



## Important Calendar Dates

Feb 4	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Session (Information below)
Feb 10 & 11	Student Led Conferences – 2pm Dismissal
Feb 12	Personal Digital Device Community Check-in (see information below)
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	District Non-Instructional Day – NO School
Feb 17	BC Family Day Statutory Holiday – NO School

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## Attendance

**Attendance** – Is your student leaving early, arriving late, or going to be absent? A reminder to families to please let the classroom teacher **AND** Capilano Office know of your child's absence by using one of the following methods:

- 1.) Using the [SafeArrival](#) system
- 2.) Calling (604) 903-3370, press '2' at any time to reach the absent line **\*leaving a message is the preferred method when calling, as the office is extra busy in the mornings during attendance.**

Please provide the first and last name of your student, grade, and division, if known. **It is important to let both the office (using 2 methods above) and the classroom teacher know (by email) of any absences, late arrivals, or early departures.** Our school website (staff top tab) is updated with all of the current divisions and classroom teacher emails.

We ask that ALL visitors and parents come to the OFFICE to check-in regarding your visit to the school. For students' safety all other doors are locked before, during and after school.

**STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE** – If your student is late, please have them come to the office and sign in.

**STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY** – If you need to pick your child up early, please come to the office to sign your student out, and the office will call the classroom so the student can come down.

\*Students must be picked up by individuals on their safe pick-up list (you provided this information on the Student Information Verification Form in the September Package), and cannot leave the school grounds by themselves between the hours of 8:45am – 3pm.

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## Winter Weather

As we enter the winter months, please familiarize yourself with the school district's [Winter Weather procedures](#). In the rare event of a school district-wide closure, the closure will be communicated via multiple channels, inclusive of Metro Vancouver media stations, school district and school website, SchoolMessenger notification for families, and communication to staff.

Student safety is of the highest priority and a shared responsibility. Families may choose to make alternate arrangements if they do not feel it is safe to travel to school during inclement weather. It is recommended families establish an emergency plan for potential school closures, delayed start times, or early dismissals.

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## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Zoom Session

**Anti-Racist & Anti-Discrimination Session: Tuesday, February 4 – 7:00 – 7:30 pm** | Join us for a virtual session to gain some useful talking points when you're addressing these themes at home or at school. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about how we can support a more inclusive school community. Before the session, please fill out this anonymous [questionnaire](#) to share your experiences or questions about how to talk about this important issue.

There is no pressure to ask questions or share. Just come to listen and to learn ways to support an anti-racist and anti-discriminatory school community. The more we talk about it, the less uncomfortable it will become.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81221171881?pwd=J33bJVWFX3CqhC11HqotQxyesJDkxm.1>

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## Personal Digital Devices Community Check-In

The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) is hosting a virtual Personal Digital Devices (PDD) Community Check-In on **February 12, 2025, from 7 to 8 p.m.** This event aims to reflect on the past and present use of PDD in schools, and discuss future plans. In the fall of 2024, NVSD introduced guidelines to limit PDD use, integrated into school codes of conduct, to support student safety and well-being. While the district values technology as a learning tool, it is equally committed to fostering a focused and safe learning environment for all students.

The NVSD emphasizes the importance of a partnership between home and school to promote responsible digital citizenship. Families and community members have been key in helping students understand the guidelines. Overall, there have been positive responses to the PDD limitations, with suggestions for improvement. The virtual event will feature a panel of students, principals, and district staff, discussing insights and next steps. Registration is available for the event via the [Personal Digital Devices \(PDD\) Community Check-In registration page](#). The registration page also allows you to submit a question for the panel in advance. A meeting link will be emailed the day prior.

Please click on the link attached for more information: [PDD Check In .pdf](#)

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## Dressing for the Weather



Please make sure your child/children are dressed appropriately for outside play. Students will be outside at lunch and recess **rain** or shine or **snow**. It is helpful for them to have an extra set of clothes at the school.

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## Extra Snacks and Water

We have noticed many children coming by the office to ask for extra snacks, as they are still hungry after eating their lunches. We kindly request that families add extra snack items in lunch kits. **Please remember to pack a water bottle and utensils too**



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## 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 their 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 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

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## Weekly Reminders – January 31st, 2025

**How to be Anti-Racist & Anti-Discrimination:** Tuesday, February 4 – 7:00 – 7:30 pm | Join us for a virtual session to gain some useful talking points when you're addressing these themes at home or at school. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about how we can support a more inclusive school community. Before the session, please fill out this anonymous [questionnaire](#) to share your experiences or questions about how to talk about this important issue.

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Here are some important PAC reminders for next few weeks:

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- **February 4:** 7 – 7:30 pm - Virtual Anti-Discrimination Workshop for parents and caregivers – zoom link above
- **February 10:** Student led conferences – early dismissal
- **February 11:** Student led conferences – early dismissal
- **February 11:** PAC Meeting – 7 to 8 pm – Capilano Elementary School library
- **February 13:** Valentine's Day Dance – Tickets on sale soon!
- **February 14:** District-wide Non-Instructional Day – No School

For any further information or inquiries, reach out to our dedicated team or visit [Capilano PAC's website](#), or follow us on [Facebook](#).