



January 5, 2023

# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL



Update

## Coming up:

*January 9 to January 13 — 2023/24 Early French Immersion Kindergarten Registration*

*2023/24 Early French Immersion Grade 1 Registration*

*January 18 — PAC organized Fun Lunch*

*January 18 — PAC Meeting 7pm in the Library*

*January 23 to January 27— 2023/24 English Kindergarten Registration*

*2023/24 Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration*

*January 27 — Professional Development Day (no school)*

*February 6 to 10—2023/24 Greater Victoria School District K—12 transfer process*

*2023/24 Registration open for new Grade 1—12 students*

## Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Willows:

Sébastien Button, our school counsellor, who will be with us for the remainder of the year following Jennifer Thorkelsson's leave.

Julie Curran, Division 12 classroom teacher (Grade 3 French Immersion), will replace Mme Dann who is on a leave for the remainder of the school year.

## Registration and Student Transfers for the 2023 / 24 School Year

January and February are important times for registration of new students and student transfers as we begin our planning process for September 2023. Please note that students who are currently enrolled at Willows do not need to register. Please see the dates above for registration weeks. Below are links for more information

**Registration Guide 2023-2024** <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/registration-guide/>

## Donations Before Winter Break

Thank you to our community who donated generously through the PAC organized donations for the Mustard Seed Food Bank and to food hampers for families in need at Macaulay School! Our Willows Community raised \$1530 for each organization. Thank you so much to our community and to the PAC and Willows Staff for organizing these donation drives.

## Reporting Student Attendance

Please remember to contact our school by email or phone if your child will be absent or late. When you phone or email, please contact your child's teacher **and** the office at (250)-592-2486, option 2 or

[willowscallback@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:willowscallback@sd61.bc.ca). Sometimes our teachers are away and have a Teacher On Call in their class. These substitute teachers do not have access to the regular classroom teacher's email. By notifying the office as well, you can avoid getting a call from the office regarding your child's absence.

If your child comes in after the bell has rung and their class is already inside, please have your child come to the office to check in before heading to their classroom. When students are late and they go straight to the classroom where the teacher has already taken the morning attendance, teachers cannot then change the attendance they have submitted. All late students should go through the office when entering the school.

## Trees on Cadboro Bay Field

Our grounds department is doing some work to support the health of the trees on the Cadboro Bay Field. The ground around them has been compacted from many little feet walking over them and with the drought this summer the ground has not allowing enough water to the roots. To make sure these trees can remain, they have removed the poles from the baseball backstop and built a split rail fence around them.