



# NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Monday, January 04, 2021

Dear NWSS Parents and Students,

Happy New Year to our NWSS Parents and Students. The NWSS Administrative team sincerely wishes that you and your loved ones had a very safe and relaxing Winter Break and that everyone is ready for 2021. We have four weeks of Semester 1 (Grade 9 students) and Quarter 2 (Grade 10 – 12) remaining and we have confidence in each and every one of our NWSS students to perform at their personal best.

The week of January 04 – 08 is our remote learning week. Your child will be attending lessons online where their teachers will conduct asynchronous remote instruction via Microsoft Teams to ensure students are meeting curricular goals and expectations. Students will return to their regular class schedule on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. As previously stated in our December 14<sup>th</sup> letter, for students with individual needs or special circumstances who require in-person attendance during the first week of January, must contact their Grade Administrator to make arrangements. Furthermore, we appreciate your patience as some of our staff members are facing technical difficulties and may have had challenges connecting with your child online. Please rest assured that our District is rectifying this problem so staff can facilitate remote learning.

We are returning from a 2 week Winter Break and it is absolutely crucial that we continue to follow the Provincial Health Office COVID guidelines. Prior to the first day of face-to-face learning, we are inviting students to participate in a 45-minute orientation of our new school building. In this orientation, the NWSS Administrative team will go over important information including knowledge of entrance and exit points, locations of classrooms and facilities, emergency procedures, and COVID protocols updates. **Please note that this orientation is optional.** We will video record the Safety Orientation and post this on our school website at the end of Friday, January 8th. **Viewing of this Safety Orientation recording is mandatory for any students who choose to not attend this orientation in person.** Furthermore, students may log into their MyEducation BC account by the end of this week to find out their new classroom numbers.

Instructions for the 45 minute student orientation:

1. **Students will meet NWSS Administrators at the score clock on the track field at the assigned date and time found below. Please arrive on time. See map.**
2. **Students must wear a mask throughout the entire duration of the orientation and socially distance.**
3. **Students will then be escorted to the new school gymnasium.**

**Note: Students will only have access to the gymnasium. Student access to the remainder of the school building will be available on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Date of Orientation	Time of Orientation	Students in Attendance
Wed, January 06	10:00am at the Grand Commons (see map)	Grade 9 – 12 Inclusive Education Students
Wed, January 06	11:00am arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	SIGMA Students with surnames A → J
Wed, January 06	1:00pm arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	SIGMA Students with surnames K → Y
Wed, January 06	8:30am arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 9 students in Learning Group 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E For your Semester 1 <b>Block A</b> class  Eg: Mr. Hames's Mathematics 9 in Block A is MMA—09-1A
		Grade 9 students in Learning Group 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E For your Semester 1 <b>Block A</b> class  Eg: Ms. Khastoo's Francais Langue 9 in Block A is FFRAL09-2C
Wed, January 06	10:15am arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 9 students in Learning Group 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E For your Semester 1 <b>Block A</b> class  Eg: Mr. Hodson's PE 9 in Block A is MPHE--09-3B
		Grade 9 students in Learning Group 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E For your Semester 1 <b>Block A</b> class  Eg: Ms. Rizzo's Socials 9 in Block A is MSS--09-4C
Wed, January 06	12:15pm arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 10 students with surnames A → K
Wed, January 06	1:45pm arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 10 students with surnames L → Z
Thurs, January 07	8:30am arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 11 students with surnames A → L
Thurs, January 07	10:15am arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 11 students with surnames M → Z
Thurs, January 07	12:15pm arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 12 students with surnames A → L
Thurs, January 07	1:45pm arrival to score clock at the track field (see map)	Grade 12 students with surnames M → Z

At the end of this 45 minute orientation, students will follow the direction of NWSS Administrators and exit the gymnasium immediately and safely return home to continue their remote learning. Again, students will have access to the rest of the school building on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. For the time being, please enjoy this virtual tour that Mr. Foster and Mr. Meville has prepared for us. (<https://vimeo.com/user118427959/review/489161914/cd649636e4>)

We are very excited to have our students begin their learning journey in this beautiful new building. We want to thank everyone for your patience, cooperation and understanding as we navigate the complexity of transitioning a school as large as ours to the new NWSS! We know parents are excited to see the new school. We look forward to the day when we can all celebrate together – but that will have to wait for now, as we focus on the safe transition for staff and students into the fresh new space that will be full of new opportunities.

Warmly,

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Principal, Gr 12

Greg Patton  
Vice-Principal, Gr 11

Susana Quan  
Vice-Principal, Gr 10

John Lekakis  
Vice-Principal, Gr 9

Pamela Craven  
District Principal