



## École Ross Road School

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*The School Community of Ross Road strives to support potential for all that values diversity and is built in a safe and caring environment. Ross Road is welcoming, caring and inclusive. We foster a culture of engaged learners and critical thinkers who are responsible and respectful. As a school community we promote a sense of belonging for all.*

### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

With the colder winter weather, please ensure your child(ren) are dressed for all conditions. It is also important for everyone to take extra caution when the conditions are slippery.

Grade 7 Parents/Guardians, please pay particular attention to some of the district invitations and opportunities below as there are many geared to you and your children.

#### **House Teams Challenge**

Each term, we have a school focus to help connect the Ross Road school community together and focus on pro-social behaviours related to the code of conduct. Last term, the challenge was 'Safety' and the winning team was yellow. The new house team challenge starts today and is 'Respect'. Adults at the school are looking to recognize students that are demonstrating respectful behaviours.

#### **PAC INFORMATION**

##### **Munch a Lunch**

Munch a Lunch ordering is open. Be sure to place your order before Jan 23 to receive hot lunch on Feb 2.

Please check out the PAC website for important information and updates.  
[Ross Road PAC | École Ross Road School – Parent Advisory Committee](#)

## **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

### **New registration and transfer requests**

Initial registration for students new to the school district, and initial transfer requests for existing NVSD students in Grades 1-12 have begun and will continue until Friday, March 8. Registrations and transfer requests received after March 8 will be placed in schools based on catchments where space is available. Visit the [Student Registration](#) web page for detailed information.

***If Ross Road French Immersion Grade 7 students wish to attend Argyle in English, families must complete a transfer request by the deadline.***

### **Elementary Band and Strings – Registration opens January 15**

Elementary Band and Strings is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for Band and Grades 4 – 7 for Strings. Our unique instrumental music program complements the Arts Education curriculum and provides school-based instrumental instruction in a supportive and fun learning environment. Registration for the 2024/25 school year begins on Monday, January 15 and continues until Thursday, February 29.

While there is a Late Registration period, this is subject to program availability and class size at your child's school site and is dependent on sufficient registrations received by February 29. Visit the [Elementary Band and Strings](#) web page for information, including program fees.

### **Academies – Application period opens January 19**

Our highly specialized academies are designed to enhance the overall student experience by providing learning environments that concentrate on a focal skill set. Students in Grades 8 to 12 work towards graduation while accelerating their knowledge and skill development in an area of interest that can form a foundation for successful post-graduation pursuits.

The following academies will be offered during the 2024/25 school year:  
**AFK Studio Art | Basketball | Business of Gaming and Entrepreneurship | Dance | Digital Media | Digital Media Lite | Field Hockey | Hockey Skills | Robotics | Rowing | Soccer | Volleyball**

The application period for academies begins on Friday, January 19, and the initial placement offer deadline is Thursday, February 29. Applications received after February 29 may be placed on a waitlist. Final academy offerings are subject to sufficient enrolment.

For more information about our Academies programs, please visit our [Academies](#) web page and plan on attending the Secondary Enhanced Programs & Academies Night on Thursday, January 18, at Carson Graham Secondary ([optional RSVP here](#)).

### **Secondary Enhanced Programs & Academies Night – January 18**

Families with students in Grades 7 to 11 are invited to learn about the various enhanced programs and academies offered at secondary schools throughout the school district. The event will take place on Thursday, January 18, 6 to 8 p.m., at Carson Graham Secondary (2145 Jones Avenue). While optional, we would appreciate your [RSVP using this link](#). For details on events and district information please use this [link](#).

### **Late French Immersion information session – January 23**

Grade 5 students and families interested in learning more about the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) are invited to attend our upcoming information session on Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at École Argyle Secondary School. While optional, you are encouraged to [RSVP using this link](#).

**Applications to the program will be accepted between January 9 and March 8.** For more information, visit the [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

### **The Good of Social Media, Technology & Teens – January 22**

North Vancouver PAC invites families to an online presentation delivered by The White Hatter on Monday, January 22, 7 to 8:15 p.m. You will learn how youth are using social media and online technology to do positive things, including finding jobs and awards, and facilitating world change. [Register for this online session](#) by January 20.

### **Cybersafe from Exploitation – January 23**

Foundry North Shore (Vancouver Coastal Health) hosts Tiana Sharifi, an expert in the field of anti-human trafficking and sexual exploitation on Tuesday, January 23, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kay Meek Arts Centre (West Vancouver). Families will gain insights into current trends of child and youth sexual exploitation, learn to recognize potential victims of sexual exploitation, understand what makes youth vulnerable or at risk, learn strategies to build trust and open communication, and more. Visit [Eventbrite](#) for additional information and to reserve your spot.

### **Monitoring, Filtering & Tools for Parents/Caregivers – February 22**

North Vancouver PAC invites families to an online presentation delivered by The White Hatter on Thursday, February 22, 7 to 8:15 p.m. The White Hatter will share information and recommendations on monitoring and filtering

resources, apps, private family conversations, due diligence and more. [Register for this online session](#) by February 20.

### **Career Pathways 44 – A resource for students**

The [Career Pathways 44](#) website is designed to support students as they explore the future of work and career opportunities.

Students will learn about programs, events and initiatives that provide information and insights to various careers and career paths. Students will also learn how they can gain practical experience while still in school through programs such as WEX (Work Experience) or Youth Train in Trades. Visit [Career Pathways 44](#) for more information.

For more public input opportunities, NVSD events, NVSD registrations, and additional information and opportunities please check the NVSD website [News Item - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)

### **Important Dates:**

January 26 – Professional Development Day, no school for students

January 29-February 1 – Grade 6 Outdoor School

February 7 – PAC Meeting, 7pm Library

February 15 – PAC Movie Night

February 16 – Professional Development Day, no school for students

February 19 – Family Day, school not in session

Please remember to check the school [website](#) for important dates, a copy of all school newsletters and other important information. You are also encouraged to subscribe to the [school calendar](#).

[https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Kind regards,

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