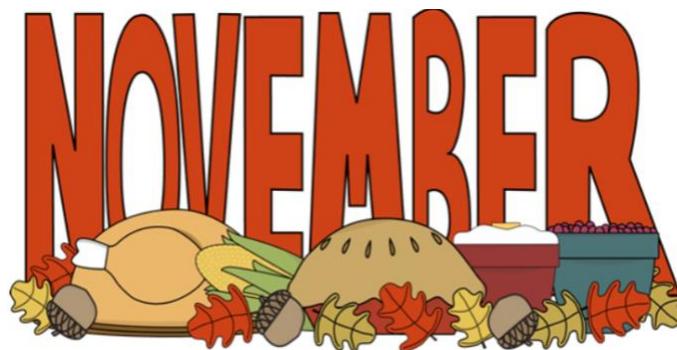


Shaughnessy Newsletter – November 2021

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Important Dates to Remember:

- Nov 1st Kindergarten Registration begins
- Nov 1st Individual Photo Retakes
- Nov 2nd Hot Lunch (Pizza Day)
- **Nov 3rd 2 pm Dismissal for Goal Setting Conference #2**
- Nov 9th Hot Lunch (International Food)
- Nov 10th Remembrance Day Assembly (Students only)
- **Nov 11th Remembrance Day holiday (no school)**
- Nov 16th Grade 6 Immunization Clinic #1
- Nov 16th Hot Lunch (Fun Food)
- Nov 19th 9:30 am PAC online meeting
- Nov 23rd Hot Lunch (Subway)
- **Nov 26th ProD (Indigenous Focus Day for staff)**
- Nov 30th Hot Lunch (Sushi)



Kindergarten Registration



Priority kindergarten registration at the Vancouver School District will run from November 1, 2021, to January 31, 2022. This year, children born in 2017 are eligible for kindergarten registration and begin going to school starting September 2022. Kindergarten applications received at any point within the priority enrolment time frame will be part of the priority enrolment period.

Registration is a two-step process. First, register your child online at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca>. The online tool automatically locates the English catchment school based on a family's primary home address. Once information is submitted online, families need to complete the application process with a visit to their

neighbourhood catchment school with their child and the required documents before January 31, 2022. For more information, please see our webpage at <https://shaughnessy.vsb.bc.ca>

SHY Cross-Country Running Team 2021

We had a wonderful turnout for our cross-country running team this year. Over 150 runners from Grades K-7 participated, raced, and achieved their personal bests. It was so good to see how many students understood that this team is about joining in and participating in their school community. You don't go far by sitting on the sidelines! Shaughnessy students also did their fair share of winning! We had a record number of top 15 finishers at the Quilchena Mini-Meets and so many determined participants!



This team is an extracurricular opportunity that would not occur without many hours given by volunteers. I want to thank those SHY staff members who came out to coach: Mrs. Marsh, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Maciura, Mr. A., Mr. Embree, Ms. Green, Ms. Wiesinger, Ms. Lo, and Mr. Mulligan. Also, a big thank you goes to our parent coaches: Kyle, Wendy, and Dan. I am also grateful to the parents, teachers, and students who volunteered to help before, during, and after the Quilchena Mini-Meets. These are huge events to organize and run! Thank you especially to Adri Hamael and Alfred Chau for going above and beyond! Unfortunately, there was no city final at Trout Lake this year.

Let's hope next year SHY runners can experience this spectacular event for cross-country. Thank you for supporting this season and encouraging your child to join in and show their Shaughnessy school spirit!



Volleyball at Shaughnessy



During the 4th wave of the Covid-19 crisis, SHY has decided to do in-house volleyball for our 6/7 students - intramural style in the mornings. As per our regular practice hours (7:50 - 8:45 a.m.), we have decided to keep everything on-site to help deliver a safe and manageable program for our children. The VSB is only allowing limited supporters to attend games, so we thought it would better serve our student/athlete development to do co-ed practices as a unit. We appreciate all the help maintaining a parent-free zone during practices and we will look forward to normal programming in 2022. A big thank you to our dedicated coaches Mr. Abarquez, Ms. Green, Mr. Maciura, and Ms. Raino.

Come Read with Me!

Again, this fall, the **ONE TO ONE Literacy Society** is hosting a virtual workshop for interested parents/caregivers of students in Grade 1-3 called *Come Read with ME*.

Come Read with ME is an interactive workshop that is tutor-based training and facilitated by a ONE TO ONE educator designed to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn positive strategies to help them support their children while reading at home. Participating families will receive a digital package including the "Reading Success at Home" handbook. This program is available at NO COST to families across British Columbia through the generous support of donors.



The sessions are on **November 2, 10, 18, 24 and 30th**. They start at 6:30 pm and run for 60 minutes with time for questions after. Each session is the same – parents only need to attend once. To register and for more information click here

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/one-to-one-literacy-society-32436852611>



PAC NEWS

Our annual direct donation appeal is still ongoing and please check out our website for further information and how to donate. A BIG thank you to all the families who have donated to support our school and students this year.

Our much-loved Scholastic Book Fair has been moved to March 2022. Stay tuned for further details in the new year.

Our next PAC general meeting will be on Friday, **November 19th @ 9:30** via Zoom. Please sign in to our mailing list to receive the zoom link and all PAC related updates at shaughnessyelementarypac.com

School Active Travel Planning Initiative

Shaughnessy Elementary will be participating in the **City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Planning** program to encourage and promote walking, cycling, and rolling to school. The program takes place over three years and includes several types of projects to address barriers to active travel:

- Gathering information from students and families about their travel choices
- Creating a school travel action plan
- Upgrading transportation infrastructure near the school
- Promoting active travel education and awareness
- Other initiatives with support from our safety partners (e.g., Vancouver Police Department, VSB, etc.)



Studies have shown that active travel has many benefits for students, the community, and the environment.

To learn more about the program, please visit vancouver.ca/school-active-travel. *Please note: The program aims to promote and shift towards active travel modes to school, rather than make vehicle access to school easier.

Your feedback is important to the success of the program. Please join our team and your school administrators for a one-hour online meeting to share your feedback regarding safety at your school. This will be an opportunity to take a virtual tour (walkabout) around your school zone and to provide direct feedback to key stakeholders. This information will help us create a school travel plan that considers the needs of the school's students and families. If you are interested, please contact Jim Embree (Principal) at the school office or Arshnoor (PAC Chair) at shypacchair@gmail.com

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

Please consider supporting our Grade 7 Fundraiser by ordering stocking stuffers and gifts for friends and families. November 22nd is the deadline to order. All orders will be delivered to you by December 10th. For more information, see the webpage at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1375936-87530> as well as the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Rainy Weather Clothing

The wet and rainy weather has arrived. Kindly keep the following in mind when you send your child to school:

- Students at Shaughnessy always play outside during recess and lunch rain or shine (unless it is exceptionally wet weather)
- Bring indoor/outdoor shoes (boots for rainy and snowy weather). The ground is often wet and muddy the day after rain
- Rain jackets, rain pants, and umbrellas are encouraged
- Primary students are asked to have extra clothing **labelled with their child's name** in a zip lock bag at school if they need to change out of wet clothing

Primary students should be able to put on their coats, shoes, hats, mitts, etc. This includes zipping up raincoats. Please help them practice this at home.



Goal Setting Conferences

Our second **Goal-Setting Conferences** for this school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 3rd from 2:15-6:00 pm**. The school and home should use this opportunity to discuss the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of students. We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child and their goals for this year.

Each conference period will be 15 minutes long and conferences must start and finish on time. If longer and more in-depth conferences are needed, please arrange with the teacher for an additional and mutually convenient meeting time.

Lost and Found Items

We have a **Lost and Found** bin on the lower floor of the school. If your child has lost or misplaced an item, please remind them to check this bin. Parents are reminded to label all their children's clothing, and if an item comes home that does not belong to your family, please bring it to the school office and we will make sure that it goes into the Lost and Found bin.



Yearbook Photos Needed

We appreciate the work of our PAC-sponsored yearbook committee. They are working hard to make sure that we have a great memoir of the year. If you have high-resolution photos of your children on the school grounds you would like us to consider for the yearbook, please send them to the email listed here. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help us with pictures. If you can help, please let us know - shyyearbookcommittee@gmail.com.

Cheering on Mrs. Wiesinger

On Nov. 7th, **Mrs. Wiesinger** will be competing in the **New York City Marathon**, the largest marathon in the world! It has been her lifelong dream and now it's a reality! Mrs. Wiesinger was selected as part of Team TATA Consultancy Services who sponsor teachers to run in the NYC marathon and encourages them to bring their passion for running into their teaching life. Mrs. Wiesinger is 1 of 6 Canadian teachers selected and one of only 50 teachers throughout all North America! Mrs. Wiesinger regularly gets up at 4:30 am and runs through the streets of Vancouver in the dark! She also ran before coming to coach at the cross-country practices!! Mrs. Wiesinger has been committed to her training and she brings that high level of commitment to her teaching as well. In fact, Mrs. Wiesinger has devoted her run to our Shaughnessy school community! Way to go, Mrs. Wiesinger and good luck.... we will be cheering you on! (Ms. Pace)



Kerrisdale Little League

Kerrisdale Little League is looking for new players (age 4-12) in the community. **REGISTRATION opens November 1. Secure your spot and take advantage of early bird discount.** See the attached flyer and webpage from additional information. <https://www.kerrisdalebaseball.com/registration/>

REGISTER TODAY AND JOIN THE FUN!

Kerrisdale Little League is looking for new players in the community, ages 4-12.



- Ⓞ Meet new friends
- Ⓞ Everyone is welcome
- Ⓞ Be part of a great team
- Ⓞ Play outside in a safe environment
- Ⓞ Season starts in April – register today!



Learn more @ kerrisdalebaseball.com



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