



October 25, 2019

Dear Wentworth Families,

The music department is thrilled to announce the success of the [6/7 Chamber Choir](#) this past August. The choir entered the Kiwanis Festival in April and were recommended to the Provincial Music Festival, and then selected to represent BC at the National Music Festival. Their efforts earned them second place finish in all of Canada. The students demonstrated grit and determination and we are so proud of their accomplishments. Look for an upcoming article documenting their journey to nationals in the [Arts Mag](#).



We have more exciting news to announce! This winter the Grade 4 and 6/7 general music concerts will be returning to the beautiful Kay Meek Centre for the Performing Arts on December 10. This gives the students the opportunity to perform with the beautiful acoustics of a modern theatre, professional sound and lighting technicians and comfortable seats with a great view for our families. The Grade 4 concert is at 4:30 and the 6/7 concert is at 6:00. Tickets are \$10 and are free for any current Collingwood student. We are excited for this change of venue and look forward to seeing you there!

Kimberly Taylor
Arts Learning Leader

Important: Parent Teacher Meetings Scheduling Opens Monday, October 28 at 8:00am

The Veracross Parent Portal will be open to parents to schedule meetings Monday, October 28, 8:00am, through Sunday, November 3, 2019, 11:59pm.

Date of Meetings:

Wednesday, November 6, 3:30pm - 8:30pm
Thursday, November 7, 8:30am - 3:30pm

Read "How to Schedule a Meeting" [here](#).

2nd Photo Day - Monday, October 28, 2019

2nd Photo Day is intended for students who were absent or not yet enrolled on our first photo day in September. Students must be wearing their #1 uniform to have their photo taken.

[More Information](#)

Parent Conference - October 30, 2019

Registration and waitlist for the Parent Conference is now FULL.

Limited space available for the Evening Session - [Register Here](#)

If you have registered for the Parent Conference and are no longer able to attend, please contact [Sherry Heard](#) so that the spot can go to the next person on the waitlist.

Parent Conference - October 30, 2019 9:00am Darlene S. Howard Theatre, Morven Campus

Join Marg Thorsborne, a world leader in Restorative Practises to learn about the most effective ways to develop our young people into thoughtful, caring, empathic, and kind kids who have a strong sense of self worth and integrity. How can we build into the way we raise them, the skills to manage the difficult moments in their own lives? This workshop is designed to help parents understand what contributes to the relational climate at home, and the influence we can have, as adults, on the emotional “temperature”. There will be plenty of moments when things go wrong (as they do all families) and that climate becomes too hot or too cold, and sometimes the fallout can become unbearable.



Format

9:00am Registration and coffee
9:30am Start
11:30am – 12:30pm Light lunch served
12:30pm Program resumes
1:30pm Conference ends

Evening Session- October 30, 2019. 7:00-8:30pm Lecture Theatre, Morven Campus

For those of you who are unable to join us for Parent Conference, Marg Thorsborne will be hosting an evening session geared towards parenting teens. Being a conflict-competent adult is going to be a useful skill-set to have in these circumstances, but these skills do not necessarily come naturally or easily to us, depending on our own upbringing. Our children will always make mistakes and make poor

decisions, so how do we use these opportunities to build responsibility for what's occurred and how can we hold them accountable for these mistakes in these instances? How does the loss of trust get repaired?

These questions and others will be covered in the following topics:

1. What makes a solid, healthy relationship with our children work?
2. What do young people say that they need from the adults in their lives?
3. What are more effective ways of understanding and responding to behaviours that are problematic?
4. What can we do that relies less on punishment and rewards, and uses more effective approaches in holding each other accountable?

Your Used Batteries Can Save Lives

Currently, two billion people around the world are lacking zinc in their diet, and each AA battery contains the same amount of zinc that can save the lives of six children! Zinc is an essential micronutrient that is crucial for growth and brain development and helps fight dangerous infections, especially in children.

There will be a collection box for used AA batteries in our main foyer until Monday, November 18 as we will be bringing these batteries to WE Day on November 19. For every AA battery recycled, Teck will donate the value of zinc recycled to WE in support of zinc and health programming in Kenya. Visit www.zincsavestives.com to learn more.

Uniform Survey Reminder

We are interested in your feedback regarding your shopping experience with our uniform provider, InSchoolwear. If you had the opportunity to shop with them at their Burnaby store, at the Morven pop up shop or through their website, we would welcome your participation in [this short survey](#) by **Monday, October 28**. We acknowledge that there have been some challenges during the transition with our new provider and your input through the survey will inform our discussions as we work to make improvements. The survey is only 10 questions, mirroring the survey conducted last Fall, with an area for open feedback.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Nielsen (angela.nielsen@collingwood.org).

We thank you for your time and participation!

InSchoolwear Halloween Hours

The [InSchoolwear](#) Burnaby location will be closing at 5:30pm on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Open House Information



Please invite your friends and family who do not yet have children attending Collingwood School to join us for our upcoming Open House on November 5, 2019 for families and children entering Grade 1 - 7.

Visit [here](#) to register.

Service Initiatives & Upcoming Events

- **Strathcona Community Clean-up**
Saturday, November 2, 10:00am to noon
Meet at 872 East Hastings

In partnership with the Strathcona Community Policing Centre we will be working together on the first cigarette butt clean-up in the Strathcona area. SCPC volunteers will be guiding us through the neighbourhood and also providing us with grabbers, bags, gloves and all equipment. This initiative is open to all Collingwood students and families but please note, **children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult**. Collingwood adult supervision will be provided as well.

Please sign up [here](#).

Visit [here](#) for all upcoming Service opportunities and upcoming events.



Parents' Council Updates

Parent Ambassador Training

Show your pride of our School by sharing your experiences with prospective families. We welcome you to attend a short training course to become a Parent Ambassador. Visit [here](#) to sign up.

[More Information](#)

Dad and Student Bowling Night!

Registration now open!

Saturday, November 2, 4:30-7:00pm

Location: Zone Bowling in Coquitlam.

Join us for a fun-filled bowling night for dads and their kids! We are encouraging our Wentworth Collingwood dads and students (JK-7) to mingle and get to know each other over bowling, but please note this event isn't just open to dads—we invite all parents/guardians/or other adult loved ones to join our students for this fun event. There are both 5 and 10 pin lanes and even cosmic bowling!

Cost: \$40 per adult/student pair + \$20 for each additional student child.

Spaces are limited so register [here](#) to ensure a spot!

For all Parents' Council events, please visit [here](#).

WEDNESDAY LATE STARTS

Late Starts are every Wednesday for the entire academic year. **K-Grade 7** morning drop-off will run from 9:00am-9:20am, with attendance taken at 9:20am.

Please note, we are unable to receive your children earlier than 9:00am, unless you are a regular Before School Care participant.

The **JK program** has a different start time. On Late Start days, JK classrooms open their doors at 9:30am and the program starts at 9:45am.

Change to Late Start Bus Schedule

Beginning Wednesday, October 23, all pickup times will now be 45 minutes after your regular pick up time. For example, if the bus normally picks up your child at 7:15am on a regular day, they will now be picked up at 8:00am. This will ensure that all buses arrive at Morven by 8:45am and leave for Wentworth at 8:55am, giving them sufficient time to get to Wentworth by 9:10am.

View the updated Late Start Wednesday Bus Schedule [here](#).

REMINDERS

Monday, October 28

Parent Teacher Meeting Scheduling OPEN

Monday, Oct. 28, 8:00am through

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, 11:59pm

- [More Information](#)
- [Parent Portal](#)

2nd Photo Day

[More Information](#)

Kindie Buddy Visit

10:45am-11:45am

Wednesday, October 30

Parent Conference with Marg Thorsborne

Morven Campus

[More Information](#)

Thursday, October 31

Halloween Assembly

8:50am-9:20am

Looking Ahead

November 8

Term Break

School Closed

November 11

Remembrance Day

School Closed

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Inclement Weather

As an early reminder, we wanted to remind all families of our inclement weather procedure. In the event of snow and school closures, you will find information posted to the [homepage](#), [Students](#) and [Parents](#) pages of our website by 6:30am.



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