



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

October 1, 2020

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1. 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.

2. Meet The Teacher Information

The teachers at West Vancouver Secondary School have been busy getting to know their students to start the year. In lieu of the traditional Meet the Teacher format, staff will be sending an email home this week introducing themselves and their course, sharing their course outline, and including a video welcome message.

3. Grade 9 Immunizations on Thursday, October 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

Vancouver Coastal Health has scheduled the Grade 9 Immunizations Clinic at West Van Secondary on **Thursday October 15th** at 9:00 am. Consent forms have been mailed out to those students requiring a vaccination. Please **complete with YES or NO for each vaccine**. **Please sign your child's consent form and return to the school office by Monday Oct 5th**.

If your child is unable to attend the clinic on Oct 15th, please call **604-983-6863** to book an appointment with VCH immunization clinic.

If you are not planning to get your child's immunization at the school clinic please indicate this on the form to avoid receiving further follow-up notices. Forms need to be signed and returned to school regardless of whether you are having them done at school or not.

If the immunization record that we have for your child is incomplete please include a complete history when you return the consent form. Please discuss the information provided for the vaccines with your child and make your wishes known. While every effort is made to obtain consent from parent/guardian, a competent child may self-consent to health care as a mature minor in accordance to the BC [Infants Act](#).

For more information please see the VCH [North Shore School Health Manual](#) – section 2.

Please contact Public Health School Nurse Fara Lambing at fara.lambing@vch.ca if you have any questions about your child's immunization or you need a new form or did not receive the form.

4. Graduation Literacy Assessment - Grade 11 Students (GLA10): November 2-6, 2020

All WVSS Grade 11 students will be writing the Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA 10) this November at West Vancouver Secondary school. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. ***Please avoid any planned absences November 2- 6th as all Grade 11 students should write this assessment in the November exam session.*** The exact exam schedule will be provided in the upcoming weeks. **Students should prepare for this exam.** 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.

5. 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!

6. DPAC Presents - Tech, COVID & Kids: Reset Your Home For Healthy Habits

Join psychiatrist, best-selling author and mom of three Dr. Shimi Kang, M.D. for a fascinating journey into the science and solutions for:

- How technology is impacting your child's brain, body and behavior.
- How to differentiate between healthy, stressful and potentially addictive tech.
- How to reset your family's tech habits for a successful school year.
- How to maintain healthy tech habits in your home during the pandemic and beyond.

Please see attached document for more information.

7. Enhance West Van: Accessibility For All – Virtual Forum For Dialogue

Enhance West Van is proud to present the upcoming virtual Forum for Dialogue and Learning webinar, "Accessibility for All."

In a world where so many people still face social and physical barriers, we seek to build and transform our spaces to make them accessible for all. Learn from the experts on the challenges and the accomplishments of building a world for everyone.

The event will include presentations and a Q&A panel session with local professionals in the field. Thank you to our sponsors: British Pacific Properties and North Shore News. The event is free to attend but registration is required. Please see attached document for more information.

8. 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.

- [ਆਮ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪੱਛੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨ \(ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ\): 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 \(French\)](#)
- [자주물는질문\(FAQ\): 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 أيلول/سبتمبر، العودة إلى المدرسة، الأسئلة الشائعة: العودة إلى المدرسة، سبتمبر/أيلول 2020 \(PDF, 331KB Arabic\)](#)
- [بازگشت به مدرسه، سپتامبر 2020 \(FAQ\): سوالات متداول \(PDF, 338KB Farsi\)](#)

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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