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Announcements

ESC Closed Morning of Tuesday, May 3

The Education Services Centre (ESC), located at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, will be closed to the public the morning of Tuesday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for staff health and safety training and drills.

Emergency Preparedness Week – May 1 to 7

Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take concrete actions to be better prepared to protect themselves and their families during emergencies. Natural disasters may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and impact of whatever emergency we might face.

If you're just starting out on your personal emergency preparedness journey, here are some great starting points:

- Stock up on bottled water. Four litres per person per day, for a minimum of 3 days.
- Stock up on emergency food. Have a *minimum* 3-day supply of ready-to-eat foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking. Don't forget the pet food!
- Gather emergency supplies. First Aid kit, flashlight with extra batteries, battery-powered radio, work gloves, personal sanitation supplies (garbage bags/moist towelettes), whistle, and dust mask.
- Make a family plan. Where will you meet? Who will pick up your children from school if you aren't able to get there? Talk this through with your family.

For additional information, visit [North Shore Emergency Management](#) or [PreparedBC](#). And don't forget to attend the [NVSD's Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House](#) on Saturday, May 7 (details below).

Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House – May 7

Coinciding with the last day of Emergency Preparedness Week, the North Vancouver School District's inaugural Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House takes place on Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School.

This family-friendly community event will showcase the expertise of local emergency management bodies and first responders and aims to build awareness and resiliency around outdoor safety and emergency preparedness.

The event consists of an outdoor trade show and select smaller group information sessions/workshops hosted by participating organizations. Those in attendance will speak with local experts and get up close to emergency vehicles and equipment used in real-life rescues, including helicopters used by North Shore Rescue.

This FREE event also includes a complimentary bike valet service and a variety of food truck options where you can purchase food and refreshments.

Participating organizations include (links to workshops included below):

- North Shore Rescue ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- BC AdventureSmart ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- North Shore Emergency Management ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- North Shore Black Bear Society ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- North Vancouver RCMP Community Police Services
- North Vancouver City Fire Department
- ShakeOutBC
- Lifesaving Society
- Metro Vancouver Regional Parks
- Cheakamus Centre
- Girl Guides of Canada
- Pacific Autism Family Network
- HUB Cycling

For more information, visit the [event's website](#).

2022/2023 Secondary School Timetable and Weekly Schedule

Earlier this year, the school district engaged in a comprehensive process that involved surveying secondary students, their families and staff; and consultation with secondary school administration and staff. From this process of engagement, the NVSD will adopt the following secondary school timetable for the 2022/2023 school year:

- Semester: Argyle, Handsworth, Seycove, Sutherland, Windsor
- Linear: Carson Graham
- Mountainside: no change (schedule will remain the same)

A copy of the [letter](#) sent to families of students entering grades 8 to 12 in the fall, which includes information regarding the weekly schedule, is available for your review.

A high-level [executive summary](#) of the results from the Secondary School Schedule Survey held earlier this year is also available for your review. Thank you to students, staff and families who participated and shared their feedback. We are pleased to share we received 2,316 total responses!

Information

COVID-19 and Travel Outside of Canada

Starting April 25, 2022, there are fewer federal requirements for fully vaccinated travellers or any fully vaccinated children who travelled with fully vaccinated individuals to follow for 14 days following entry into Canada. As an example, you are no longer required under federal law to wear a mask when in public spaces or report your signs and symptoms. However, **unvaccinated children aged 5 through 11 will still need to wear a mask in public settings (including schools and day camps) for 14 days after arrival to Canada.**

For detailed information, please review the [Travel to Canada: Requirements for COVID-19 vaccinated travellers](#) web page.

Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2022. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available [HERE](#).

NVSD Events

Cheakamus Centre Open House – May 1

The 53rd annual Cheakamus Centre Open House takes place on Sunday, May 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join Cheakamus Centre staff for a fun, family day of nature exploration and discovery, including visiting the Coast Salish longhouse, salmon hatchery,

farm animals, forest trails and more. Click [HERE](#) for more information. *Please note:* cash concession (picnic-friendly food); parking by suggested \$2 donation.

Standing Committee Meeting – May 3

The final Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting for the 2021/2022 school year takes place *in person* on Tuesday, May 3 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).

Ready, Set, Learn – ongoing until May 13

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 and run until May 13. Visit our [Ready, Set, Learn](#) web page for more information, including a full event listing.

Public Board Meeting – May 24

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place *in person* on Tuesday, May 24 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).

We can only hint at this with words – Exhibition open

Presented by the Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation for Young Artists, *We Can Only Hint at This with Words* consists of large scale, multi-surfaced mixed media paintings by Russna Kaur, shaped cut-out paintings by M.E. Sparks, and mixed media sculptures and stop-motion video by Andrea Taylor. All three artists navigate the complexities of working with historical reference, and in doing so, find ways to construct their own shapes and gestures. The exhibition will explore the different ways each artist quotes, pulls apart and reshapes the historical narratives that inform their work. For more information about this exhibition hosted at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, please visit the [exhibition](#) web page.

NVSD Registrations

Summer Learning – Registration opens May 2

[North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) provides a platform for students to explore and extend learning opportunities while fulfilling their educational requirements through a variety of opportunities in the month of July.

The Summer Learning 2022 suite of course offerings provides students the opportunity to enhance core skills and/or earn credits toward graduation:

- [Full Credit Academic Courses](#) (including French 11 - NEW this year)
- [7/8 Transition](#) (including 7/8 Music – NEW this year)
- [English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)
- [Eslha7an](#) Secondary Review & Completion
- [Numeracy 8/9 Foundations](#)
- [Literacy 8/9 Foundations](#)

Registration is open to students within and beyond the NVSD. [Registration](#) opens May 2 for NVSD students (and May 9 for everyone else). Registration closes June 23 at noon.

Business and Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab – 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, visit the [Business of Gaming](#) web page or email academies@sd44.ca.

AFKs' Summer Day Camps - Registration open

Students will enjoy a week full of studio art activities including drawing, painting and printmaking taught by an art specialist teacher. All art materials are provided, and children will experiment with many art materials and techniques. They will also have the

opportunity to explore outdoor art making and recreation time. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) 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 [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

AFKs' Summer Visual Arts Intensive (Secondary Students) - 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, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) – Registration open

NVOL provides students with 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.

Community Initiatives

Spring Go by Bike Week – May 30 to June 5

Be a part of a week-long behaviour change campaign and help make Metro Vancouver a happier, healthier place to live, work and play. HUB Cycling's Spring Go by Bike Week will be packed with Celebration Stations where participants can ride by for free snacks, basic



bike maintenance, cycling maps, prizes, and more. [Register](#) solo or as a team with your co-workers, roommates, family or friends.

Good News Stories from the NVSD

Visit our [Learn, Share & Grow](#) blog and [News & Announcements](#) to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- Street of Dreams project ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Climate Action and Sustainability Week Roundup ([NVSD blog post](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia Russell".

Sylvia Russell
Acting Superintendent of Schools
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Missed an issue? Updates from the Superintendent, including the bi-weekly Superintendent's Report, are available [HERE](#).

The North Vancouver School District is situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.