

# Lynnmour/Xá7elcha

*We would like to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people who's traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. At Lynnmour/Xá7elcha we are grateful to the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tseil Waututh Nation to be able to gather on this beautiful land to live, learn and share experiences together.*



## Lynnmour/Xa7elcha Band

It has been so great to have the band relocated to our school gym this fall. During a "normal" school year they rehearse in the Library and I don't often get to hear them,. This year, because of COVID requirements, they are rehearsing from the gym. This allows them more space to stay socially distanced while they are together. It's been wonderful to hear them from the office during every one of their rehearsals.

Their skills are growing as they learn new and challenging songs. Students often stop by my office on the way back to their classroom for a quick check in (which is also a bonus!). Some of the music that I have heard either the beginning or continuing band rehearsing include:

- "Ode to Joy"
- "Spiderman"
- "The Dreidel Song"... and so many other songs!

Thank you to Mr R for your leadership, passion and connection with our band students!



# Important dates and School FUN Days- everyone is welcome to participate!

Monday Nov 23 - PAC Meeting virtual

Wednesday Nov 25th - PJ DAY

Friday November 27th - Spirit Wear Day (wear your House Team colour or Lynnmour/Xa7elcha gear!)

Wednesday December 2nd - Backwards DAY

**Friday December 4th - Pro Day - Students not in session**

Wednesday December 9th - Crazy Hair DAY

Wednesday December 9th - Neufeld Farms- order PICK UP - 2:30

Friday December 11th - Spirit Wear Day

**Friday December 11th - Report Cards are posted**

Wednesday December 16th - Ugly Sweater/Festive Day -

Friday December 18th - Spirit Wear Day

**\*\*\*Important note for all families\*\*\* Due to a delivery scheduled to arrive at the school on Wednesday Dec 9th - we ask that all families plan to pick up (2:40) their child at an alternative space to the front of the school. We hope that providing you enough time to arrange another space, we can reduce the congestion that we expect on Forsman. More information about the Neufeld Farms pick up will be sent closer to the date.**

Thank you for your help with this.

## IMPORTANT: Connecting with your class teachers

Please remember, if your child is staying home because you have been asked to isolate, you are nervous about safety, or for another reason, we are here to help.

Learning is continuing in the classrooms. Children who are staying home, will need to connect with their class teacher to keep up with the work. This connection is very important.

Last spring, the Ministry of Education stated that student grades would not "drop" because of the pandemic. This fall, the expectation is that learning continues and students are engaging, learning and completing assignments whether they have chosen to be home or in class.

Connect with your class teacher to get access to the classroom MS Team. Email your class teacher to find out how to keep up.

We know that students do better at school with their learning, social engagement, and overall mental health. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your class teacher or the school to find out what we can do to help your child feel safe and to be here at school.

## Student Masks and Health/Safety reminders

With the announcement that masks are mandatory in public indoor and retail settings we did want to provide a clarification for families. While this update doesn't currently involve a mandatory order for schools, as always, students are welcomed and encouraged to wear a mask at school if they would like.



We do have many families (including staff) that have family members that are incredibly vulnerable should they contract COVID. With our recent exposures, we have noticed an increased number of students wearing masks at school to keep themselves and their families safe. We want you to know that your child is welcome to do this and that the staff also appreciate the support.

As a reminder, at Lynnmour/Xa7elcha, we do not have the benefit of separating students by individual desks. We do have students spread out as much, but they do sit at tables with classmates. Students stick within their same cohort and teachers do their best to maintain a seating arrangement within their classroom. Students regularly wash and sanitize their hands and refrain from sharing common items.

**For more information, please click on the link for the updated [Provincial Health Order](#). As a community it is important that we all do our part to keep each other safe.**



## Give space at drop offs and pick ups

We have noticed that with the increasing inclement weather that groups seem to be huddling near entrances during drop off and pick up times. This is making it difficult to give appropriate space between people. We respectfully ask that if parents want to wait with their child that they do so away from the doors to allow for appropriate spacing between classes. If you need to support your child to the door, we ask that parents wear a mask when able.

## Neufeld Farms and plant orders

Please check out the holiday fundraiser for our Grade 7s. Great deals on Neufeld Farms products (meats, cookies, pies, etc) and some beautiful holiday plants are available for sale. Please use the link below to see more information. Lynnmour sent out a "how to" email on Nov 13th regarding creating or managing your account.



<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Lynnmour/>

## Scent Aware

We ask families to please be aware that some students and staff are negatively affected by strong scents. Please do not send your child to school with aerosol deodorants or body sprays, and **we ask that students use the handsanitizer provided at the school**. This helps us to avoid multiple strong scents interacting in a classroom.

## Lynnmour PAC Meeting Link

**Don't forget to join the PAC meeting on Monday evening.**



**Topic:** Lynnmour PAC Meeting

**Time:** Nov 23, 2020 06:30 PM Vancouver

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89194123797?pwd=aU5vcIBKeDVONzdLdHJzTkdkjWVBwdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 9412 3797

Passcode: 2468

