

# NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS



**School Hours: 9:00-3:03**

**Bell Schedule**

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| 9:00  | Entry Bell          |
| 10:30 | Recess Starts       |
| 10:50 | Recess Ends         |
| 12:05 | Lunch Recess starts |
| 12:52 | Lunch Recess Ends   |
| 3:03  | Dismissal           |

**School Code of Conduct**

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

**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. Wong/Ms. Lowe

**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.

**Election Day: Monday, Sept. 20**

Norquay's gym will again be a polling station for the federal election that will occur on Monday, September 20. Please follow the signage that will be in place to ensure that our students and staff remain safe on what will be a busy day on our school site.

Welcome to the 2021 school year, and though it may not be what we hoped we would return to when we left in June, we can all be comforted that the Norquay School Community will once again be a supportive, caring community doing our part to ensure the safety of all of our school members.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and staff that join us this September, and look forward to working with you all.

Newsletters are sent out by email and you can also find the Newsletter 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**.

We will continue to send out monthly Newsletters, but we will provide any urgent/informative information through email. If you have changed your email and/or phone number please contact the school office so that we have your most recent contact information.

Please take care, be safe and let's have a great 2021-22 school year!

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

**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.

**Staffing Updates:**

**Welcome Back:** Ms. Miletic; Ms. K.Wong; Ms. C. Wong

**Welcome to Norquay:**

**Teaching:** Laura Robertson (Div. 4); Helen Zhang (EMB 6); Jiasi Yao (EMB ½); Aileen Neale (SELC); Matt Carruthers (PE); Karine Ng (for Cathy Weng RT)

**Support Staff:** Amanda MacRae(SSA Thur/Friday); Muhammad Khan (Night Engineer); Roberto Domingo (PT Night Engineer)

**Thanks for Caring:** Given that vaccinations by people over the age of 12 are the best protection from Covid for our students, it is very nice to see that **Norquay is in the highly vaccinated area of Renfrew/Collingwood-Cedar Cottage where double Vax rates are over 90%**. Thanks so much!

**Mark your calendars: Important upcoming Dates at Norquay**

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| Thursday Sept. 16  | Kindergarten's First Full Day   |
| Monday Sept. 20    | Federal Election Polling Station in Norquay Gym                               |
| Tuesday, Sept. 21  | Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC) In person in Norquay Gym and via ZOOM |
| Thurs. Sept. 23    | Meet the Staff Event: TBD   |
| Friday, Sept. 24   | Pro D Day #1: <b>Students not in attendance</b>                               |
| Tuesday, Sept. 28  | <b>STUDENT Photo Day</b>  |
| Thursday, Sept. 30 | Truth and Reconciliation Day : School Closed                                  |

## 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, PAC would welcome other interested parents to join us as we plan and work to support Norquay school and students for the 2021 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 will be on: Tuesday Sept. 21 @6pm (in person in school gym and online via Zoom)**

For more information, please email us at [NorquayPACteam@gmail.com](mailto:NorquayPACteam@gmail.com) and check out our website [www.norquaypac.ca](http://www.norquaypac.ca) and join our facebook group

## Be Safe and Be Kind

As we have been reminded of throughout the Covid Pandemic we all need to be as safe as we can possibly be as that protects others. Equally important is to Be Kind.

One example of being kind on our return to school is to be accepting of students and staff that may not be able to implement all the protocols that have been put in place by the PHO.

For example please don't question or bother others who may not be wearing a mask. Rest assured that they, or their parents, have been in contact with the school and have had an accommodation put in place for the student not to wear a mask. Not every student or staff member will be able to wear a mask successfully, and for them it will be best to put other protective measures in place to keep themselves and others as safe as possible.

If at anytime you have a concern, please ask your teacher or feel free to visit Ms. Lancaster or Mr. Krug in the office to express your concern.

Again, being kind to all members of our school community will be the most effective and positive path to successfully navigate the ongoing Covid Pandemic.

## Norquay Gardens:

A big thanks to Ms. Val Kao and her team of garden volunteers who have taken care of our school gardens over the summer. It is so exciting to return to see the growth of the gardens, and the students will be thrilled to harvest the crops later this fall.

Having one of the largest gardens at an Elementary School in Vancouver takes a lot of support and if you are interested in contributing to our gardens please let your child's teacher know.

## 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.schoolcashionline.com>. If you have any questions in setting up your account, **please contact Ms. Lowe at the school office @ 604-713-4666**

Just a reminder that the VSB's \$35.00 School Supplies fee covers all the essential school materials that a student will require. You, of course, may choose to purchase materials that your child may like to have for their personal use.

**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.

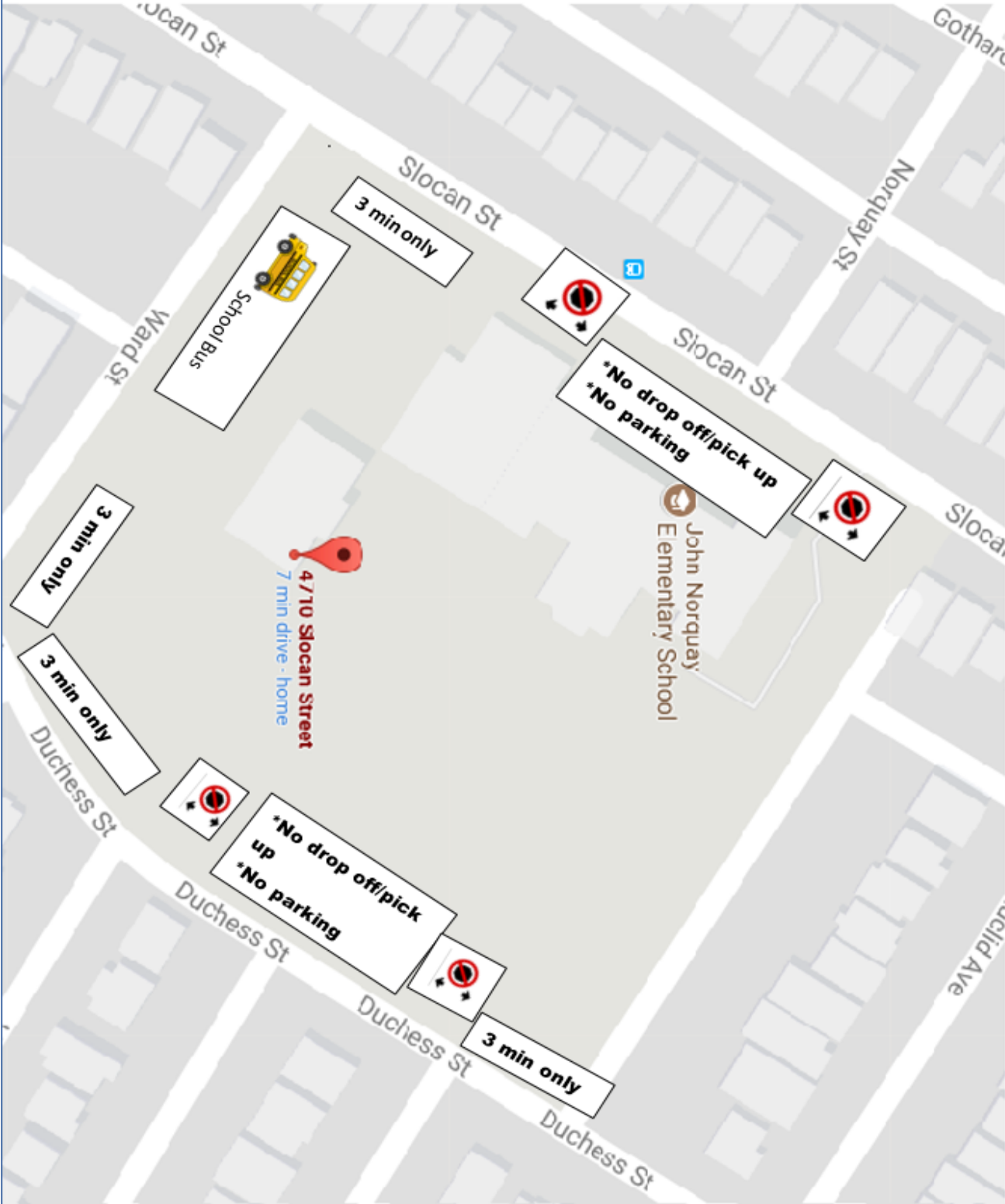
## Student Sign Out Procedure During Covid

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!

**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!!!




**Norquay Parking Guide**


**8:00AM - 5:00pm**

**3 min only**

**Drop off/pick up only**



**School Bus Only**



- **No drop off**
- **No pick up**
- **No parking**