



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

October 8, 2020

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. 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 Tuesday Oct 13th.**

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.

2. Quarter 1 Mid Term Report Cards - Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Parents will be able to access Mid Term Reports for Quarter 1 classes for your child(ren) on the family portal Tuesday October 20th, 2020.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- **Log In Before October 20th** - Please log on to your account next week to ensure you can access. This will ensure you will be able to see your child's report card when it is posted.
 - Family Portal Link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
 - [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)
 - Video - [Log In/Password Recovery How to Video](#)
- **Username/Password/Password Recovery** - You are encouraged to record your username and password somewhere that you keep this information. Further, confirm you have set up your 'password recovery' function to allow you to reset your own password.
 - [Password Recovery Guide](#)
 - Video - [Log In/Password Recovery How to Video](#)
- **Find Username** – If you do not know your family portal username and password there are two potential reasons:
 - Check your junk mail for an email from @myeducation.gov.bc.ca
 - Potentially the email address we have for you on file needs updating
- If you need support with your family portal account please email wvssportalhelp@wvsschools.ca

Video - [Log In/Password Recovery How to Video](#)

Guide - [Family Portal Basic Navigation Guide](#)

3. PAC General Zoom Meeting: Welcome Back – Tuesday October 20, 2020 @ 8:30am

The Welcome Back General Meeting gives parents the opportunity to hear from our School Principal, Mr. Steve Rauh and the PAC Executive Team. Click and listen to what will be happening at the school for the remainder of the year. Get to know other parents at the school (virtually) and ask any questions of Mr. Rauh and WVSS PAC Executive. Grab a coffee and we look forward to you joining us on Tuesday, October 20th as we all build our school community.

The Zoom link will be sent out in next week's newsletter.

4. DPAC Presents - Tech, COVID & Kids: Reset Your Home For Healthy Habits – Wednesday October 21

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.](#)

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. Graduation Literacy Assessment: Grade 11 Students - 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.

7. 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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