day)
- post directional signage to manage traffic flow and prevent crowding
- reinforce daily self-health checks, and ensure students and staff stay home if they are feeling sick
- increase outdoor learning opportunities wherever possible

I appreciate this was not the return to school we were hoping for. I thank you for your understanding and cooperation in supporting our school and your children during these changing times. We are confident that our school community will continue to embody our Windermere motto of REACH: Respect-Excellence-Attitude-Courage-Honesty. We will continue to be supportive and compassionate of one another and we will get through this together.

Take care,



Ms. Ranjit Bains  
*Principal*

## Weather Conditions

Dear Windermere Students and Families,

*Please see the information below in the event schools are closed due to weather conditions, a natural disaster or other emergency situations that might endanger the health and / or safety of students and staff.*

If schools are closed, by 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

Families are asked to check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about **school closures**. There will be no announcement if schools are open, only if schools are closed. Families should not call media outlets, the VSB district offices, or the school switchboard to ask whether schools are closed as this may disrupt operations and emergency communications.