



SWC WELCOME BACK NEWS!

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x̱məθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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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

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Dear Churchill Students and Families,

Further to our email last week, please find below information regarding school start up, MyEd, food services, school fees, extracurricular activities, school forms, health and safety, lockers, and our school schedule for 2024-2025.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday, September 3, 2024! All Churchill students will be attending grade wide assemblies on Tuesday and should report to the auditorium at the following times. These assemblies will be approximately 45 minutes in length, after which students will be asked to leave the building so that staff can prepare to welcome the next grade group.

9:00 am	Grade 9s
10:00 am	Grade 10s
11:00 am	Grade 11s
12:00 pm	Grade 12s
1:00 pm	Grade 8s

Students on our waitlist (those who have not had their registration confirmed), please wait at home until you hear from your grade counsellor or administrator.

VSB Back to School Update

Last week, families received a *Welcome Back to School* letter from Superintendent McGregor. For those of you who did not receive it, [here](#) is the link.

We hope that you will begin to have conversations with your student(s) about the Province of B.C.'s mandate to limit students' use of personal digital devices during school hours. At SWC, this means that personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode and ideally placed in students' bags before they enter the classroom. Devices should remain silent during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not permitted for

use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission. We know this will take support from staff and work with students to put this in place in a meaningful way and appreciate your support with this.

We also understand that some families will be interested in accessing financial support through the student and family affordability fund related to basic school supplies that are usually purchased by families (e.g. pens, paper etc.), other education-related fees (e.g. camps, workbooks, field trips etc.), and clothing/footwear required for school sports and other school activities. While specifics for this fund have not been completely determined, we ask that families in need connect with their child's grade counselor about their needs. This is a confidential process and the most efficient way to put support in place.

MyEducation BC

[MyEd](#) will open on Wednesday, August 28 at 9am and student will be able to access their schedules. Returning Grades 9-12 students can use their most recent MyEd password for login. If you've forgotten this password, please click on the link "I forgot my password". The system administrator will send you your new password. If you have disabled your account, please email churchill@vsb.bc.ca to have your account reset. Resets will take a minimum of 48 hours to process. Once you have successfully logged into MyEd, please navigate to the **My Info** top tab and then **Current Schedule** side tab to view your timetable.

For grade 8 students or those who are NEW to the VSB, please login into MyEd on a computer (not mobile phone) with your student number and the generic password: Dist\$2025. Additional MyEd information can be found [here](#) including instructions for first time users. Grade 8 students will also receive a printed copy of their schedule on September 3rd.

This week counsellors are working on student timetables. It is important to note that your schedule may change prior to the start of school. Be sure to review your schedule on September 4th before school starts to see your most up to date schedule. In the meantime, if you have an incomplete timetable or see an error, please **email** your counsellor your request or book an appointment.

Grade 8:	Mark Johnston (mjohnston@vsb.bc.ca)
Grade 9:	Mike Lattimer (mlattimer@vsb.bc.ca)
Grade 10:	Anthony Larock (alarock@vsb.bc.ca)
Grade 11:	Grace Lee (glee@vsb.bc.ca)
Grade 12:	April Salter (asalter@vsb.bc.ca)
ELL/International/Ideal:	Jeff Pratt (jpratt@vsb.bc.ca)

Calendar & School Fees for 2024-2025

The calendar for the 2024-2025 school year has been posted to the website and can be found [here](#). All school, program, course, workbook, contest, and field trip fees should be paid online. Please click for [schoolcashionline](#) for details and for the [2024-2025 School Fees](#).

Lockers

As we need to switch over our locker management software this year, students will not have access to lockers until September 13, 2024. Locks placed on lockers before this time will be removed. We appreciate your patience on this. Locks will be distributed to GR 8 students and can be paid for through School Cash Online. GR 9-12 students who need to purchase a lock can do so in the office.

Student Absences

Parents/Guardians are to report the student's absence by sending an [email to your child's teachers](#) ([Staff List](#) for emails) and churattendance@vsb.bc.ca. Include the following information:

1. Student's usual first and last name
2. Grade
3. Student number (6 or 7 digit number)
4. Date(s) of absence
5. Reason of absence
6. Periods that will be missed or time of absence, if not full day absence

Please note: reporting an absence only excuses the absence from an email to parents/guardians from MyEd but does not excuse the absence from being recorded on the report card.

School Forms

Parents/Students are asked to visit myforms.vsb.bc.ca to complete important paperwork. You will need your child's PEN (personal education 9-digit number which can be found on the report card or in MyEd under the My Info Tab) and student's date of birth to complete the following required forms:

- CASL (Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation) Form
- Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- External Media Consent 2024-2025
- VSB Media Consent 2024-2025

Students will receive and bring home a yellow Reunification Form for parents/guardians to complete and sign. Students are expected to return these forms to their 1-1 teacher by the end of the week (Sep. 6th). We also need families to verify their contact information in MyEd. Please let us know right away of any changes via email: churchill@vsb.bc.ca.

Health & Safety

The Vancouver School District continues to stay in regular communication with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the Ministry of Health, and Vancouver Coastal Health to ensure students, staff, and families are kept informed and safe. Parents and students can view the Communicable Disease Prevention plan and other important health updates [here](#).

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular sports and other activities will resume in full in the fall. More information will come from coaches and sponsors as the year begins. This information will be shared with students through TEAMS.

Food Services

Food will be for sale in the cafeteria as of Thursday, September 5th, and our vending machines are available.

Building Envelope Work @ SWC

The envelope remediation work undertaken over the summer is mostly complete. There are some exterior jobs that still need to be completed but our science classrooms are ready for students.

Secondary Schedule for 2024-2025

Our school timetable is on a semester schedule, apart from the IB Programme which runs courses year long.

Semester 1 September 5, 2024 - January 24, 2025

Semester 2 January 29 - June 26, 2025

Students take four courses from September to January and another four courses from the end of January to June. School begins at 8:40 a.m. and finishes at 3:05 p.m.

The [bell schedule](#) includes four 40-minute periods of Flexible Instructional Time per week. Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) is a period of instructional time built into the weekly schedule that gives our students more agency in their learning, goal setting, and time management, empowering student to develop their thinking, communication, personal, and social core competencies. Ultimately, the purpose of FIT is to support the learning and well-being of students by enabling them to have choice in how, when, and where their learning takes place. During this time, all staff will be on site and students will be supported in determining how to best use this instructional time.

Once again this year, students will sign up for their FIT sessions through our My Weekly Planner software. Instructions will be provided to students through Teams.

For the first two weeks of classes, students will attend assigned FIT locations. Information on this will be provided through Teams. Student choice selection for FIT will begin on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Collaborative time continues to be in place this year. Students do not have to be on-site during this time. Staff will be involved in collaborative work at school during the morning on the following dates: September 11, November 20, February 19, May 21. On these dates, students will report to their first period class at 10:05 am. Collaborative work in the afternoons takes place on the following dates: October 16, January 22, April 16, June 11. On these dates, students will have an early dismissal at 1:45 pm.

See you all on Tuesday, September 3rd for grade assemblies. Be ready for a full school day with classes starting at 8:40 am on Wednesday, September 4th.

Notice of Late Return

If a student will NOT be in attendance in the school before noon on Friday, September 6, 2024, please complete the [Notice of Late Return Form Secondary Sept 2024](#) and email it to churattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Upcoming events

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| • Opening Day Grade Assemblies | September 3 |
| • Semester 1 starts, Block Rotation 1-2-3-4 | September 4 |
| • Collab in the morning. Students start at 10:05am | September 11 |
| • Photo Day | September 17 |
| • Canadian Universities Fair, in the CAF: 1 – 3 pm | September 19 |
| • Parent Walkabout: 3:15 – 4:15 pm | September 19 |
| • Pro-D Day (No school for students) | September 20 |
| • PAC Meeting | September 24 |
| • Orange Shirt Day | September 27 |
| • National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed) | September 30 |

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