

# Champlain Heights Annex School

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## Orange Shirt Day

Recognizing & Remembering

Wear your Orange Shirt to School

on September 30<sup>th</sup>



*Design by Robin Roberts, Haida/Tsimshian/Squamish*

When thinking about Orange Shirt Day and Residential Schools, what resonates is the loss of innocence. Children reach school age and ideally start school with innocence. How could orange represent Phyllis Webstad's innocence, the day her orange shirt was taken away? The salmon egg represents the beginning of a journey, a birth, a hope. Like salmon, children grow into their world, their home, and they remember where home is. Residential schools were designed to make Indigenous children forget home, forget who they were, and forget where they came from. In that moment when the belongings are taken away, when the orange shirt was taken away from Phyllis Webstad, was when part of that innocence was taken away. It represents the culture that residential schools were designed to extinguish.

Culturally, salmon represents precious food resources for many British Columbia nations that reside up and down the coast and the inland rivers. It is something they identify with, it is home, and to most, it is medicine. Salmon are birth and hope. They grow and go out into the world and go back home. They always remember where home is. When looking at salmon, it is a way of seeing the world and part of understanding it.

The eyes are very important. They are about seeing. For thousands of years Indigenous peoples have had to understand the relationships between each other and their surroundings, their place in it and within their communities. Seeing is recognizing the past, present and future the ancestors, the current families, the future families who are not here yet.

It is important that we recognize those who have endured residential school, and those who come from families that went. Remembering helps our future. Remembering and teaching about it will help to make change. The salmon egg represents those students who went, who never forgot where their home was, and those who may not have made it back.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> is a professional development day for staff.  
The school will be closed for students.**

**The Terry Fox Run** will be held on **Thursday October 1st**. If you would like to make a donation to the cancer fund through the Terry Fox foundation, please follow this link to our school's fundraising page.

<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=915109>

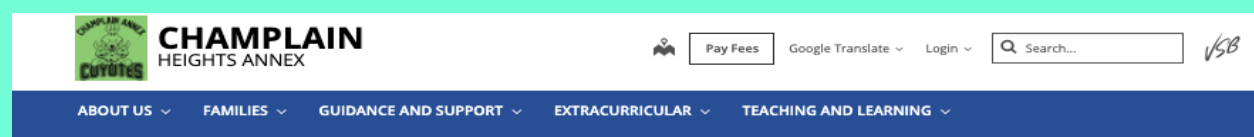
### Traffic Safety at Our School

We encourage you to walk your children to school if possible. Please note the school parking lot is strictly for VSB staff at all times.

**Family members may not use the driveway or parking lot for drop off or pick up of students.** Please park on Champlain Crescent or down the street and walk back up. Children often walk through the parking lot before and after school. **Thank you for helping us keep children safe!**

**School Fee packages** will be sent home soon. This year we are asking families to pay a \$35 school fee to support the range of materials students use at school. In addition, some students will be using an agenda and Jump Math book. Each student fee package will outline what students are asked to purchase this year.

School Fees will be paid online through the KEV payment system. If you visit our school website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/champlain-heights-annex/Pages/default.aspx> and then click on the pay school fees icon you can register for an account to use this system.



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### CONSENT FORMS and STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS.

We will be sending a package of important consent forms home that will require parental or guardian signatures. They include **Acceptable Use of Technology, Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) AND Personal Information, Personal Media Consent Forms and Student Emergency Reunification forms.** Please read these forms carefully, and check the boxes as indicated with your preference. **We ask that the completed forms be returned to the school as soon as possible.**

**Thank you!**

### STUDENTS WITH SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS & ALLERGIES

The VSB requires that parents notify the school every year about their child's severe allergy or medical condition.

Parents are asked to provide the school with a complete emergency care plan with the correct dosage of any medication your child requires from their doctor. In order for the school to provide your child with medication, the "**Request for administration of Medication at School**" form must be completed by parents and the doctor who has prescribed the medication.

Parents must provide the child (in their backpack) or school office with at least one **epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen)** in the case of severe allergies or **Inhalers** for children who suffer with asthmatic conditions.

**It is also essential that parents make note of the expiry dates of all medication kept at school to ensure it is replaced as necessary. The school is not responsible for monitoring expiry dates.**

### CHAMPLAIN HEIGHTS ANNEX - VSB SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

We wish to thank the parents and guardians who are following the district-wide Safe Arrival Program.

- It is important that all parents and guardians report a child's absence or late arrival to the school prior to 9:00 am daily whenever possible **please use the phone or email system below.**
- Students who arrive late (after the 9:00 bell) must proceed to the outside door of the classroom and have the teacher let them in.
- If the school is not informed of a student's absence or late arrival, they are considered '**UNACCOUNTED FOR**' and office staff will then call: home, cell and/or work numbers of parents for verification.
- This procedure has been put in place for all Vancouver schools to ensure all students arrive safely at school.
- **Please report your child's absence to the Safe Arrival Program even if you have already notified you child's teacher.**

Preferred Method to Report Absence via email:	To Report Your Child's Absence via Telephone:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. E-mail: <b>CHAAattendance@vsb.bc.ca</b></li> <li>2. Type your message: Include child's full name, grade or division, reason for absence</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call <b>604-713-5159</b> (Dedicated Safe Arrival Line, <u>not the school office phone line</u>)</li> <li>2. Provide the two-digit extension for Champlain Annex: "<b>17</b>" followed with "#" sign</li> <li>3. Record your message clearly. Include child's full name, grade or division, reason for absence</li> </ol>

### Students Leaving School Before 3:00 pm

Please notify the teacher in advance of the time you will be picking up your child or call the office if it is an unexpected event. Please pick up your child at the classroom exterior door. The teacher will notify the office that your child has left the school.