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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,

We hope you enjoyed a nice weekend. We want to express our sincere thanks to the three parents who volunteered to be on the Ross Road Snow Team. They were so helpful last week in clearing, salting, and shovelling paths. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

Don't forget that this Friday is a professional development day so school is not in session for students.

Ross Road Musical *Pirates! The Musical!*

We are excited to share that we will be presenting the musical *Pirates! The Musical!* Please see the attached letter for important details and information.

Triple Ball

Tripleball practices start this week. Below is information for our Grade 7 teams. Thank you Mme Capelle, Mme Jess, and Mme Lovegrove for coaching this season.

Practices

Grade 7 Boys - Mondays 12:15 - 12:45 and Wednesdays 3:00 - 3:30

Grade 7 Girls - Tuesdays 8:00 – 8:40 and Thursdays 12:10-12:45

Games

All games will start as close to 3:30 as possible.

Grade 7 Boys - Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 21, Feb 26, FOS Tournament Mar. 4, if qualified - Zone Tournament Mar. 11
Grade 7 Girls - Feb 6, Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, FOS Tournament Mar. 5, if qualified - Zone Tournament Mar. 12

PAC INFORMATION

Munch a Lunch

It has come to our attention that the quality of food items from Foodie Kids has consistently been unsatisfactory for most of our students. Although many parents appreciate the variety of foods offered, a lot of food is being thrown out on Foodie Kids days. As a result, we have made the decision to cancel our contract with Foodie Kids and replace those days with our other vendors for the remainder of the school year. If you have already placed your Munch a lunch order, the Foodie Kids dates will be removed and you will receive a credit to your account. Please watch for new emails from PAC outlining how to place your new order for March 8th (pizza), April 26th (Subway) and June 14th (Well Fed).

PAC Communication Survey

Please provide us with feedback regarding communication (2 questions).
<https://forms.gle/Tu1oyxHBzQnBwYjt6>

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.

Late French Immersion information session tomorrow night – 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 tonight – 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 tomorrow night – 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.

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#/=>

Kind regards,

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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory École Ross Road Elementary and the North Vancouver School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

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