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December has more different winter holidays than any other month. There is Christmas, Boxing Day, Krampus Night, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, New Year's, St. Lucia Day, St. Nicholas Day, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, and more! Happy Celebrating!

The Week Ahead:

Monday December 5

- Skating Ms. Wong and Ms. Sheppard's classes

Tuesday December 6

- Killarney Concert (Div 1-11)

Wednesday December 7

- Photo Retake Day

Thursday December 8

- Winter Concert at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Please attend only one concert so there is room for everyone. Donations collected at the door to support technology upgrades and replacements.

Friday December 9

- Skating Ms. Finch-Cowie and Mr. Arbuckle's class

Important Information:

1. When to keep kids home from school document. We have many students coming to school who are clearly unwell. Please keep us as healthy as possible and stay home when sick.

2. We are having MANY students come to school late every day and it is very disruptive to everyone. When families do not call ahead to tell us you will be away, we have to call you and see if they are safe. **This takes a lot of time.** Please, if your child will be absent from school, you must notify the school **by 9:00am** to report the absence.

There are two ways to report your child's absence at KSM:

1. By Email to: ksmsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca
2. By Phone at: Call: 604-713-4746 (Press 1 for Safe Arrival)

Please include only the following information:

Child's Full Name

Child's Division and/or Teacher's Name

Length and reason for absence

We really appreciate your support with this.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The protection of your child. Without proper rest a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be open to other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children.

Please keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever.
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles or any other undiagnosed rash).
- Keep your child home until they cannot infect others or as told by a health care provider.
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.



Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the schools call back procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

Where can I find more Information?

- Public Health school Nurse at 604-983-6700
- Health Link BC – online www.healthlinkbc.ca or dial 811
- North Shore School Health Manual: www.vch.ca/schoolhealth
- Sneezes and Diseases <http://www.vch.ca/media/SneezesDiseases.pdf>



Upcoming Dates 2022-2023	
07-Dec	Photo Retake Day
08-Dec	Winter Concert - 1:30pm afternoon and 6:30pm evening performance
16-Dec	Last day before winter break
03-Jan	School Re-opens from Winter Break
16-Jan	Professional Development Day, no school for students
31-Jan	Student Reports Home (Communicating Student Learning)
17-Feb	Professional Development Day, no school for students
20-Feb	Family Day, no school
22-Feb	Pink Shirt Day
01-Mar	Student Conferences 2pm Early Dismissal
02-Mar	Student Conferences 2pm Early Dismissal
10-Mar	Last day before Spring Break
27-Mar	School Re-opens from Spring Break
07-Apr	Good Friday, no school
10-Apr	Easter Monday, no school
14-Apr	Kindergarten, Gr 1 Immunization and Catch up
24-Apr	Professional Development Day, no school for students
04-May	Earthquake Drill
22-May	Victoria Day, no school
16-Jun	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 11am
June 19-21	Grade 7 Camp Jubilee
23-Jun	Grade 7 Playland
29-Jun	Reports Home, Last Day of School for students