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Announcements

Summer Learning 2021 - Registration opens tomorrow! May 1

Summer Learning provides an engaging learning environment where students can challenge themselves academically and fulfill their personal learning goals through a complete suite of course offerings:

- [Full Credit Academic Courses](#)
- [7/8 Transition](#)
- [English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)
- [Numeracy and Literacy Foundations](#)
- [Eslha7an](#)

Registration is open to all students within and beyond the North Vancouver School District. For a list of courses, including the new Careers 10 Summer Learning online course, please visit our [Summer Learning website](#).



North Vancouver Online Learning – Registration Open

Students interested in the flexibility that comes with taking a secondary course online are invited to consider North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL). Students can register with NVOL until Friday, June 18, 2021 (and then registration is paused until September 7, 2021). NVOL provides the flexibility for students to complete the course(s) within one quarter or one calendar year while working at the pace that suits their personal needs.

Our comprehensive course offerings include the following new courses for French Immersion students:

- Sciences naturelles 10
- Français langue seconde - Immersion - FRAL 10
- Français langue seconde - Immersion - FRAL 12
- Coming September 2021 : Français langue seconde - Immersion - FRAL 11 and Médias et communication numérique 11

Many of our NVOL teachers will be available in July to provide students with academic and tech support, and exam supervision. While teachers will not be available in August, our online learning courses will remain open to students who wish to continue working on assignments. For information about our course offerings and to register, please visit [North Vancouver Online Learning](#).

Emergency Preparedness Week - May 2 to 8

With the arrival of May comes Emergency Preparedness Week, an annual event to encourage Canadians to pause, reflect and take action around being better prepared for a major emergency. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- *Stock up on water:* 4 litres per person per day, for a minimum of 3 days.
- *Stock up on emergency food:* a minimum 3-day supply of ready-to-eat foods that don't 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. Put it all together in one spot that is quickly and easily accessible.
- *Make a reunification plan with your family.* 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.
- *Download [Alertable](#),* a free public notification system that North Shore Emergency Management is using to issue emergency alerts.

The most important thing to do is just start. For additional preparedness information, visit [North Shore Emergency Management](#) or [PreparedBC](#).

Information

Indigenous Education

The latest edition of the [Indigenous Education Flyer](#) includes information and resources on the Red Dress Project and National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, highlights the upcoming District-wide Professional Development Day on May 10, 2021, which is focused on Indigenous Education, shares a student profile, and more! These regularly published flyers are posted to the [Indigenous Education](#) section of our website (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Looking Ahead: Homestay Families Needed for the 2021/22 School Year

The North Vancouver School District is a popular study destination for international students. At the secondary-school level, international students value the opportunity to not only receive a quality education but also experience life with a host family and immerse themselves in the Canadian community experience.

If you're interested in welcoming an international student into your home for the 2021/22 school year and learning more about the benefits and responsibilities that come with being a host family, please visit our [International Education Homestay Program page](#) and connect with our International Education Program office at international@sd44.ca.

Upcoming Events

Mayors' Food Bank Challenge - May 1 to 31

Residents of North Vancouver are invited to join the *Mayors' Food Bank Challenge*. From May 1 - 31, the mayors of the cities of Vancouver, Burnaby, North Vancouver, New Westminister, and the mayor of the District of North Vancouver are challenging their communities to help the Greater Vancouver Food Bank feed people in need and to reach the fundraising goal of \$500,000 across all five municipalities. Donations can be made online to your city's [fundraising page](#) or by dropping new food donations at your local library, community centre or City Hall. For more information, visit the [Greater Vancouver Food Bank](#).

School Trustee By-election 2021: Get to Know the Candidates

Composed of seven elected trustees, the North Vancouver Board of Education is responsible for making the major policy decisions governing all aspects of education within the School District as mandated in the School Act.

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, a by-election for one District of North Vancouver school trustee will take place. The term runs for the remainder of the four-year term ending November 2022.

Click [HERE](#) for candidate profiles. For information about voting dates and locations, visit our [School Trustee By-election 2021 page](#) or the [District of North Vancouver By-election 2021 page](#).

Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 4

The next Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting takes place virtually on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on how you can provide input and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Public Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 18

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place virtually on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on how you can provide input and to review the agenda and board package (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Spring Go by Bike Week - May 31 to June 6

Be a part of a week-long behavioural change campaign and help make Metro Vancouver a happier, healthier place to live, work and play. HUB Cycling's Go by Bike Week event will be jam-packed with daily prizes, webinars, livestream Q&As, and more. Register solo or as a team with your co-workers, household, family or friends at btww.ca.

Your logged bike trips will help HUB Cycling work with local leaders to improve cycling conditions in Metro Vancouver. Go to btww.ca to learn more, register and log trips.

Good News Stories from around the NVSD

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

- “Sewing for a Cause” at Windsor Secondary ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Physical literacy is taking a jump and hop at Highlands Elementary ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Earth Day at Lynnmour/Xá7elcha Elementary ([NVSD blog post](#))
- North Shore groups stress climate action and old growth preservation on Earth Day 2021 ([North Shore News article featuring Windsor Secondary](#))
- DMA Youth Expo 2021 ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Welcome Pole at L’École Cleveland Elementary receives 2020 Heritage Award ([MONOVA blog post](#))
- North Vancouver diver Sadie Howard navigates the jump to NCAA in COVID era ([North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools