



Churchill Update

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Forms

A friendly reminder for families to complete important school on-line forms at myforms.vsb.bc.ca. These forms are to be completed on a yearly basis. They include CASL, External Media Consent, G4-12 Student AUP, and VSB Media Consent forms.

Ministry Assessments

Grade 12s will be writing the **Literacy 12** exam on **October 30th, 2023**. To accommodate all our grade 12s and minimize class disruption, Grade 12s will be scheduled into a morning or afternoon session for the exam in one of our computer labs. Regular classes for Grade 12s will **not** be in session this day.

Students have 3 hours to write this exam. To familiarize oneself with the exam, students are encouraged to go to the Ministry of Education and Childcare Website to watch the videos about the exam and view practice assessments in the [Pre-assessment activities](#) section.

On October 30th, students need to bring their student ID card and report to their scheduled exam location at 8:40 am for morning sessions or 12:15 pm for afternoon sessions. Cell phones and other devices (watches) that connect to the internet are not permitted.

For Grade 12 students who missed the Numeracy 10 exam, they will write on Thursday, Nov. 2nd in an AM or PM session. For Grade 12 students who missed the Literacy 10 exam, they will write on Friday, Nov. 3rd in an AM or PM session. Regular classes are in session on these days.

Students in Grades 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to write Ministry Assessments in January 2024.

School Fees and Photo Reminders

- **School Fees:** Our accountant Ms. Lee has added all the course fees for Semester 1 to SchoolCashOnline. Please visit <http://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> if you still need to setup your account and/or pay your school fees. Please contact your child's grade counsellor or [Ms. Haveman](#) in confidence to discuss any difficulties with fee payment.
- **Photo retakes:** **Monday, October 23, 2023** is our **Photo Retake Day**. This will be held in the **cafeteria** during the AM blocks only (including FIT). Some important notes on the day:
 - Students who are having retakes **must bring their GO card to the cafeteria**. You cannot get a retake without handing in this card.
 - Students who are new to the school and have not had their photo taken yet can also get their photo taken this day.
 - **Retakes are not offered to GR 12 students** because they will have their grad shots done instead. GR 12 students who have not had a picture taken yet for their GO card can have one done.
- **GRAD Photos at Artona from Oct. 30th to Nov. 6th.**

Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day Ceremonies will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023. We will call students to the auditorium by grade, and each ceremony will take approximately 40 minutes. Our staff and students are busy preparing ways to acknowledge this important day in a respectful and meaningful way. We will remind students that this is a very formal ceremony, and families can help to front-load this by having discussions about the importance of showing respect for those who have served their country.

Flexible Instruction Time – FIT

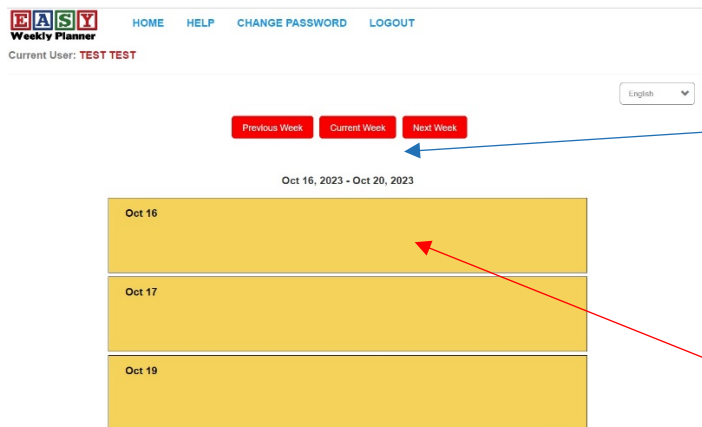
It's already halfway through October and by now, we're sure your children are settling into school routines including class times, homework, and extracurriculars. But what about FIT time? This section covers the way FIT is administered this year at SWC, how you can be in the know about ways your child is using this valuable time, and how you can help them maximize their learning opportunities. This way, we can work together to support the youth in our school.

What is FIT?

This is time to support the learning and well-being of students by enabling them to choose how, when, and where their learning takes place. When students are making these choices, they need to consider how their choice benefits their educational plan. As students cultivate a stronger sense of agency, they feel more engaged with their studies, more connected to their peers, and more invested in the well-being of their community.

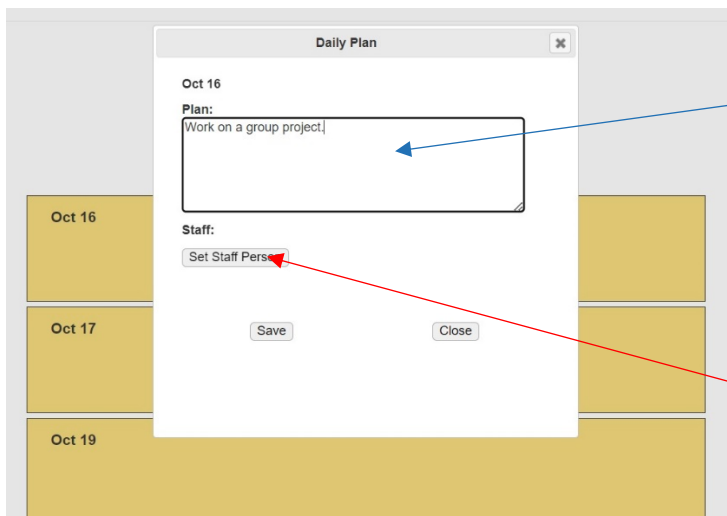
How do Students Manage Their Time

All students have an account through the My Weekly Planner platform. They can access this by going to <https://churchill.myweeklyplanner.net>. Students can log in here and should see any one of their teachers or Mr. Francom in the office if they have forgotten their password or username.



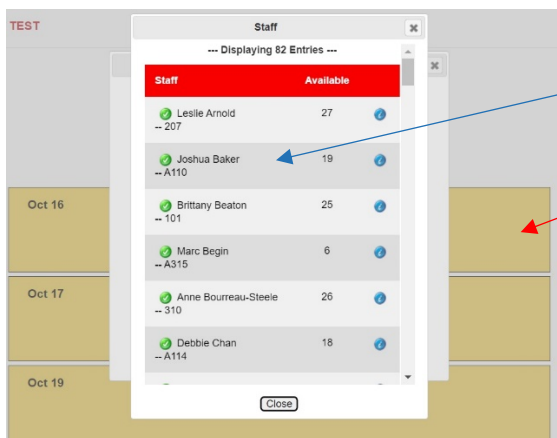
You can select the week by clicking here.

When your child **has not booked a session**, the boxes are yellow. Click on one to start.



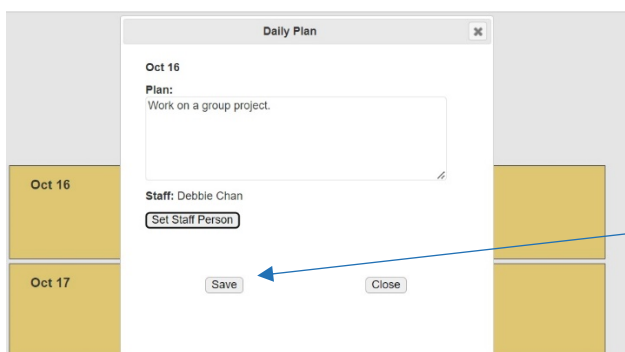
Students type their plan for the day.

Students **must** book with a specific teacher. They click here to select available staff.



Students select a teacher by clicking on the green checks.

- Spaces available are shown.
- GR 8 & 9 students must choose one of their 4 teachers.
- GRs 10-12 students can choose one of their 4 teachers OR the library/cafeteria.
- GRs 10-12 *may* be able to select a different teacher for a club activity, but they need to speak to the teacher ahead of time.
- Don't see the teacher they want? **This is because the teacher is unavailable on this day.** Students need to select a different teacher.



Make sure to click "Save" once you have selected your teacher.

Show Me Green!

We are asking students to book their spaces by Friday the week before. When they do so, the yellow spaces will change to green. This is how you can get your child to show you where they have booked for the week! Simply ask them to "Show you Green" on their phones.

Previous Week

Current Week

Next Week

Oct 16, 2023 - Oct 20, 2023

<p>Oct 16 Work on a group project. Staff: Debbie Chan (A114)</p>
<p>Oct 17 Study Staff: Liliana Chuaqui (212)</p>
<p>Oct 19 Redo Test Staff: Taylor Di Sera (A217)</p>

Green boxes mean your child is successfully booked in for a FIT session.

You can see the teacher's name and location.

NOTE: Your child *may* have one yellow space...this happens when we book an event for them during FIT like a core competency exercise, assembly, or guest speaker. If you're not sure, ask your child if they have yellow space.

FAQ

- **Can my child change their booking?**
 - Absolutely. While we want to encourage students to book ahead, we know that plans sometimes need to change. They can rebook if space is available, OR, their teachers can add them to their lists.
- **When do the cafeteria and library spaces open?**
 - These open at noon on the Friday before. This is to allow equitable access to these spaces for all students. Grades 8 and 9 will begin to have access to the library during FIT in November.
- **Can students randomly go to the gym?**
 - No. To be in the gym sessions, they should have gym as one of their 4 classes, OR, be engaged on a team where they have spoken to the PHE department or their coaches beforehand.
- **Is FIT optional?**
 - FIT is instructional time, so the expectation is that students attend. If a student is unable to attend (e.g., for sickness), they should discuss this with their family. This applies to both morning and afternoon FIT sessions.
- **Is there direct teacher instruction in the cafeteria?**
 - No. The cafeteria is for independent study and students here are working without teacher assistance. This space is open to grades 10-12 only.

Upcoming Events

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| • PAC Meeting @ & 7 pm in Cafeteria – meet and greet @ 6:30 pm | October 23 |
| • Gr. 8 Assembly during FIT | October 26 |
| • Collab Day – students dismissed @ 1:45 pm | November 01 |
| • Remembrance Assemblies | November 10 |
| • Remembrance Day – classes not in session | November 13 |
| • Block Rotation – 2, 1, Lunch, 4, 3 | November 14 |
| • Immunization Clinic – Gr. 9s | November 15 |
| • Mid-Semester 1 Reports post to MyED | November 17 |
| • Parent /Teacher Conference Bookings opens @ 5:00 pm | November 17 |
| • Parent /Teacher Conference Bookings close @ 12:00 pm | November 21 |
| • Parent/Teacher Conferences Online from 2:30 – 5:30 pm | November 23 |
| • Indigenous Focus Day – classes not in session | November 24 |

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