



Churchill Update

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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

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It's been a smooth and positive beginning to the year, and we're happy to see students settling into routines and reconnecting with their peers and teachers. Classrooms are active, and learning is already well underway.

We appreciate the support from families as we get things rolling, and we're looking forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and collaboration.

Parent Walkabout: Thurs, Sept. 24

We are pleased to welcome our community to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary. We have several parent events planned and look forward to seeing you there. To facilitate these events, there will be an **early dismissal at 2:05pm for all students**. Please see the details below.

Grade 12 Parent Meeting: 2:15pm – 3:15pm (for Grade 12 parents and students - AUDITORIUM)

SWC Parent Walkabout: 3:15pm – 4:25pm (for parents and students of all grades)

Multilingual Parent Welcome: 4:30pm – 5:30pm (info session for families needing language support - CAF)

** Language support at this session will be available in: Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Spanish **

Our informal walkabout event is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet your child's teachers and learn a little about what they will be doing in their classes. If you wish to discuss individual student concerns, we kindly ask that you schedule a meeting with the classroom teacher directly. Teacher emails can be found [HERE](#).

We will not be printing student schedules. Please check MyEd in advance to determine your child's schedule.

Here is the schedule for the walkabout:

3:15-3:25:	Off-Timetable Classes
3:30-3:40:	Period 1-1
3:45-3:55:	Period 1-2
4:00-4:10:	Period 1-3
4:15-4:25:	Period 1-4

NOTE: If your child has a linear schedule, they have a Day 1 and a Day 2 class in each of periods 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4. **Please visit the Day 1 class during the September walkabout.** You will have the opportunity to visit the Day 2 classes during our February walkabout. Again, if you would like to connect with the Day 2 teacher, please reach out via email.

FIT Update

This year the district will continue to offer *Flexible Instruction Time* to promote student ownership of learning and to allow them individualized support. The SWC FIT schedule is:

Monday: 8:40-9:20am
Tuesday: 1:20-2:00pm

Thursday: 1:20-2:00pm
Friday: 8:40-9:20pm

FIT time is **instructional time**, and to manage sign up and attendance students will sign up using the FIT Planner website: <https://fitplanner.vsb.bc.ca/Login>. Students access this system using their VSB login and password, just like they would for Teams or Wi-Fi access.

FIT works best when students are intentional about their choices and plan ahead, so for the past few weeks we have paired them with their classroom teachers to allow teachers time to establish expectations for how best to use FIT in their subjects.

Starting next week, both sign-up and attendance at FIT will become mandatory. You can help us with this by speaking to your child about their FIT location choices, asking them to show you their sign-ups, and connecting directly with their teachers about how FIT can be used to support learning in their classrooms.

Photo Day – Thurs, Oct. 1

Here is the **tentative** schedule:

8:45 – 9:20am: Grade 8
9:20 – 10:00 am: Grade 9
Break
10:10 – 11:30 am: Grade 10
LUNCH
12:20 – 1:15 pm: Grade 11
Break
1:20 – 2:00pm (FIT): Grade 12

*It is important that students are in classes and wait to be called down.

*If your child is absent, photo re-takes will be on Oct. 28, 2026

Student Verification Forms

Student Information Verification Forms are published in the student's MyEd account. If there are changes to your child's information, please print off the sheet, cross off what is incorrect, write down the updated information on the sheet and sign the form. Please have your child submit the form to the office so that the information can be updated in MyEd. If there are NO changes, no action is required.

Forms & School Fees

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. The paper copy of the Yellow Reunification Form that students received on the first day of school should be submitted to the office.



As we head into Semester 1, please take a moment to log in to [School Cash Online](#) and pay for all school fees for Semester 1.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (SCO) APP HELPDESK FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Please use the link/QR code below to connect to School Cash Online (SCO) HELPDESK if you are experiencing issues with the SCO app and require help with things such as logging in, accessing the app, or issues with email notifications, etc. This site is specifically for families and students to access if they require troubleshooting.

<https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com/en/support/home>



For any family requiring support, please reach out to your child's grade counsellor and they will work with the admin team to support you with these costs.

E-Scooters, E-Bikes, etc.

With the new year upon us, we to remind all families of the current City of Vancouver and Province of British Columbia regulations and to ask for your support in ensuring students travel safely and within the law. Under provincial legislation as well as City of Vancouver bylaws, electric scooters are permitted only under specific conditions:

- *Riders must be 16 years of age or older*
- *Helmets are mandatory for all riders*
- *Scooters may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks*
- *Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic signals and signage)*
- *Scooters must not exceed prescribed speed limits (generally up to 25 km/h where permitted)*

For more information, please visit: [E-scooters | City of Vancouver](#) and [Electric kick scooter rules and safety - Province of British Columbia](#).

Under provincial legislation and City of Vancouver bylaws, electric bikes are permitted under the following conditions:

- *Riders must be 14 years or older for a light e-bike and 16 for a standard e-bike*
- *Helmets are mandatory for all riders*
- *Light e-bikes must not exceed 25 km/h and standard e-bikes 32 km/h*
- *E-bikes may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks*
- *Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic signals and signage)*

For more information about e-bikes, please visit: [E-bike requirements - Province of British Columbia](#) and [Motor Assisted Cycle \(E-Bike\) Regulation](#).

Please also review with your child how to safely secure their bikes and scooters when at school.

Data & Image Consent for School Yearbooks

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) and its schools are authorized to collect, use, and disclose student personal information in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FIPPA"). At the start of the school year, your child's photo will be collected for operational purposes such as attendance or ID verification in accordance with section 26(c) of FIPPA.

As part of its commitment to protecting student privacy, the VSB is providing notice to you regarding the collection, use and disclosure of your child's personal information and image(s) for the purpose of creating a school-specific publication of the school year (a yearbook) and, if applicable, featuring their school photo, class composite photo, and other images (ex. Sports teams or clubs), in accordance with sections 32(a) and 33(1), respectively.

If you do **not** wish for your child's personal information or photographs to be included in the yearbook, please email the school Principal (ahaveman@vsb.bc.ca) by **November 30, 2026**.

For inquiries about FIPPA, please contact privacy@vsb.bc.ca

Optional Student Accident Insurance

We would like to share information about optional student accident insurance plans that are available for families who may wish to purchase additional coverage. These voluntary plans are provided directly by the insurance companies and are not administered or endorsed by the Vancouver School Board.

The plans offer coverage for accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness, and may help supplement costs not covered by provincial health insurance or parents existing extended health and dental benefit plans. The following providers offer student accident insurance plans:

- Insuremykids: [School Resources - Insuremykids](#)
- Industrial Alliance (Family Accident Reimbursement Plan): [Group Insurance - Special Markets | iA Financial Group](#)

Additional information, plan details, and enrollment options are available directly through the providers' websites. There is no administration required on the part of schools. Families with questions about coverage, eligibility, claims, or enrollment should contact the insurance provider directly using the contact information available on their website.

Upcoming Events

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| • IB Camp | September 23-24 |
| • Parent Walkabout – students dismissed at 2:05pm | September 24 |
| • Pro-D Day – classes not in session | September 25 |
| • Orange Shirt Day | September 29 |
| • PAC Meeting, 7pm in the CAF | September 29 |
| • National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – school closed | September 30 |
| • Photo Day | October 1 |
| • Synergy Camp | October 5-7 |
| • Canadian Universities Event (CUE), 1-3pm | October 8 |
| • Thanksgiving Day – school closed | October 12 |
| • Clubs Day, during FIT | October 13 |
| • Ideal Mini Camp | October 14-16 |
| • Semester 1 Interims Online, 2pm | October 16 |
| • Collab Day AM – Period 1 starts at 10:05am | October 21 |
| • Pro-D Day – classes not in session | October 23 |
| • PAC Meeting, 7pm in the Library | October 27 |
| • Photo Retakes | October 28 |
| • Ideal Mini Info Night, 7pm | October 29 |

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SUPPORT SWC STUDENTS!