Skwo:wech Stream

November 20, 2026

Important Dates

Professional Development Day – Monday, Nov 23

- No school for students

PAC Meeting – Thursday, Nov 26

- 7:00pm meeting

Family Reading – Friday, Nov 27

- 8:50-9:20am

PAC Movie Night – Friday, Nov 27

- Toy Story 5 – Gym will open at 5pm and movie starts at 5:30pm

Winter Food Drive – Monday, Nov 30 to Friday, Dec 4

- Food donations will be given to The Purpose Society for hampers

Updates

Dropping Off Students to Classroom

- When arriving at school after the 8:50 bell, it is important that students go to their classroom independently.
- Parents are to say good-bye to their child(ren) in front of the office so students can continue to their classroom on their own

Running Club is now Finished

- Thank you to the Parent Volunteers, staff, and student participants for a great season!
- Thank you to our wonderful teachers Mr. Wong, Ms. Hikida, Ms. Stephanie, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Whyte, Mrs. Stewart, and Ms. Thompson who have volunteered their time to organize the running club (click for photos)

***SafeArrival* Attendance Program – Launching Phase 1 Monday, Nov. 23**

- One of New Westminster School District's greatest priorities is ensuring all of our students arrive safely at school every day.
- We will be introducing a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called *SafeArrival*. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

- On November 23, the *SafeArrival* attendance program will launch. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be able to use this system to report:
  - student's absence
  - late arrival
  - early departure in advance
- The system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, meaning you can schedule future absences at any time.
- Once everyone is comfortable with the new system, we will turn on automated notifications through *SchoolMessenger*. If your child is marked absent and it was not reported in advance, this automated system will contact you across multiple contact points until a reason is provided. If the system cannot reach you, our office staff will follow up directly.
- If you report your child's absence ahead of time using *SafeArrival*, you will NOT receive these automated notifications. We will send you more information before we activate the automated notification feature.
- **Starting November 23rd, please begin using the *SafeArrival* program** for all absence reporting - SafeArrivals Instructions for Parents
- Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we roll out this new system.

Second Annual Mathematics Festival

- New Westminster Schools cordially invites students in K-8 and their parents/guardians to an evening of learning and fun at our second annual Mathematics Festival. There is no cost to attend. Students must be accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian(s).
  - When: Thursday, Dec 3, 2026
  - Where: New Westminster Secondary School Atrium

    - Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
- The Math Festival is a community event where students and their families explore a variety of fun, hands-on math puzzles and games that align with the BC Mathematics Curriculum.
- For further information about the Dec 3 event at New Westminster Secondary School, please contact Joshua Angiola, District Numeracy Facilitator at jangiola@sd40.bc.ca
- Please click the link Math Festival, and RSVP no later than Friday, Nov 27, 2026

Rainy Days

- Please be sure your children arrive at school dressed for the rainy weather and provide extra clothing for the younger ones to keep in the classroom. Thank you!

***FuelUp!* School Lunch Program**

- The November menu is now live. If you require help with setting up your account or ordering, please email new.westminster@thelunchlady.ca. Questions on subsidies or feedback, please email Fuelup@sd40.bc.ca
- Orders must be submitted at least 2 business days in advance. For example, the first day for lunches is Monday, Sept 21, so orders must be submitted by 10:00am on Thursday, Sept 17. Info: https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/overview/