



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

SIKH ACADEMY respectfully acknowledges the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen, Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututhand other Coast Salish Peoples on whose shared and unceded traditional territories WE SERVE.

# **April Newsletter**

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

As we celebrate Sikh Heritage Month, we are thrilled to announce a series of engaging activities planned to commemorate this annual event. Our management, staff, and students are eagerly preparing to participate in various events, including Vaisakhi celebrations, Nagar Kirtan processions, an Education/Science Fair, Sikh Heritage-themed field trips, and more.

In line with our commitment to academic excellence and forward planning, we encourage parents to register their children for the 2024/2025 school year at your earliest convenience. Early registration facilitates effective planning and staffing by the administration. Should you have any questions or concerns influencing your decision regarding registration for the upcoming school year, please do not hesitate to reach out to our administrative team. The Board is dedicated to addressing any concerns or suggestions that contribute to the advancement of our school community.

Additionally, we kindly remind parents of our ongoing need for volunteers to assist with supervision duties. Volunteers are welcome for either the morning recess block, the lunch recess block, or both.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

**<u>DONATIONS:</u>** We kindly request donations to support our school's ongoing efforts to enhance programs and resources for our students.

Warm regards,

Raymond Mba Principal





### **Expectations:**

- 1. Be Respectful
- 2. Be Kind
- 3. No Bullying
- 4. Report any bullying incident immediately

## **April 2024**

<b>Key Dates</b>		<b>Events</b>
Month	April 01-30	Sikh Heritage Month
Monday	April 01	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Tuesday	April 02	School Re-opens
Wednesday	April 03	Lockdown Drill
Tue-Thu	April 09-11	Book Fair
Friday	April 12	Vasakhi/Khalsa Saajna Divas Nutrition and Fitness Workshop
Monday	April 15	Cafeteria Re-opens
Wednesday	April 17	Fire Drill
Friday	April 19	School Closed
Saturday	April 20	Nagar Kirtan

School dismissal time is 3:20pm

### Parents should note the following

- Uniforms must be worn everyday except on "be yourself Wednesdays".
- Always dress your child according to the weather conditions.
- Sikh Academy is a nut free, egg and meat free environment.
- Lunches should be healthy, sugar free, nut free, vegetarian. Please send refillable, water bottles.
- Please refrain from picking up your child before 3:20pm as school ends at that time.
- Notify the homeroom teacher via email and office at **office@sikhacademy.ca** or call the office if your child won't attend or needs an early pickup.





## HIGHLIGHTS



Preparing for Vaisakhi festivities is underway. We kindly request your collaboration with the administration in decorating the float, offering names of volunteers for decoration assistance, and being present with the float on the day of Vaisakhi. We eagerly anticipate a wonderful Vaisakhi celebration this year. Please contact the administration to coordinate your involvement.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support our float and remain with their children while they are performing on the float. Your presence and support are invaluable contributions to the success of our celebration.





#### **Daily Health Check**

Please assure a daily health check is done on each child before they come to school. If your child has any sign/symptoms of cold or flu, please do not send them to school.

#### **School Uniform**

Students will wear their regular uniform on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students are able to wear clothing of their choice on Wednesdays, but please assure it is appropriate. Please assure children are coming to school daily with their rumals, as they do attend Gurdwara.

#### Recess/Lunch

Please note that children need fresh air and this is vital for their physical and mental development. As such, students will be going outside during recess and lunch unless it is heavily raining. Please assure that students are coming to school daily with a jacket and dressed to be outside.

#### **Communication**

Maintain open lines of communication with teachers to address any concerns or specific needs for your child. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. If you are late to drop off or pick up your child, please call and inform the front desk at 604-599-3828.

#### **Traffic Safety**

NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL - Please maintain school zone speed while driving in front of the school. Due to high volume of vehicles during the start and the end of the school and to ensure the safety of everyone, please ensure not to stop in front of the school and park your car on the east side of Nishaan Sahib and walk to drop off or pick up your child from the school.





### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Become a valued sponsor of our school community for enhanced brand visibility in newsletters and on our website. Your support directly enriches students' academic experiences, and tailored sponsorship packages align with your marketing goals.

Join us in creating a positive impact on education. Contact us at office@sikhacademy.ca or 604-599-3828 for details. Thank you for considering this partnership to make a meaningful impact on our students' future.

Sponsorship opportunities include contributions for gym equipment, arts supplies, technology, or general donations.

# www.SikhAcademy.ca



Please check the website for the latest information and updates regarding upcoming events.

Additionally, you can explore our Instagram and YouTube links to witness student performances and events.





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Gatka, Soccer & Basketball is back again.

To <u>reserve</u> a spot, Register your name at the front desk.







