

September 1, 2010

Dear Parent/s,

This letter is to confirm your son/daughter's registration and participation in the upcoming 2010-2011 West Vancouver School District Golf Academy and to provide information regarding the first week of school.

Evening Debriefing Session

The Golf Academy Evening Orientation session for both parents and students registered in the program will be held **Monday, September 13**, from **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Rockridge Secondary School**.

The evening's presentation will include:

- Welcome
- IAP (Industrial Alliance Pacific) insurance forms to be completed, signed and submitted by parents. Parents have already provided payment for this, but IAP requires signed forms from each family.
- Introductions: Golf Academy staff
- Overview of the Program
- Review of the Week
- Clothing
- Program Expectations
- Absence Procedure
- Carpooling ideas
- Question & Answer Period

West Vancouver School District Golf Academy Evening Debriefing Session

Monday, September 13, 2010

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Rockridge Secondary School

Please **RSVP** (with total # of family members attending)
to Jill Johnson by **Friday, September 10, 2010**

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Golf Academy Practice and Play Sessions

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, students will board a taxi for a one way drop to various locations based on the calendar schedule. Students are asked to place their golf clubs and equipment in Mr. Williams' classroom (Room E208) prior to the first course block warning bell at 8:20 a.m. A Golf Academy storage locker will be provided in Room E208.

At the conclusion of the morning classes, at approximately 1:00 p.m., students change, proceed to Room E208 to sign in with Mr. Williams' for the Academy attendance, eat their lunches, and then pick up their equipment from Mr. Williams' classroom (Room E208). Attendance will be taken in the classroom - Room E208 - prior to boarding the taxi each day.

At 1:20 p.m., students meet at taxi pick-up location at front of school (with their golf clubs). Mr. Williams (and/or Ms. Johnson) will be there to provide instructions for the athletes.

Parents are responsible for picking up the students from the scheduled practice/play locations each session. Mr. Williams and the golf instructor/s will greet the students at the specific locations. Please refer to the Golf Academy monthly (September) calendar for practice and play locations.

Depending on the month/day, the practice/play locations will be:

Seymour Creek Golf Centre
315 Seymour Blvd
North Vancouver
604-987-7767

Gleneagles Golf Course
6190 Marine Drive
West Vancouver
604-921-7353

Seymour Golf and Country Club
3723 Mt. Seymour Parkway
604-929-2611
North Vancouver

Northlands Golf Course
3400 Anne MacDonald Way
North Vancouver
604-924-2950

Classroom Sessions

The classroom sessions for the Golf Academy will be taught by Mr. Tim Williams at Rockridge, Wednesdays from 1:35 – 3:00 p.m. Students meet at E 208 for further instructions. Students are expected to arrive with their binders, writing utensils and any resource materials/duo-tangs provided by the programme.

Dryland Training Sessions

Students will participate in dryland sessions at Rockridge Secondary on Thursdays during the inclement weather months starting November, 2010. Again, after the morning classes, students eat their lunches, change and meet for their 4th block at E208 for further instructions from Mr. Williams.

Classroom Sessions

Health & Career Education 8 & 9

In addition to the 4 credits **all** students receive for Physical Education, students Grades 8 & 9 will also receive the mandatory Health & Career Education course. The aim of the Health & Career Education course is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will assist them in making informed decisions related to their health, their education, and their future careers. Students complete the course by participating in the classroom component.

Theory & Principles of Golf 10, 11, & 12

Students, Grades 10-12, will receive 4 credits each year for the Board Authority Authorized (BAA) courses. The Ministry allows school districts the ability to write locally developed curriculum. These locally developed courses are required to be approved by the Choice Consultative Committee, the West Vancouver District Office, & the Ministry. We are very pleased to be able to provide students with these additional credits which appear on their transcripts, beginning at Grade 10, for the many hours the students dedicate & commit to the participation in this program.

FOR NEW STUDENTS TO ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY

New Student Orientation Session - Friday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Students meet in the library for a brief presentation followed by a tour of the school. This orientation session is catered towards students new to Rockridge. This session is optional for Grade 8 students who participated in the Student Orientation this past Spring. Those attending need to meet in the Library at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 3.

Meet the Teacher Evening - Tuesday, September 28th 6:30 p.m.

A 'Meet the Teacher Evening' is planned for Tuesday, September 28th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Theatre at Rockridge Secondary School. All parents are invited to come to this event and meet the teachers.

Annual RSPAC Parent – Teacher Barbecue – Tuesday, September 28th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

There is a tradition at Rockridge Secondary whereby staff, parents and students gather for a PAC sponsored social event prior to the Meet the Teacher evening. Parents who would like to attend this event are asked to PRE-REGISTER by Friday, September 17th. The cost of this meal is \$10 per person. More information will be available through the school newsletter and on the website. For queries, please email rockridgepac04@hotmail.com.

REGULAR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

For school bus information please refer to the school district website www.sd45.bc.ca

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL – September 7 – 10

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

School opens. Student names & homeroom classes will be posted on the front windows of the school. The following schedule is for all students Grades 8 – 11.

Please note: For parents of Grade 8 students, there is not a supply list for students. Students could come the first day with paper and a pen. Individual teachers will let the students know if there are specific supplies required.

OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday September 7th is a shortened day for students. The intent of this day is to ensure students, Grades 8 – 11, have the opportunity to be introduced to their teachers by attending all classes. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. promptly and dismissal is at 11:20 a.m. Please note that buses depart at 11:30 a.m.

GRADES 8-11

- 8:15 a.m. Student council members meet in the main entrance to assist new students.
- 8:30 a.m. **Grades 8-11 students report to Homerooms.** Student lists, teachers and room numbers/locations will be posted on the front windows as of Friday, September 3rd by 4:00 p.m.
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| 9:00 am | Day 1 – Block 1 |
| 9:15 am | Day 1 – Block 2 |
| 9:30 am | Day 1 – Block 3 |
| 9:45 am | Day 1 – Block 4 (GOLF ACADEMY) |
| 10:00 am | Recess |
| 10:10 am | Day 2 – Block 1 |
| 10:25 am | Day 2 – Block 2 |
| 10:40 am | Day 2 – Block 3 |
| 10:55 am | Day 2 – Block 4 (GOLF ACADEMY) |
| 11:10 am | Early Morning / Late Afternoon Blocks |
| 11:20 am | Dismissal |
| 11:30 am | Buses will depart |

***Printed timetables will be distributed to all students during the Homeroom on September 7th**

Wednesday, September 8th is a full day in session for students. Students are expected to be in their classes at 8:30 a.m. (Warning bell rings at 8:35 a.m.) Dismissal occurs at 2:57 pm. Full cafeteria and bus service available.

BLOCK ROTATION THIS YEAR

Rockridge follows a six-day block rotation schedule, which is clearly defined in student agenda books.

Wednesday,	Sept. 8	Day 1 – Blocks 1234
Thursday,	Sept. 9	Day 2 – Blocks 1234
Friday,	Sept. 10	Day 1 – Blocks 2314
Monday,	Sept. 13	Day 2 - Blocks 2314
Tuesday,	Sept. 14	Day 1 – Blocks 3124
Wednesday,	Sept. 15	Day 2 – Blocks 3124
Thursday,	Sept. 16	Day 1 – Blocks 1234
Friday,	Sept. 17	Day 2 – Blocks 1234

Please refer to the Agenda Book for the block rotation each day. Agenda Books will be provided to students the first day of school during students' Homeroom class.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Golf Academy Classroom Session

Wednesday, September 8, is the first full day of school. School begins with the warning bell at 8:25. Students complete their academic (3) block rotation for the morning. Golf Academy students will meet for their block 4 classroom session as per the usual schedule, meeting in Room G 201.

Thursday, September 9, 2010

Golf Academy Practice Session

On Thursday, September 9, students change, have their lunches, pick up their golf clubs and equipment from Room E 208, and check in for attendance with Mr. Williams. Students then meet at the front of the school at the marked taxi cab pick-up zone at 1:20 p.m. This first day of practice will be located at Seymour Creek Golf Centre.

*A reminder that parents will be responsible for student pick-up at 3:00 p.m. from Seymour Creek Golf Centre on Thursday, September 9th.

Friday, September 10, 2010

Golf Academy Practice Session

Students will participate in the practice session at Gleneagles Golf Course. After the mornings' classes, students will eat their lunches in Room E208, get changed, pick up their golf clubs and meet at the taxi cab pick-up zone at 1:20 p.m. for a one way drop at the Gleneagles Golf Course.

*A reminder that parents are responsible for student pick up at 3:00 p.m. at the Gleneagles Golf Course on Friday, September 10th.

GOLF ACADEMY CLOTHING ORDERS

Clothing previously ordered at Soccer Express, will be ready for pick up at **Soccer Express @ #2-1480 Marine Drive. 604-986-9909**. We are anticipating the uniforms will be ready for you to pick up on **Friday, September 3**. If there is a change to this, we will contact you via email.

Please note: The \$175.00 uniform deposit cheques made out to West Vancouver School District will be returned to parents at the September 13 parents meeting.

ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS

To be accepted and to participate in the Golf Academy, it is expected that students will maintain their academic studies and perform to the best of their abilities. It is expected that students will attend their academic classes prepared and on time, participate willingly and appropriately, complete class and home assignments, and maintain (minimally) a C+ average in all subject areas.

As well, we expect students to behave responsibly and to be considerate. Failure to behave appropriately will result in a review of the student's participation in the Academy. There will be zero tolerance for any hurtful behaviour towards others or inappropriate behaviour in any classroom setting. This is a very special program, designed for the student who has a passion to learn in a positive environment. The environment is designed to encourage risk taking and to try new things without fear of peer pressure.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

We know there will be a period of time that students will require adjusting to their busy schedules. We will continue to encourage and support all students as they learn the procedures & understand the expectations of the program. To assist students and parents in the area of communication, we will be sending regular e-mail messages and reminders as required. We know that this will be very helpful for parents to assist us in helping students stay organized, form good habits and generally feel good about their ongoing successes at school.

Finally, we hope you are continuing to enjoy the summer. We look forward to seeing all of you in September!

Thank you for providing me with an **RSVP to the Evening Debriefing Session by Friday, September 10** as this will also confirm that you have received this information letter via e-mail.

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