

# west coast QUEST

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## UPCOMING DATES PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**September 1 @ 7pm**

West Coast Learning Supervisor  
Orientation. K-12

[ZOOM LINK](#)

**September 7**

21/22 School Year Begins!

**September 8 @ 8:40am**

West Coast General Assembly,  
All Students K-12

[ZOOM LINK](#)

**September 9 @ 7pm**

Supervisor Q&A

[ZOOM LINK](#)

**September 14**

Live Classes Begin - Check your  
schedule, links in classrooms

**September 27**

Professional Development Day  
No School

**September 27**

Truth & Reconciliation Day  
No School

**Happy 2021/22 School Year, West Coast Students and Families!**

To those returning—I am so excited that you will be joining us again this year, and to those who are new to our community—



**WELCOME!** I know that this year will be a blessing to us all, as we continue to work towards providing the most excellent online education that we can for all of our precious students.

## TRUST

IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;  
IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM,  
AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

PROVERBS 3 : 5-6

This year's theme verse is from **Proverbs 3:5-6**. This verse means a lot to me. It is one of the verses that I memorized when I was a little girl, and it has reminded me at various times in my life that I need to put my wholehearted trust in God to lead in my life—most especially at times when life gets tricky. I love the idea of life being

a journey, and God being our tour guide. When we trust Him to direct our paths, our experience throughout each one of life's experiences will be not only more enjoyable but also sometimes a bit easier—we don't have to learn every lesson the hard way; God gave us the Bible as a road map and the Holy Spirit as our constant companion.

Students as you travel through this year, don't be afraid to ask us for help along the way, as well. Not all parts of the journey will be easy and many will be steep climbs, but they are all sure to be rewarding. Blessings to each of you as you navigate this first month of school. —Mrs. Kartik



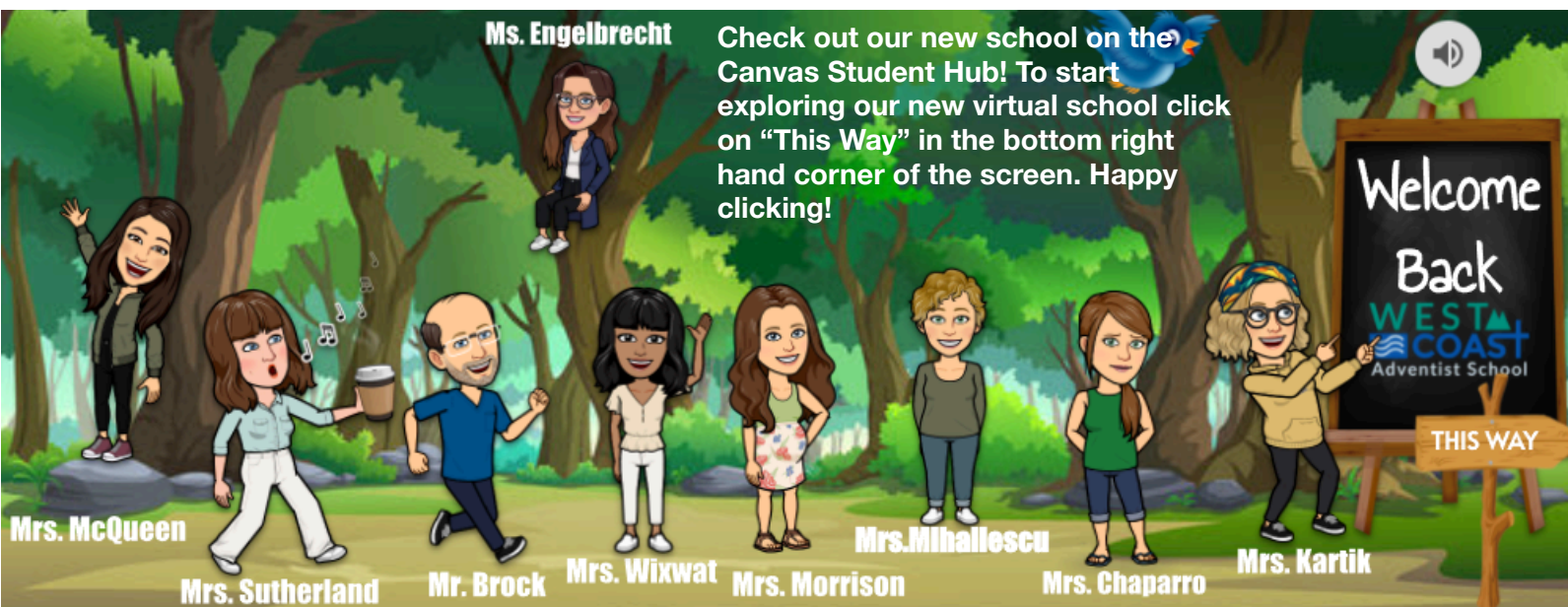
# Announcements



**High School Students:** Please ensure that all the courses you signed up for are properly showing in your Canvas dashboard. If you have questions, please contact us as soon as possible at [office@wcasdl.ca](mailto:office@wcasdl.ca). As well, please be reminded that the first week of the semester begins on September 7. Remember to download your weekly schedules for each class and get started on coursework that is due as quickly as possible.

**New Parents:** Don't forget that we are having a **Q&A Session on Thursday, September 9 @ 7pm**. If you have questions about Canvas or particular courses, please plan on attending to get assistance from administrators or teachers.

**Congratulations to teacher Sara de Zwaan** who will be leaving on a mat leave on September 1. We are wishing you all the very best as you welcome a new addition of a baby boy to your family!



## Helpful Resource Links to Get You Started

[West Coast 21/22 School Calendar](#)  
[Elementary Live Class Schedule](#)  
[High School Live Class Schedule](#)  
[Supervisor Orientation Course](#)

[West Coast Student Hub](#)  
[Live Class Expectations](#)  
[West Coast Website](#)  
[HS Course Catalogue](#)

[RAZKids Login Page](#)  
[Brainpop Login Page](#)  
[West Coast Staff](#)  
[Pay Tuition Online \(Out of BC\)](#)

# Starting the Year Off Right: Tips for Success

Learning how to “do” online education can be a very overwhelming experience, for any parent and student, but especially for first-time participants. It can also be a wonderful journey, filled with many opportunities for bonding as a family and learning together. We are here to support you any time, but there are things you can do to get the year and this experience started off on the right foot. Here are some helpful tips:

- **Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!** As you take these first steps into the new year, please communicate with your child’s teacher(s) right away if you have a question, a concern, or even just need some adult contact! We are here for you!
- **Set up your space.** The more conducive your child’s learning environment is to learning, the better. Consider adding a designated workspace, along with alternate seating options. Good (natural) lighting is helpful, too.
- **The public library is your friend.** Not only that, but visiting that wonderful place may also be required in some of your child’s classes. If s/he doesn’t already have a library card, please ensure that this is taken care of before the school year is in full swing.
- **Take advantage of other community resources.** Extracurricular activities can be a wonderful opportunity for your child to interact socially, learn new things, and get out of the house every once in awhile. • **Schedule realistically.** Scheduling each day and making a consistent routine will help you stay on track. Remember to plan quiet and play time, too.
- **Play off each other’s strengths.** Someone in your house might be really creative. Someone else might be great at managing time or organizing. And another family member might be awesome with technology. Get busy doing the thing that you do best to make this DL experience as rewarding and enjoyable as possible—and remember, many hands make light work!
- **Stay up to date.** Your teachers provide you with deadlines and due dates for a reason: DL can quickly become extremely overwhelming and stressful if work to be scanned and handed in piles up. Schedule at least one hour per week to scan items, and (for elementary) at least one day at month to sort out handing assignments in. Older students should be able to help.
- **Have fun!** Remember to stop and smell the roses every once in awhile. While the year is sure to be stressful sometimes, we are praying that you will find joy in this experience, and that each of our students will grow in their relationship with Jesus—and with you— as they learn at home.