

# NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome to the 2020 school year and we must start by thanking you all for your patience and support as we navigate the Covid-19 experience and its impact on all aspects of schooling.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families and hope you all had a safe summer! It is so nice to have students returning to Norquay's hallways and classes.

Newsletters are sent out by email and you can also find the Newsletter and other information on our website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/john-norquay>. We will continue our social media presence so you could also follow us on Twitter: [@Norquaytweets](https://twitter.com/Norquaytweets).

We will continue to send out monthly Newsletters but given the ever-changing impact of Covid we will provide any urgent/informative information through email. If you have changed your email please contact the school office to update that information: 604-713-4666.

Please continue to take care and be safe.

Tim Krug (Principal) and Maggie Lancaster (Vice Principal)

## School Hours: 9:00-3:00

### Bell Schedule

9:00	Entry Bell
10:45	Recess #1 Entry
11:10	Recess #2 Entry
12:07	Lunch #1 Entry
1:00	Lunch #2 Entry
3:00	Dismissal

### School Code of Conduct

Be Kind, Be Safe, and Be the Best Learner and Leader You Can Be (No matter your age)

### Parent/Guardian/Visitor Entry to Norquay

Just a reminder that only staff and students have access to Norquay. If you need to come to the school **please call us at 604-713-4666** to schedule an appointment.

If you come to the school without a scheduled appointment please go to the front doors off of Slocan Street and call the school. A staff member will come to the door to meet you and bring you to the office.

### Director of Instruction-Field Services:

Mr. Aaron Davis

Liaison Trustee: Ms. Lois Chan-Pedley

Principal: Mr. Tim Krug

Vice Principal: Ms. Maggie Lancaster

Office Staff: Ms. Ball/Ms. Lowe

**Staffing Updates:** We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to our school community: **Ms. Sydney Ball** (Office Staff); **Ms. Karen Ravensbergen** (Fridays Gr. 3/ Div. 16 with Ms. Adams); **Ms. Tiffany Qiu** (Gr.6 EMB0); **Ms. Jaareem Lee** (LSP Div. 4); **Ms. Brooklyn Seatter** (SSA); **Ms. Erin Boychuk** (SSA).

We also are welcoming back **Ms. Cathy Weng** (EMB Resource). We wish **Ms. Shannon Muhall** all the best as she choose not to return to Norquay this year.

**Norquay Timetables:** This year we will be operating two timetables in order to ensure student safety and reduce the number of students on the playground at recess and lunch.

**Timetable A-** Divisions: 1/2/4/12/9/14/13/10/16/23/18/19/20/24

**Timetable B:** Divisions:3/7/5/6/8/11/15/17/21/22/25/26/27/28

Class timetables will be formalized by September 25.

### Lunch Program:

Our Lunch program (Food4school) is designed to support students with nutritional services that families are not able to provide. If your child would benefit from this service, contact Ms. Lancaster for the program form and relevant information.

### Norquay Gardens:

Thanks to **Ms. Kao** for working with **Ms. Ivy Vuu-Leger**, of Coastal Health, to care for our garden this summer and have it harvested to support the Fresh Roots meal program



### Mark your calendars: (also please find attached our 2020-21calendar)

Wednesday, Sept. 14	<b>Grand 1-7 Students first full day of school</b> <b>2020 Kindergarten students start Gradual Entry( Follow K Calendar)</b>
Monday Sept. 21	Kindergarten students first full day
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC) Time/Method TBD
Thurs. Sept. 24	Meet the Staff Event: TBD
Friday, Sept. 25	Pro D Day #1 <b>Students not in attendance:</b>
Monday, Sept. 28	<b>STUDENT Photo Day POSTPONED AS PER VSB SAFETY PLAN</b>
Friday, October 2	Terry Fox Run: TBD how school will participate

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of parents that make up our PAC. With a new school year upon us they would welcome other interested parents to join them as they plan and work to support Norquay school and students for the 2020 school year. If you are interested, there are a few PAC positions yet to be filled for this year, or just come and see the plans that are being set for this year and perhaps you will be able to provide support in some way!

The first PAC meeting of the year will be on: **Tuesday, Sept. 22** Information will come on how the meeting will be presented.

**Norquay Cohort Groups:** In order to provide contact tracing all classes have been assigned to a cohort group of 60 that includes students and staff. **Cohorts: L to Z**

L-Div. 1 (Miletic) 29 students (SSA E. Boychuk) Div. 2 (de Jardin) 28 students

M-Div. 3 (Pai) 21 Students and Div. 7 (Qiu) 26 students

N-Div. 4 (Lee) 12 Students and Div. 12 (Woodham) 27 Students

O-Div. 5 (Loong) 28 students and Div. 6 (H. Paris) 28 students

P-Div. 8 (Wang) 22 Students and Div. 11 (Peng) 26 Students

Q- Div. 9 (Ang) 30 students and Div. 14 (S. Wong) 21 Students

R- Div.13 (E. Lam) 22 students and Div. 10 (Hughes/Eastwood) 27 Students

S-Div. 15(C. Wee) 21 students and Div. 17 (Lau) 22 Students

T- Div. 16 (Adams/Ravensbergen) 21 Students and Div. 23 (Trogrlich) 22 Students

U- Div. 19 (Whitcroft) 21 Students and Div. 18 (Tsolinas) 21 Students

V-Div. 20 (Affleck) 21 Students and Div. 24 (M. Paris) 22 Students

W-Div. 21 (L. Ong) 20 Students and Div. 22 (I. Chang) 20 Students

X- Div. 26 (S. Gruger) 18 students and Div.27 (Emperador/A. Wong) 18 students

Y- Div. 25 (P. Kwan) 20 Students Div. 28 (C. Wong/J. Alport) 20 students

Z- SELC (Div.29)

**Reporting Student Absences:** Just a reminder of the process to let us know if your child will be absent.

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from Norquay, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159 extension #61**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence - Please Call **604-713-5159 extension #61** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

### Student Sign Out Procedure During Covid

Students will have appointments during the school day. Please let your teacher know and contact the office ahead of the appointment. **Entry will be through the main doors off of Slocan and will require that the school is called for entry.** You will be brought to the office to sign out your child. Do not remove your child from the school without signing her/him out. If school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

**Students Leaving Grounds at Lunch:** No students are permitted to leave school this year for lunch. To maintain a safe environment please send your child to school with snacks and a lunch. If there is a special need for your child to have lunch at home please contact Mr. Krug.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

**Arriving and Leaving School:** Please see the attached map that provides information on student drop off and pick up. As Slocan Street becomes increasingly busy, we strongly recommend that families arriving by car use the drop off areas on Ward and Duchess streets. **Do not use the staff parking lot** as it does not have enough spaces for staff so is already a very congested area. Another option that we have recommended is to stop a block or more away and walk to the school. A reminder that the school Crossing Guards are only on duty from 8:40 to 9:00 in the morning and 3:00 to 3:20 after school. Please adhere to their directions when crossing at Slocan Street to ensure their and your family's safety.

We were very pleased that a new crossing light has been installed on Slocan street which we hope will provide increased safety for our families. Thanks to all those individuals and groups that lobbied the City to have this light installed.

### School Cash Online:

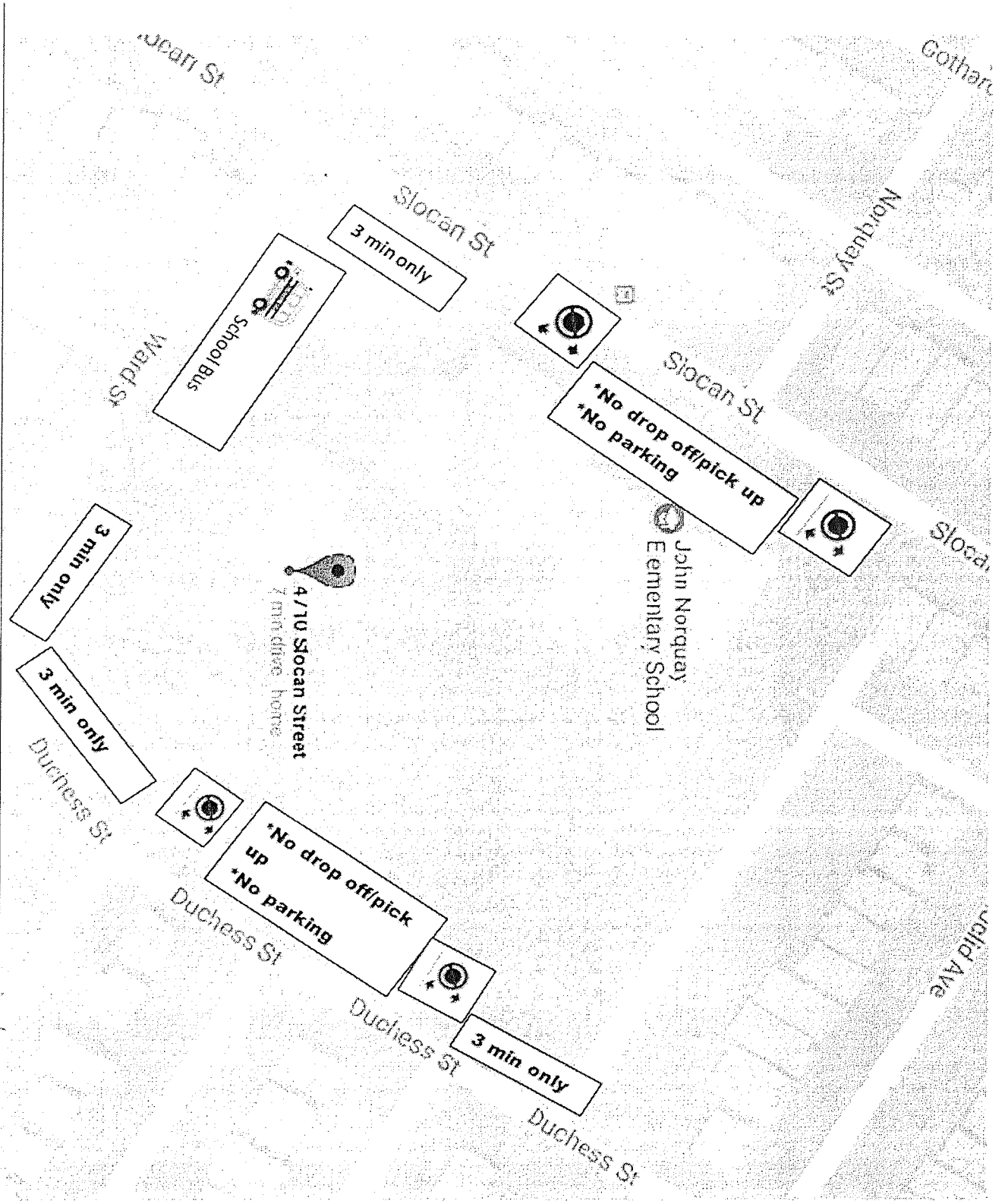
We will be providing families the ability to pay for school fees and field trips online again this year. This secure system helps parents/guardians pay school related fees safely, quickly and easily online. We will be sending home more information on School Cash Online prior to sending out our school fees for this year but if you would like to set up your account early you can access the site via our School Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/john-norquay> where you will find a 'Pay Fees' link on the home page or access the site directly at: <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com>. If you have any questions in setting up your account, please contact Ms. Lowe at the school office.

### Mr. Krug Needs a Haircut

As promised last spring I have not cut my hair (small trim). As we are now returning to school it is time for a haircut. So for the Terry Fox Run this year we will encourage student donations and each class will have one student get to take the scissors to my hair. Should be a fun event to start the year. More information to come.



**Drop off and Pickup up of students:** Just a reminder that your child's safe arrival is of utmost concern for us. Please see the map below of areas where you can and cannot drop off or pick up your child(ren). The staff parking lot is for staff only and is NOT an area for student drop off. One drop off plan that many schools are encouraging is to park a block or two away and then walk your child to school. Only with your support can we ensure the safety of all our students. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



<p><b>Norquay Parking Guide</b></p> <p>8:00AM - 5:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>No drop off</u></li> <li>• <u>No pick up</u></li> <li>• <u>No parking</u></li> </ul>		
<p><b>School Bus Only</b></p>		
<p><b>3 min only</b></p> <p><b>Drop off/pick up only</b></p>		

**CALENDAR 2020– 2021****John Norquay****School Operation Overview**

Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

**Important Dates**

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Remembrance Day Holiday	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2020
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2021
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2021
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26, 2021
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021

**Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days  
(school not in session)**

Friday, September 25, 2020	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 23, 2020	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 27, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)
Monday, January 18, 2021	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 12, 2021	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 26, 2021	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

**Parent Conference Dates****Early Dismissal Times**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020	2:00 Student Dismissal
Thursday, November 19, 2020	2:00 Student Dismissal
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	2:00 Student Dismissal
Thursday, April 22, 2021	2:00 Student Dismissal