



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

December 10, 2020

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Important Report Card Information

The Quarter 2 Midterm reports will be posted next Friday December 18th @ 4:00pm to the Family Portal. My Education BC requires an updated password every 3 months and for most students and families that will be required in order to access the report cards before the break. Please log in to your account before next Friday and complete the following:

1. If prompted to change your password please do (note there are password requirements in the document link below.
2. If not prompted to change password, follow the steps in the document below to update your password.

[Logging in to the Family Portal](#)

Need Support?

- Please email - wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca
- Please include your child's full name in the email.

This will ensure you are able to access the portal and your student's midterm report card over the break.

2. WVSS Holiday Drive 2020 – Community Support Initiative

WVSS is continuing our Holiday Giving Initiative. This year will look a little different and we are asking for your help. Our Student Council has organized to organizations for WVSS to support this year; Toys for Tots and Stocking Stuffers for Seniors.

Our goal is to fill a bin with Holiday Fun and Kindness in our **First Block** classes!

Ways to give:

1. Drop off cash donations (**until Dec. 18**)
2. For Senior Stocking Stuffers, donate new small gifts like *hygiene products*, treats like *chocolate or cookies*, food items like *canned proteins, nuts or teas*, and/or other gifts of care like *socks, slippers*, and mind engaging games like *jigsaw puzzles!* (**until Dec. 15**)

All donations benefit various groups in our North Shore community that need our support and care this holiday season!



3. Counselling Corner: Post Secondary Virtual Visits

Gr. 12's please see your google classroom for the links

- Dec 10th - UVIC Science Spotlight, Chemistry, Biochemistry & Microbiology 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Dec 16th - McGill Q & A Drop in Session 5:00pm-6:00pm

4. WVSS PAC General Meeting – All welcome! - Tuesday, December 15, 2020 @ 7:00pm via Zoom

The WVSS PAC invites you to a general meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 @ 7:00pm. The meeting will include two guest presentations:

Maureen Lee - Building Resilience During the Pandemic
Susan from Sequoia Solutions - Holiday Tree Gift Fundraiser

[The Agenda, Zoom Link, and Bios can be found here.](#)

5. Grade 7 Into 8 Parent and Guardian Virtual Information Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Parents and students entering Grade 8 in September 2021 are invited to this information meeting. Please help us pass this information along to other families who may not receive this information directly.

For more information check out the blog post [here](#).

6. Graduation Numeracy Assessment: Grade 10 Students – January 25 - 28, 2021

All WVSS Grade 10 students will be writing the Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA 10) this January at West Vancouver Secondary school. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. *Please avoid any planned absences January 25-28 as all Grade 10 students should write this assessment in the January exam session.* The exact exam schedule will be provided after the holidays.

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/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>.

All grade 10 students should try the sample exams (printed or online) and review the scoring guide.

7. Graduation Literacy Assessment: Grade 11 Students – January 25 - 28, 2021

Any WVSS Grade 11 students who has NOT YET written the Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA 10), will do so in January at WVSS. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. The exact exam schedule will be provided after the holidays. Ms. Tanfara will provide a memo to any grade 11 student who needs to write this assessment with all required details.

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/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>.

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

9. School Cash Online

School fees are available online and we 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.

10. West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Center: Feed the Need Initiative

The West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre has received a matching grant from the West Vancouver Foundation. The Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Fund will match all donations up to \$100,000 to the Food Security Program for vulnerable seniors. Matching donations must be made before December 31, 2020. For more information [click here](#).

11. 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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