

Secord News

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SAFETY CORNER

Approximately 1.3 million Canadians currently live with food allergies, and more than 50% of Canadians know someone with a life-threatening allergy. See Page 5

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Dates to Remember in November

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| Tuesday November 9 th | Early Dismissal |
| Wednesday November 10 th | Early Dismissal |
| Thursday November 11 th | Remembrance Day |
| Tuesday November 16 th | Wear your House colour day |
| Thursday November 18 th | Pizza Day |
| Friday November 26 th | Pro D Day Indigenous Focus Day |
| Monday November 29 th | Green thumb - Like it or not school wide performance |



School Performances are back! Yeh!



"Teo Saefkow and Paige Fraser in WHAT IF by Katey Hoffman. Photo by Tim Matheson."

Green Thumb is coming to present their new show:

Like it or Not

November 29, 2021

LIKE IT OR NOT, a play about best friends Zoey and Leah as they navigate the pressures of social media, popularity, and their changing friendship.

There will be 2 performances: one for the primary grades and then one for the intermediates.

All Covid protocols will be followed. We want our students to enjoy a fun activity while staying safe.

Aboriginal Veterans Day November 8th 2021



Photo courtesey Kim Kondra, our Indigenous Enhancement

Reminder....

Early Dismissal Nov 9th and 10

Remembrance Day



Mask Wearing in Schools

The VSB Board adopted a motion extending the current MOE/PHO mask mandate to include all students (K-12). They will be amending our District plan to reflect this change and will be sending elementary schools updated mask posters next week. This new K-12 mask mandate came into effect on Monday October 4.

The extension of the 4-12 mask mandate to K-3 students includes the same exceptions to mask wearing, as outlined in the MOE guidelines and the District COVID-19 plan. These exceptions are:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons;
- A person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g., playing a wind instrument, engaging in high-intensity physical activity, etc.);
- If a person is eating or drinking;
- If a person is behind a barrier/plexiglass; or
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment) where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

The school has a finite number of masks available to replace masks that are lost, broken or wet.

Please makes sure you send your child with enough masks to last the day.

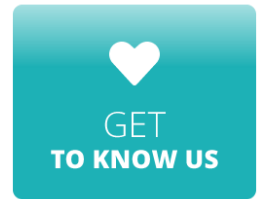


NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE For Inclement Weather

By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at 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)

Please check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about **school closures**. DO not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed.



Without a doubt students and parents know our staff at Laura Secord. But do you know us as well as you think you do?

Each month we'll tell you a new tidbit about a staff member. You may be surprised 😊

Bonjour! I am Mme Feller, a new grade 6/7 French Immersion teacher at Secord. I recently moved from Toronto to Vancouver to explore this beautiful side of Canada. I am thrilled to be teaching at Secord this year and am grateful for my stellar students in Division F05. I value collaboration and student voice in the classroom, developing a growth mindset in students, and an appreciation of language, diversity, culture, and communication.

Before I became a teacher, I spent some time studying and working in Switzerland and the Netherlands. I'm looking forward to skiing, hiking, and cycling in the coming seasons in beautiful B.C.!



Safety Awareness Corner



Do you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten?

At the beginning of December all Secord Families will be receiving a letter asking if they have children ready for Kindergarten in September 2021. If this applies to you, please respond to the letter via email.

Priority registration is given to children that already have siblings in the school if the families register before the end of January.

you are registering a child for kindergarten and currently have a child in Early French Immersion at Secord (who will be at Secord next year as well), your child is eligible for sibling placement priority. However, **you still must register the child at your in-catchment English school first** (even though your child would not attend there). **You will then need to apply online in mid-January indicating French Immersion at Secord as your first choice.** Failure to follow these procedures and deadlines will result in your child losing sibling priority.

The child is accepted automatically into the Program that the older siblings are in.

Are you a Newcomer Parent?

Are you new to VSB, Vancouver, or even Canada? Vancouver School Board has a department you may be interested in: The [Newcomer Welcome Centre](#). You may not be aware of how many resources are available to you. For example our SWIS team (Settlement Workers in Schools) and Multicultural Liaison Workers are presenting [free workshops!](#) Take a look and even wander the website. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised 😊



Settlement Workers in Schools

"Supporting and Connecting Families in Schools & Communities"



All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

This month we explore the student's role in managing anaphylaxis

- Avoid sharing food.
- Only eat approved food from home or food that a parent or guardian has approved.
- Don't share utensils or straws.
- Always read food labels yourself and don't eat anything with precautionary warnings, like "may contain". These are not safe to eat.
- Tell others about your allergy. Let them know where you keep your auto-injector.
- Always carry at least one epinephrine auto-injector with you. You never know when you may need it.
- Wear MedicAlert® identification (get one at [NoChildWithout.ca](#)).
- Wash your hands before and after eating.
- If you are allergic to stinging insects, avoid wearing bright colours and scented products.
- Tell an adult when you don't feel well.
- If you are being bullied or excluded because of your allergy, speak to an adult.
- If you're a preteen or teen, visit [WhyRiskIt.ca](#) to see how your peers manage their allergies.

For a school resource section and tips for living with anaphylaxis visit [www.foodallergyCanada.ca](#)

1. Registration Process:

- The process is similar to last year.
 - Applying for kindergarten is a 2-step process:
 - **Step 1:** Completion of an online application form.
 - **Step 2:** Verifying Documentation
 - Contact your English catchment school office to **set up an appointment** to bring your supporting documentation
 - Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment

Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child’s birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2022.

Registering at the Annex or the Main School

(School and Annex) share one common catchment area.

Students who reside within this catchment area (in-catchment registrants) will receive priority for enrolment at one of the two school sites based upon available space.*

When completing a registration form, parents will be asked if they prefer the annex or the main school. The District will attempt to accommodate parental preferences for placement, once available space has been determined.

At some sites there may be more in-catchment applicants than available space.* In these instances, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. In-catchment kindergarten registrants who have a sibling who is currently attending and who will continue to attend Secord & Q. Vic next year **will be enrolled first at their preferred location**.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces. Students will be registered at their preferred location as space permits.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated at their preferred location will be accommodated at the location that has space and placed on waitlist for their preferred location in the order in which their name is drawn.
4. **Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31**
5. All in-catchment kindergarten applications received **after** January 31 will be registered at their preferred location, if there is space, or added to the bottom of the existing waitlist for their preferred location, and registered at the location that has space to accommodate them.
6. **Please note:** There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending Secord & Q. Vic if they register after January 31.
7. * Available space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedures 300).
- 8.
9. **For more information on kindergarten registration visit:**
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Div 26 Stuffed Turkeys. Yummy!



Div. 10: Drawings
inspired by the Book,
Markus et le gecko.



Grade 1 Early French Immersion

There are some spaces available for **Grade 1 Early French Immersion**. If you would your child to try French, then you need to [apply here](#).

Late French Immersion:

If you are interested in your child attending **Late French Immersion**. Please fill out [this application form](#) and email it to secord@vsb.bc.ca attach their latest report card and a letter of intent written by the student about why they would like to learn French

Mini School Application process update:

Here is the current year application process for Mini Schools.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Secondary/Mini_Schools/Pages/Default.aspx

KEY DATES...



Key Priority Registration Dates

English K registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st

Kindergarten Choice program application January 10th – February 3rd at 4:00pm
Early French Immersion Gr 1 registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st

Kindergarten Info session in January. More info in next Newsletter

Late French Immersion Gr 6 registration at school: Nov 1st to Jan 31st





Late French Immersion info session in January. More info in next Newsletter

In addition to the application please provide the most recent report card and a letter of intent written by the child.

November 16th: House Colour Day

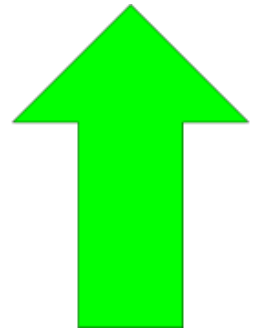
As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have House Teams and each one has a colour and mascot. Not only that, but we have House Events in which we earn points for our teams!

Ready to earn some points? **Tuesday November 16th Wear you House colour Day!** to earn points. May the best team win!!

			
Grizzlies (green) Strength in Courage	Ravens (red) Strength in Wisdom	Orcas (blue) Strength in Unity	Wolves (yellow) Strength in Loyalty



To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call **(604) 713-5159 ext 74** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.



Terry Fox Run 2021

We have raised more than ever before this year.

School Donation total \$1478.00

We had lots of fun running.



Div 26 3D Pumpkins





Picking up Students for appointments.

Please notify your child's teacher ahead of time.

Once you arrive at the school we ask that you call the office, this step is in leu of you physically coming into the building to sign your child out. We will locate and send out your child



Division 06 showing off their proud identity as individuals and as Canadians. Their task was to understand the difference between their perceived appearance and their genuine personality. Their silhouettes show that through an artistic representation. Their other task was to design a new jersey for the Canadian team for them to represent inclusion and true Canadian spirit.



Div. 22



Art completed by Divisions 6, 7, 8. Inspired by street artist called Thank You X



Recycled Art Sketchbooks Div 17-21



1. Division 25 - Grade 1/2 Fall Leaf Art, exploring warm and cool colours.
2. Division 21 - Grade 4/5 Mixed Media Art, exploring recycled art through paper collage, in order to create o our own sketchbook covers!
- 3.



Pointsettia Fundraiser 2021

We are holding our annual fundraiser again. You will be able to order online this year.

Here is the link:

The last day to order is November 15th



If you prefer to pay by cheque please make payable to Laura Secord. Please return to the classroom teacher no later than November 15th.



Hold this spot! The PAC along with Carley Romas are organizing hampers Secord families need. They will send out more info soon.

Secord Spirit Clothing Sales

The Laura Secord clothing sale is here!

The online store is now open:

[Laura Secord Online Clothing Store](#)

Password: LS2020



The code to make your order PST exempt is LSPST.

Get your Laura Secord Spirit Wear! Online store is now open for you to order your house t-shirt (Wolves, Ravens, Grizzlies or Orcas), athletic wear or Laura Secord hoodie. Show your school spirit. Visit the online store and be sure to click on the Laura Secord Elementary Spirit Wear 2020 icon and use password LS2020 to do your online shopping. We will arrange for off school grounds/no contact pick up in January.

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Estrelita Gonzalez

PAC Chairs:
Shahira Sakiyama
and Nusha Balram

PAC News

Thank you to everyone that was able to come out on October 19th for Laura Secord's 2021/22 AGM.

We approved a solid budget and voted in a new motley crew who've volunteered to serve you, the Secord Community

Much thanks to:

- Zahra Esmail, co~chair
- Jennifer Wilshire, past~chair
- Cameron Imayoshi, secretary
- Monique Cherrie, ARC Rep
- Robyn Wong, Member at Large (book fairs)

for their years of service to the PAC *especially* this last year! Your contributions have been invaluable.

And please welcome our New Executive Committee:

· Members at Large

- Richard Abgrall, fundraising
- Vicky Baker, food literacy
- Nicole Spencer, ARC Rep
- Devon McHugh, French Rep
- Anna Bishop, English Rep
- Naomi Adams, book fairs
- Executive Core
 - Treasurer ~ Kalen Chang
 - Communication Coordinator ~ Sandra Blais
 - Secretary
 - Jayana Darras
 - Heather Williamson
- Co~Chairs
 - Nusha Balram
 - Shahira Sakiyama

We look forward to working and playing with you highlighting the kind, resourceful, thoughtful community Secord is.

Send any inquiries, ideas, and/or offerings to secordpac@gmail.com.



School Calendar

We're on the Web!
<http://secord.vsb.bc.ca>

[PAC](#)

PAC is on Twitter!
[@SecordPAC](#)

Vancouver School Board

PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th @ 7:00pm

Link for meeting will be sent out closer to the meeting



PAC sponsored
Pumpkin Patch



FUEL Lunch Program

Remember FUEL lunch pre~pandemic? This was a convenience lunch service available to families for a cost/fee.

*** Different from the monthly Pizza Hot Lunch fundraiser ***

The lunch service coordinator, Carolin Rigby, has found a new vendor, Calhoun's, to start this service again soon following all current health and safety guidelines.



Purdy's is back! Stuck for gift ideas....who doesn't love chocolate? Help support the school and help us reach our fundraising goal of \$20,000. The school receives 25% back of all sales and you get chocolates made in Canada with premium quality ingredients and sustainable cocoa.

This year, as an incentive, the top 10 sellers will receive a \$20 Purdy's gift card to spend on whatever Purdy's treat they want. In addition, the top selling intermediate class and top selling primary class will each earn themselves a special pizza party.

The campaign opens on November 1st and the last day to submit orders is November 28th. Orders will be available to pick up on December 7th.

This year, there will be no paper orders. Each child will come home with a brochure with their own unique link to order. Using this link will ensure the order you make is put towards your child and your child's class tally. Get out there, spread the word and share your link with family and friends!

Hot Lunch Fund Raiser

Ordering for hot lunch has re-opened and will stay open until November 14th. You can order for just the month or do it for the whole year and don't worry about forgetting. Go to secord.hotlunches.net to register, if you haven't yet, or complete your order. Next pizza hot lunch will be on November 18th. If you have a spare hour in the day, please go to our [volunteer sign up](#) page and come help out.





LAURA LAURA SECORD SECORD HALLOWEEN



Figure 1 Our Intrepid Super Heros AKA Mr. Brisbois and Mr. Brown

