

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians,

COVID 19: As infection rates grow on the island, please know that we are being very vigilant with our safety protocols to ensure our school community remains safe. We also recently held a flu shot clinic here at Arbutus for staff to help keep any respiratory illnesses at bay this winter. As time goes on, if we are not careful people can get lax on the safety guidelines in place, so we are putting much energy into reminding students and staff about **mask wearing, hand washing, daily health checks, and physical distancing.** Similarly, please discuss these protocols at home with your child on a regular basis, so we can ensure all students understand the reasoning behind these requirements.

CBC Music Contest

Thank you very much to Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill and all music students involved, for their work in creating another CBC Music Contest submission for the 4th year in a row! They have been national champions twice now in the middle school category and we wish them well this year. Please [see the link](#) to this year's music video on **page 2.**

Report Cards: Report Cards come home for Term 1 on **Wednesday December 16.** To help with learning assessment before then, we are holding our first **Curricular Completion Day** next **Friday, November 27.** You will get a letter from your child's teacher early next week indicating whether or not they



After school basketball in cohort groups.

need to stay at school that afternoon to catch up on missing assignments. All others students will be dismissed at 11:35 am on Nov. 27.

Masks: Thanks to all parents who are sending students with an extra mask in their pocket. We are having a high number of students losing masks and coming to the office to get a new one. In the last week alone we gave out over 100 masks. We are happy to provide a mask replacement on occasion, but it is much safer (and mandatory) for students to have a mask on when they enter the building and travel through the hallways.



Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

Due to a number of different reasons, there will be no Math Challengers until Friday, December 4



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Nov. 23rd	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 10, 11, 6 and 20
Tuesday, Nov. 24th	3pm Cross-Country practice 3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 2, 3, 8, 9, 18 and 19
Wednesday, Nov. 25th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 16, 17, 14 and 15
Thursday, Nov. 26th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 4, 5, 12 and 13
Friday, Nov. 27th	Curriculum Completion Day—students not needing to stay will be dismissed at 11:35am

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Sports update:

Basketball has started and it is so great to see kids in the gym again. Thank you to all of those students who have come out this week and we look forward to 4 more great weeks of play. If your child would like to join, forms are available in the office.

This coming week is the **last week for Cross country**. Thanks to all the coaches who have helped out this season. Last two practices are Tuesday and Wednesday after school.



THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

The Greater Victoria School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. Grade 4 and grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 11th and March 5th, 2021**. For more information and to view the questionnaires: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/> Parent FAQs:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

We are excited to share our #CBCMusicClass Challenge submission. This year brought the additional challenge of ensuring we followed all safety guidelines for music in schools during the pandemic. The students involved put so much energy and effort into this performance and we are so proud of them!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7B5nAMBwVc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3vKCCOmESgnvdC5uYpcHftwev1ULHVxnXpdHHv6k79B5IbyONK-0nlq1Q>

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Music uniform t-shirts are now being delivered to students who have ordered them online. If you still need to order a uniform shirt you can make an order at <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com>. Students will also need black pants, black shoes and black socks. Stay tuned for recording dates for our winter concert.

Jennifer Hill & Michael Mazza



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Nov 27	Curriculum Completion Day—early dismissal for most students—11:51am
Dec 16	Report Cards go Home
Dec 18	Last day before Winter Break

Attendance - Please remember to inform our Attendance line if your child will be late or absent.

You can email to attendance62@sd61.bc.ca or phone and leave a message on our call back line at **250-360-0725**.

When a student is late:

Please have them come to our side service door (#4) and **ring the doorbell**; someone will come let them in.

Covid Protocol if Your Child is Unwell

Please use the new and recently revised **Daily Health Check** form each morning (can be found on our website under "quick links") to ensure your child is healthy and not exhibiting any respiratory symptoms. If any students or staff are sick **they must not come to school**. This will be essential in keeping our school community safe this winter. Parents must also check with a medical professional or call 811 to ensure their child does not have COVID 19 before they can return to school. Students must also be symptom free before returning to school.