



## NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear NWSS Families,

I have a few updates for you as we move forward into next week.

Students, your teachers should have made contact with you last week by email and started the process of organizing preliminary learning priorities, and arranging communication channels and platforms so that all students can connect with their teachers. **If you have not heard from us yet, we likely have the wrong contact information or there is a challenge in getting our information to you. In addition, please check the settings on your phone to ensure that it is not blocking or silencing unknown callers (as it may prevent your teacher's attempts to reach you). Please email [nwss@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:nwss@sd40.bc.ca) to update your email and contact information if need be. Be sure to include your name and student number with the new email contact.**

Your reply and the responses to their emails will ensure that every student in the school is ready to start receiving information and communication from their teachers. Thank you for your patience and understanding this week as we do our best to enhance our school's communication with you.

The teachers will be sharing information on how they will be communicating, when students can anticipate new materials, and how students can reach them with questions or for support. This is new to all of us, so we appreciate your patience. We are mindful that online learning can take more time, and that there are challenges to having access to technology with everyone being in the home. Please reach out to us if this is becoming overwhelming, or if you require tech support from the school.

All health and safety protocol will be strictly followed and continues to be our number one priority. For students or parents who need to enter the building to retrieve essential items, they will enter the building and be escorted by one of our Educational Assistants so that they will be accompanied directly to their lockers and immediately exit the building by the Pearson office. **Usage of the restrooms or water fountains will not be permitted. Furthermore, a minimum of 6 feet will be maintained at all times between the student/parent and Educational Assistants.** A garbage bag will also be supplied to our student or parent to place their essential items. Please do NOT bring your own bag to gather your belongings. The student or parent will submit a google form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PN4AqnjfOMcyIwt9rGJtwyDg4U-fKiSdLFpCxmEy3g0/edit> and Administrators will vet this and assign you a specific scheduled date and time to enter the building. We hope to begin scheduling students/parents into the building beginning **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please check your email to receive this confirmation before you arrive to the school building.

I would also like to send out a special 'Hello' to all our grade 12 students. I know this is an uneasy time for all of you, and that you probably have many questions for us. Although I don't have all the answers, I will send out more information to you next week regarding graduation (including grad requirements, scholarships, transition to post-secondary, etc.).

Our goal is for all classes is to be moving forward by the end of this week. Once again, I hope that all is well with your family and that you are staying home and staying safe. I will send another update next week. In the meantime, please stay up to date by checking our district ([www.newwestschools.ca](http://www.newwestschools.ca)) and school ([www.nwss.ca](http://www.nwss.ca)) websites, along with our twitter page (@NWSSHyacks).

Best wishes to you and your family as we move through this together.

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