



NWSS Weekly Bulletin

NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MON, SEPT 20 – 24, 2021

Upcoming Dates and Events

Date and Time	Location	Event
Mon, September 20 th	NWSS Servery	Servery Open for Service
Mon, September 27 th	NWSS	Non-instructional day
Thurs, September 30 th		Reconciliation Day School not in session

GRADE 9 - 12 REGULAR SCHEDULE

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:34 – 9:59	Block A
9:59 – 10:06	Break
10:06 – 11:27	Block B
11:27 – 12:16	LUNCH
12:06	Welcome Bell
12:16 – 13:37	Block C
13:37 – 13:44	Break
13:44 – 15:05	Block D



Locker Registration

We are excited to be able to offer lockers this school year. There are approximately 800 lockers available to our students so we ask everyone to consider the need for a locker before reserving.

Note: there are lockers available for students during their PE block for use while using the gym. **If you are only using the locker for gym clothes, do not reserve a locker** as all students will have access to a locker during their PE block.

Please read the following information carefully.

If you would like to reserve a locker, please book online at nwss.lockerassignment.com beginning **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20th at 6:00 pm** and ending **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd at 11:00 pm**. Please note that lockers will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Lockers are available on each floor. Please consider choosing a locker closest to the location of your courses, remembering to look at your semester 2 courses as well.

Lockers are the property of the New Westminster School District and students are expected to follow the locker guidelines listed below:

- Students are responsible for the locker and contents assigned to them
- Lockers are assigned to students for the entirety of the 2021/2022 school year. Switching lockers is not permitted.
- Students are to provide their own locks for lockers and register the combination when signing up for a locker. Please note that locks may be purchased through School Cash Online at <https://nwss.ca/online-payment/>
- The locker may only be used for the storage of books, school supplies, outerwear, school sports equipment and lunches.
- The locker is to be kept clean and food removed on a regular basis.
- Students are responsible for cleaning and removing all material from their locker at the end of the year.
- No illegal substances, weapons or other prohibited or offensive material may be placed in school lockers.
- School officials may search student lockers at any time and without prior notice in order to ensure compliance with the conditions of use and other school policies and rules.
- Permission to use a locker may be terminated when a student does not comply with the conditions of use or school policies or rules.
- It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to keep our schools safe. If any student has reason to believe that any locker contain anything which would impact the health or safety of other students or staff, that student is expected to report the information to a staff member.

Beginning, September 20th at 6:00 pm, please log on to nwss.lockerassignment.com and use the following information to reserve a locker.

USER ID:

Your USER ID is your student number

PASSWORD:

Your birthdate is your password. The format of the password is YYYYMMDD

(example: Birthdate of Jan 28, 2000 would be a password of 20000128)

Lockers will be available for students to begin using starting Tuesday September 28th.

Please do not place any contents into lockers until this date unless you have permission from school administration.

Tik Tok Challenge – School Property Damage

Over the past two weeks NWSS has had students participating in a Tik Tok challenge which asks students to damage or steal property at the school. In this short period of time we have had several acts of vandalism and destruction of property. Our bathrooms have been the target for the vandalism. We realize that this is a small minority of students but their actions are putting the health and safety of students and staff at risk, and we know they will have long-term consequences as the cost to clean, repair and replace equipment will inevitably take away from future opportunities for other students and projects. Please take the time to encourage your children to **NOT** take part in this Tik Tok challenge. The school and the district takes these acts of vandalism very seriously and students participating in this challenge will be held accountable for their actions, which may include recovery costs for damaged property.

Supporting Your Child with Trauma

Complex Trauma Resources provides amazing workshops about trauma, mental health and wellness. <https://www.complextrauma.ca/>

Attend a free virtual September 20th workshop for staff and parents on navigating the stress and trauma of returning to work and the impact it might be having on our students.



Reconciliation Week (September 27 – October 1)

Orange Shirt Day (September 30)

1. **Beyond the Orange Shirt Story Book Launch**

Free Live Educational Event Monday, September 20th, 2021 at 11am PST

Classrooms, libraries and individuals are all welcome to join live. To pre-order Beyond the Orange Shirt Story click the link:

<https://medicinewheel.education/pages/btoss>

Learn from Phyllis Webstad, founder of Orange Shirt Day, along with members of her family as they share truths of their Residential School experiences through their new book, *Beyond the Orange Shirt*

Story.

Beyond the Orange Shirt Story is a unique collection of truths from six generations of Phyllis's family that gives readers an up-close look at what life was like before, during, and after their Residential School experiences.

Recommended for ages 12+

Livestream will take place on this event, on our social media and at this link:

<https://medicinewheel.education/pages/btoss>

2. **Magazine and Educational Materials**

An allegorical graphic novel-style comic, [Truth and Reconciliation Week 2021](#) explores what it means to have guests arrive at your doorstep, a home taken away, and how we can still find ways to live well together.

Written by Ry Moran, a leading voice and catalyst for reconciliation, and illustrated by Swampy Cree artist Nickia Mclvor, this special edition magazine is published by the **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in collaboration with Canada's History Society.**

To guide teachers in their own learning and to help bring truth and reconciliation into their classrooms, this publication will be accompanied by supplementary educational resources. The magazine, aimed for students in grades 5–12, is offered in print and digital formats in both English and French, and available digitally in Inuktitut. **Brenda has ordered 6 boxes (300 copies) of English and 3 boxes (150 copies) of French. Digital versions will be shared, too.**

<https://www.canadashistory.ca/education/classroom-resources/truth-and-reconciliation-week-2021>

3. REEL Canada: **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation: September 30**

Also known as **Orange Shirt Day**, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a newly named federal holiday – and after the recent, and ongoing, uncovering of hundreds of unmarked graves at former residential school sites, it's more important now than ever to discuss the realities of Canada's residential school system. This is a day to honour all survivors of the residential school system, as well as those who did not survive, and recognize the intergenerational trauma faced by Indigenous peoples in Canada. This day offers the opportunity for reflection on difficult truths about this country and on how we can move forward together in the best way possible. You can help start these conversations with any of these films:

[Indian Horse](#) — 101 min *

[Nîpawistâmasowin: We Will Stand Up](#) — 89 min

[Our People Will Be Healed](#) — 97 min

[Rise: Urban Rez](#) — 44 min

[The Secret Path](#) — 60 min

Short films:

[Against the Grain](#) (24 min), [Christmas at Moose Factory](#) (13 min), [Savage](#) (6 min), [Shin-Chi's Canoe](#) (13 min), [When the Children Left](#) (11 min)

**Indian Horse includes mature content which could be triggering for some students. Please review our [content advisory](#) before ordering the film.*

Calling all NWSS Music Families

Please join us for the first NWSS Music Auxiliary meeting of the year on **Wednesday September 22 at 7:00 pm via Zoom (details below)**. The NWSS Music Auxiliary works hand in hand with the music department to support its students and wonderful programs.

We need your help! The positions of President and Secretary are vacant, as well as Member-at-large positions. Please consider volunteering. The time commitment is minimal and it is very rewarding to work with teachers and students to help our music programs flourish.

We hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84861184418?pwd=Ykh5L28vN1lPVTFMSWFsNk1vMFZyZz09>

Meeting ID: 848 6118 4418

Passcode: stJt2R