



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

September 24, 2020

District Policies and Procedures Release Form: Please Complete One Per Child

The district has been working to conserve paper and to make systems more efficient for our parents and staff by putting our various forms and documents online. All Parents are now required to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online release form for each of their children within the district. This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately owned electronic devices on school networks, Google Apps for Education consent and media parental consent form. This form replaces the use of paper and consolidates these matters into one online form. Due to privacy laws, **THIS FORM IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this form and complete as soon as possible.

Meet the Teacher Night – Postponed

The regularly scheduled Meet the Teacher Night that was on the student calendar printed in June has been postponed. The staff at West Vancouver Secondary School are developing an alternate solution. More details to come.

Automated Notification System for Student Absences – Begins Monday

September 28

Our automated notification system for student absences will begin sending messages on Monday September 28. The system will contact families of students who are an unexcused absence from a class through phone and email. If your contact information has changed please contact the school at 604-981-1100.

Orange Shirt Day – Wednesday September 30th @ WVSS

The students and staff will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day @ WVSS on Wednesday September 30th. Orange Shirt Day acknowledges the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and pays tribute to those that didn't. We encourage everyone to wear orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

Here is a link to a video explaining the origin of Orange Shirt Day. [Click Here](#)

B.C.'s Back to School Plan

We wanted to provide a link to the BC Back to School Plan with important information. It was last updated on September 14th and is a great resource for families.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

Please see the following links with translated information.

- [ਅਮ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪੱਛੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨ \(ਢਾਅਥਸ\): ਸਕੂਲ ਵਾਪਸੀ, ਸਤੰਬਰ 2020, PDF, 237KB \(Punjabi\)](#)

- [2020年九月重返学校常见问题, PDF, 518KB \(Simplified Chinese\)](#)
- [2020年九月重返學校常見問題, PDF, 607KB \(Traditional Chinese\)](#)
- [Retour à l'école en septembre 2020, PDF, 270KB \(French\)](#)
- [자주 묻는 질문\(FAQ\): 2020 년도9 월학교로복귀하기, PDF, 809KB \(Korean\)](#)
- [Preguntas frecuentes: Regreso a la escuela, septiembre de 2020, PDF, 248KB \(Spanish\)](#)
- [FAQ: Return to School September 2020, PDF, 826KB \(Urdu\)](#)
- [Mga Tanong na Madalas Itanong \(FAQs\): Pagbabalik sa Paaralan, Setyembre 2020, PDF, 266KB \(Tagalog\)](#)
- [2020 الأسئلة الشائعة: العودة إلى المدرسة، سبتمبر/أيلول \(PDF, 331KB Arabic\)](#)
- [سوالات متداول \(FAQ\): 2020 بازگشت به مدرسه، سپتامبر \(PDF, 338KB Farsi\)](#)

Game of Apps Opportunity

Are you interested in computer programming, graphic design, app development or project management? Are you interested in working with a like-minded group of West Vancouver teens to test your app against ones from other school districts? Are you ready to be creative, have fun and learn what working in the app development industry is really like? If you said yes to any of these questions, then Game of Apps is for you!

Game of Apps is a year-long, extra-curricular program designed to give you experience in designing and developing apps. The course is taught by industry professionals and this year, it is being taught fully online. Want to know more? Watch [this video](#) and go to [this website](#).

If you and your parents have questions, please contact Cari Wilson (cwilson@wvschools.ca) or Roland Tecsun (roland@gameofapps.org).

Last year, the West Vancouver teams did well at both the regional and provincial competitions. Let's make this year even better!

Outstanding Classroom Resources from 2019-2020 School Year

Thank you to all the families who returned classroom resources in the Spring. We are asking that if you still have outstanding classroom resources (textbooks, chromebooks, library books, etc) that you return them as soon as possible to the main office so that we can prepare those resources for this year's classes.

Report Student Absences

This year we are asking that student absences be communicated with the school through email where possible. This will allow for staff to enter absences into the system faster. Please email student absences to wvss@wvschools.ca. If this is not possible please call: 604-981-1100.

Stay Informed: Keep Your Address & Contact Information Up to Date!

All Parents and Guardians will receive this e-bulletin by email each Thursday and we hope you will make it part of your routine to browse through it and keep up to date on school information and upcoming events. In addition, the student absence system makes contact daily by telephone to alert parents of

unexcused absences. From time to time the school will also send documents and information to homes by regular mail. To ensure that you stay informed in all of these ways, please contact the school office and let us know if you change your email, phone contact information or move to a new address.

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