

Engagement Opportunities - Your Voice Matters

2022/2023 Budget Priorities

Each year, the school district undertakes a public consultation process for input on budget priorities. School district stakeholders are invited and encouraged to provide their input on budget priorities that align with and support the school district's vision, values and strategic goals. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Feedback can be provided:

- Online through an anonymous and confidential [survey](#) until March 15, 2022.
- By email to budgetcomments@sd44.ca until March 15, 2022.
- By traditional mail addressed to: Secretary Treasurer, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 2K6. Feedback must be received by March 15, 2022.
- At the *in-person* Standing Committee meeting scheduled for [April 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.](#)

Events

Ready, Set, Learn - Begins April 1

Ready, Set, Learn is an initiative aimed at encouraging and supporting children's early language and literacy skills. Intended for families and their 3-to 5-year-old children, Ready, Set, Learn events support preschool-aged children prepare for their eventual transition to Kindergarten and help foster positive connections among families, schools and early learning community partners.

Ready, Set, Learn events are free to attend. Events begin April 1 and run until May 13. Visit our [Ready, Set, Learn](#) web page for more information, including a full event listing.

Standing Committee Meeting - April 5

The next Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting takes place *in person* on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on COVID-19 procedures for attending meetings in person, how you can provide input, and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Public Board Meeting - April 12

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place *in person* on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on COVID-19 procedures for attending meetings in person, how you can provide input, and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Registrations

Elementary Band and Strings Program -Late Registration begins March 11

Late Registration for the Elementary Band and Strings Program for the 2022/2023 school year begins March 11 and continues through to September 30. Programs will be offered at the following schools:

- **Elementary Strings (Grades 4-7)** at Braemar, Canyon Heights, Cleveland, Dorothy Lynas, Highlands, Larson, Montroyal, and Ross Road.
- **Elementary Band (Grades 5-7)** at all schools, except Montroyal, Norgate and Larson.

For more information, including program fees, visit our [Elementary Band and Strings web](#) page.

Business and Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab (Academy) - Registration open

While space is limited, there is still time for secondary students to enrol in the school district's newest Academy, which will be offered to students in Grades 10-12 in the 2022/2023 school year!

The Business and Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab (Academy) will introduce students to the dynamic, global esports and gaming industry, which continues to attract new audiences and develop innovative new business models. Through a combination of in-class and experiential learning activities, students gain and learn how to apply their newly acquired foundational business knowledge to the esports and gaming industry. Coursework includes marketing, analytics, tournament and league management, special event management, accounting and communications. For more information, please visit the [Business of Gaming](#) web page or email academies@sd44.ca.

Artists for Kids' After School Art – Registration open

Taught by art specialist teachers and assisted by secondary art students, AFK's After School Art classes provide students the opportunity to further their artistic ability and foster positive attitudes towards the visual arts. Registration for spring 2022 classes is now open. Visit the [Artists for Kids'](#) website for more information and to register.

AFKs' Summer Visual Arts Intensive - Registration open

Students ages 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art. Students will work with a professional artist and an expert art educator from the North Vancouver School District. All students are encouraged to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. This week-long studio program is well balanced with outdoor recreation and open studio time. Visit the [Artists for Kids'](#) website for more information and to register.

AFKs' Paradise Valley Summer School of Arts - Registration open

Young artists ages 8-14 will explore their surroundings with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley. This overnight camp combines outdoor studio adventures, in-depth instruction in collage, drawing and painting, as well as daily recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, archery and campfire singalongs. Students are taught by B.C. certified art specialist teachers and mentored by an acclaimed Canadian artist. Visit the [Artists for Kids'](#) website for more information and to register.

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) - Registration open

NVOL provides students with rigorous, engaging, and interactive learning experiences. Students can choose to engage in their NVOL courses entirely remotely online or in a blended model of online and in-person interactions at our NVOL Centre. In addition, students can choose from a full suite of [courses](#) from grades 8 through 12 in both English and French.

The French Immersion Online Course offerings allow students the opportunity to meet the requirements of their Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique online through L'École Virtuelle de Vancouver nord. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of our French Immersion course offerings.

Online registration for NVOL is open; click [HERE](#) for more information.

Other Opportunities

Civic Youth Awards Program & Youth Centennial Scholarship – Apply by March 14

The City of North Vancouver Civic Youth Awards Program recognizes youth between the ages of 10-24 years for noteworthy achievements and contributions to the community. Each year, the City presents awards in six categories. The nomination deadline is March 14 at 5 p.m. Details are available [HERE](#).

Administered by The North Shore Community Foundation, the Youth Centennial Scholarship is awarded to youth who have demonstrated outstanding community service and who are pursuing post-secondary education. The application deadline is March 14 at 5 p.m. Details are available [HERE](#).

District of North Vancouver Youth Awards Program – Apply by March 14

The District of North Vancouver Youth Awards Program recognizes youth between the ages of 10-24 years for their significant achievements and contributions to the community. Each year, the District presents awards in four categories. The nomination deadline is March 14 at 11:59 p.m. Details are available [HERE](#).

Research Study for Children ages 4 to 9

The Phono Lab in SFU's Linguistics Department is recruiting child participants for a research study that investigates how children learn complex sound patterns in English. Children between the ages of 4 and 9 will connect with the researchers for approximately 30 minutes over Zoom at a time that is convenient for your family. (This study does not require an in-person visit.) Children will play a few research "games" with research assistants and will receive stickers and a certificate for participating. For additional information or to enroll your child, please contact phono@sfu.ca; an informational poster is available [HERE](#).