



# WVSS Information Bulletin

## A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

October 29, 2020

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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### **1. Halloween/Costume Day Tomorrow – Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Tomorrow is our annual Halloween Costume Day. Halloween provides us an opportunity for fun and community building. We are excited to see all the students dress in costume tomorrow but we are hopeful that students will be thoughtful and caring in their costume selection. All health and safety protocols will still be observed, including wearing masks in the hallway and physical distancing.

[Messaging About Costumes 2020](#)

### **2. Graduation Literacy Assessment: Grade 11 Students - November 2-6, 2020**

All WVSS Grade 11 students will be writing the Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA 10) November 2,3 and 4<sup>th</sup> at West Vancouver Secondary school. This assessment is required for graduation purposes.

- **Monday November 2 @ 8:30am: Cohort 10; Grade 11 only**  
Grade 11's in 1<sup>st</sup> period with Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Pohn, Ms. Hoyak, Ms. Wong & Mr. Cave
- **Tuesday November 3 @ 8:30am: Cohort 6, 7 & 8 & No 1st period class - Grade 11 only**  
Grade 11's in 1<sup>st</sup> period with Mr. Cormier, Ms. Ivankovic, Ms. Watson, Ms. Wong, Mr. Cave, Mr. Suderman, Mr. Espenhain and Grade 11's without a first period class
- **Wednesday November 4 @8:30am: Cohort 11 & 5; Grade 11's only**  
Grade 11's in 1<sup>st</sup> period with Mr. Randall, Mr. Davidoff, Ms. Earland, Mr. Dodsworth, Mr. Dignum, Ms. Tustin

Students will be given an individual memo informing them of their exam date, location and time on Monday. Please avoid any planned absences November 2- 6<sup>th</sup> as all Grade 11 students should write this assessment in the November exam session.

**Students should prepare for this exam.** See attached documents for review material. It is important that students try their best and take this assessment seriously. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment>. All grade 11 students should try the sample exams (printed or online) and review the scoring guide.

[Literacy Assessment – Helpful Links](#)

[Literacy Assessment – Layout](#)

### **3. Graduation Numeracy Assessment: Grade 11/12 Students - November 5, 2020**

Any Grade 11 or Grade 12 student who has NOT yet written the Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA 10) will do so on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in C231 OR C233. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Students will be given an individual memo informing them of their exam date, location and time on Monday.

**Students should prepare for this exam.** It is important that students try their best and take this assessment seriously. Sample exams and more information can be found here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

### **4. PAC Winter “Computer Lab” Fundraiser – Poinsettias, Wreaths and Holiday Flower Boxes.**

This winter, your PAC will be once again selling beautiful, locally-grown plants to help raise money for our computer labs. We are looking to slowly upgrade our current computer labs to ones that are brighter, more modern and reflect a collaborative learning environment. This includes two different height workstations, flexible seating options, new computers, and strong audio/visual capability.

Please see the flyers:

- [Winter Fundraiser – English](#)
- [Winter Fundraiser – Chinese](#)
- [Winter Fundraiser – Farsi](#)

Orders online at <https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

**Please place your orders online by November 16 @ 5:00pm.**

**All orders will be ready for pick up on December 2 between 2-4pm in the lower south campus cafeteria.**

### **5. \$25 PAC Optional Donation - School Cash Online**

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School parents who make the annual contribution to WVSS PAC to support your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2020/2021 PAC \$25 voluntary contribution will be available **Monday, October 12th** on the **School Cash Online**. Outlined in the attachment is a list of some of the things the PAC supported last year. To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the \$25 PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your donations enhance your child’s school experience in so many ways. Your \$25 PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

For more information please read the following:

- [PAC Optional Donation Information \(English\)](#)
- [PAC Optional Donation Information \(Chinese\)](#)
- [PAC Optional Donation Information \(Farsi\)](#)

## **6. School Cash Online – Opens Tomorrow**

School fees will be available online tomorrow and are asking fees to be paid online through School Cash. The direct link to the program is <http://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com>

All parents/guardians were sent an e-mail with their student's PIN. If you did not receive the e-mail with your child's PIN, please contact [Mrs. Madill](#) so that you can access this program.

## **7. Inglewood Avenue Student Drop Off/Pick Up**

For parents dropping off/picking up students on Inglewood Avenue please stop/wait on the road for drop off/ pick up. Please do not use the parking lot on Inglewood to ensure the safety of the students during that time of day. Thank you for your support.

## **8. Did you miss your Grade 9 Immunization at WVSS?**

If you missed your grade 9 immunization on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at WVSS you can call **604-983-6863** to book an appointment at VCH community clinic.

## **9. 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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