



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

October 16, 2020

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. 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@wvschools.ca

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

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

2. Reminder - Health and Safety Protocols (We Need Your Support)

Now that students have settled into their new school structure, we are asking for families to discuss and review a few of the important safety protocols.

General Protocols:

- Staff and students are required to perform a daily self-assessment for [symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19](#). If any symptoms are present, those individuals are not permitted to enter the building under any circumstance and are encouraged to follow up with a medical appointment
- Upon entry to the building sanitize your hands
- Masks are required while moving about the hallways, or in spaces where physical distancing is not possible (outside of your cohort)
- While moving about in the hallways, stay to the right at all times
- Where possible, use physical distancing (2m) at all times
- Use designated entry and exits to gain access to the building
- Arrive no earlier than 5-10 minutes prior to the start of class and go directly to it
- Students are to leave the building and go home if they have a spare, or a hybrid class – there is no lingering at school

Masks:

Masks must be worn at all times in hallways, stairwells, and common areas where students are outside of their cohort group, or physical distancing is not possible. At the time of this email, masks are not mandatory in the classroom but students should feel comfortable wearing them there if they so choose to.

3. WVSS Counselling Information

For the latest information pertaining to post-secondary institution admissions deadlines and virtual events, students should check their CLC 12 Google Classroom. Links are posted to a Google Calendar of events, admission deadline and scholarship dates as well as the Canadian Universities Events and Post-Secondary BC Events. Information can also be found on the [WVSS counselling website](#).

Our Counselling Team

- Joey McCleod - Gr. 8-9
- Catherine Walton - Gr. 10-12 (Last Name A-L)
- Stew McAllen - Gr. 10-12 (Last Name M-Z)
- Linda Caruth - Counselling Assistant

4. Photo Retakes – Monday October 19th, 2020

Parents and students should note that photo retakes are now scheduled for Monday, October 19th, at 8:30am. Photo retakes will be taken at the North Campus Cafeteria. Students will be called down by grade. Students can bring their original order form to the retakes but this is not essential.

5. 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63526973569?pwd=VFdYbWk3TjNhWWJITkJsEHEwWjkuUT09>

6. 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.](#)

7. \$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 \(Farsi\)](#)

8. 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.

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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