



# NWSS Weekly Bulletin

NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MON, OCT 11 – 15, 2021

## Upcoming Dates and Events

Date and Time	Location	Event
Monday, Oct 11		Thanksgiving Day School is not in session
Friday, Oct 15	NWSS	Insufficient Evidence (IE) Report to be emailed home
Thursday, Oct 28	NWSS	Truncated Day due to Parent/Teacher Conferences See attached schedule
Tuesday, Oct 19 6:00pm		Online Registration to secure appointment for Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences
Thursday, Oct 28 2:45 – 7:15pm	MS TEAMS	Parent/Teacher Conferences



Go Cards are being handed out **after school** next week!

Students will proceed to the covered area outside the grand commons at 3:15pm on the following days:

Tuesday – Last names A – G

Wednesday – Last names H – L

Thursday – Last names M – R

Friday – Last names S - Z



# JERSEY DAY

Wear your favourite team jersey!!

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 12**

(that's the day right after Thanksgiving)

Please send candid photos to [nwssyearbook@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:nwssyearbook@sd40.bc.ca)

## **Calling all grade 8 to 12 students!**

Looking for an opportunity to be heard, make a difference, and learn about your local government? The City of New Westminster is looking for you!

Whether you're passionate about affordable housing or the arts, sustainable transportation or restorative justice, there is a committee to fit your interests.

### **Why join a committee?**

Committees, commissions, and boards are some of the key ways the community influences decision-making. They are an opportunity for City staff and Council to hear from community representatives on important topics and actions the City takes.

Joining a committee provides great experience, connections to local people with similar interests, and a chance to offer your perspective on key City decisions.

### **How much experience do you need?**

All you really need to serve on a committee is passionate interest, willingness to learn, and a bit of time. Other skills and knowledge you bring to the table are a bonus!

### **Where do you find more information?**

You can find out more about the City's committees at [newwestcity.ca/committees](http://newwestcity.ca/committees). Or register for our information session on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm by emailing [committees@newwestcity.ca](mailto:committees@newwestcity.ca).



NEW WESTMINSTER

# VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY COMMITTEE

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**We're looking for volunteers to serve on our advisory committees, commissions, and boards for the 2022 term.**

- Advisory Planning Commission
- Affordable Housing and Child Care Advisory Committee
- Arts Advisory Committee
- Board of Variance
- Community Heritage Commission
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee
- Library Board\*
- Restorative Justice Committee
- Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee
- Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee

*\*The term for the Library Board runs from January 1 - December 31. All other Committee terms run from February 1 - January 31.*

## **Apply today!**

To apply online or for further information regarding each committee, please visit [www.newwestcity.ca/committees](http://www.newwestcity.ca/committees). All applicants must submit an application, along with a brief personal resume.

## **Questions?**

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at 604-527-4523 or by email at [committees@newwestcity.ca](mailto:committees@newwestcity.ca).

**\*Application deadline for the Library Board is 5:00 pm on Monday, November 1, 2021, and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 for all other committees, commissions, and boards.**

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# #5: Inclusive Language



## ADDRESSING GROUPS:

IT'S OFTEN AUTOMATIC FOR US TO USE GENDERED LANGUAGE WITHOUT REALIZING IT WHEN WE ADDRESS GROUPS. EX: "GOOD MORNING BOYS AND GIRLS," OR "HEY GUYS." HOWEVER, NOT EVERYONE IS INCLUDED WITH A LOT OF THOSE TERMS.

(ALSO, WHEN DID "GUYS" BECOME GENDER-NEUTRAL? WHY IS IT CONSIDERED A CATCH-ALL FOR PEOPLE? WOULD MEN AND NON-WOMEN BE COMFORTABLE WHEN THEIR GROUP IS ADDRESSED WITH A "HEY LADIES"?? LANGUAGE IS WEIRD.)

### instead of...

"boys and girls"  
"ladies and gentlemen"  
"guys"  
"ladies"

### try...

"y'all"  
"scholars"  
"folks"  
"everyone"  
"humans and beings"  
"guys gals and non-binary pals"  
"you two/three/etc"  
"friends"

## WORD PROBLEMS

A COMMON WAY TO ADDRESS A THIRD PERSON IF WE DON'T KNOW THEIR GENDER IS "HE/SHE" OR "HIS/HER." EX: "TELL YOUR STUDENT TO BRING HIS OR HER BACKPACK FOR THE FIELD TRIP." HOWEVER, THERE'S A PERFECT WORD TO REPLACE THAT! "THEIR" HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY AS A GENDER NEUTRAL SINGULAR PRONOUN

(ALSO, "THEY/THEM" HAS ALSO BEEN IN USE CONVERSATIONALLY FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. THINK: "OH NO, SOMEONE LEFT THEIR CAR UNLOCKED! I HOPE THEY DON'T GET ANYTHING STOLEN!")

### instead of...

"he or she"  
"his or her"  
"man or woman"  
"boy or girl"

### try...

"they"  
"their"  
"person/adult"  
"child/teen"

## FAMILY TERMS

FAMILIES ARE INCREDIBLY DIVERSE, AND UNTIL WE GET TO KNOW OUR STUDENTS (OR PEOPLE IN GENERAL) WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEIR FAMILY LOOKS LIKE. THEY MIGHT BE ADOPTED, OR LIVE WITH GRANDPARENTS, OR LIVE IN FOSTER CARE, ETC.

(ALSO, GREAT QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN IT COMES TO LANGUAGE IN GENERAL ARE: IS IT ACCURATE? IS IT RELEVANT? IS IT RESPECTFUL? THIS CAN BE APPLIED TO ANY WAY THAT WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE!)

### instead of...

"your mom and dad"  
"brother and sister"  
"husband or wife"  
"son and daughter"

### try...

"your adults"  
"siblings"  
"spouse"  
"children"

## Parent Teacher Conferences Timetable

Thurs Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Thurs March 31<sup>st</sup>

11:50	Welcome Bell
12:00 – 12:30	Block A
12:30 – 12:40	Break
12:40 – 13:10	Block B
13:10 – 13:20	Break
13:20 – 13:50	Block C
13:50 – 14:00	Break
14:00 – 14:30	Block D
14:30 – 14:45	Break
14:45 – 16:45	Parent Teacher Conference Session #1
16:45 – 17:45	Break
17:45 – 19:15	Parent Teacher Conference Session #2