



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

December 17, 2020

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. WVSS Holiday Greeting

On behalf of the staff at West Vancouver Secondary School, we wish you a safe and happy holiday break. All the best to the families in our community and thank you for the support in 2020. Classes will resume on January 4th, 2021.

2. Student Report Cards –Tomorrow @ 4:00pm

Parents will be able to access student Quarter 2 Midterm Report Cards for their child(ren) on the family portal Friday December 18, 2020 at 4:00pm. This report card will include Quarter 2 Midterm Marks.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- **Log In Before December 17** - Please log on to your account this 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](#)
- Family Portal Resources
 - Video - [Log In/Password Recovery How to Video](#)
 - Guide - [Family Portal Basic Navigation Guide](#)

If you need support with your family portal account please email wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca

3. WVSS Music Department Holiday Concert Videos!

Normally at this time of year the school would be inviting parents and the community in for a school Winter Concert production. Although we were not able to prepare our stage for the usual concert this year, the students in the Concert Band, Orchestra, and Choirs have been safely hard at work all term and have put together a set of music and filmed a Holiday Concert Video to kick off the holiday season. Click on the links below and enjoy the performances.

- [Concert Band & Orchestra](#)
- [Concert Choir, Treble Chamber Choir, Mixed Chamber Choir](#)

4. Counselling Corner: Post Secondary Virtual Visits

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

- January 6th & 7th - Ivey @ Western University Application Session both days, 4:30pm-5:30pm
- January 7th - Western University, 4pm-5pm
- January 7th - VCC Computer Systems Tech Diploma Info Session, 5pm-6pm

Wishing you a Happy holiday season and best wishes for the New Year

5. WVSS PAC Holiday Tree Gift Fundraiser

Give the Gift that Truly Sucks - (CO2 that is)!

Christmas Card & Gift in One! Let us do all the work for you with this Covid-free Healing Holiday Gift - Mother Nature approved!

Poster attached for more information.

How does this work?

We will mail your loved one a cool Sequoia vintage holiday postcard (made of sugar cane offcuttings) with your message and the GPS coordinates of a newly planted baby Sequoia tree in their honour. Their Sequoia can then be geocached for a fun treasure hunt! At a time when our beautiful planet needs much healing, these carbon sucking rockstar Sequoias are the perfect remedy, sequestering up to 3.5 metric tonnes of CO2 annually!

What do I get?

One Sequoia Postcard with corresponding GPS coordinates (including postage)

\$25 Holiday Special - Buy 2, Get One Free \$50

With each tree purchased 10% donated to school PAC. Once you have ordered, please email susan@sequoiasolution.org with number of adopted trees purchased. (ie. Hi, please note that I have 3 adopted planted sequoia trees to WVSS PAC fundraiser.)

To order please visit - www.sequoiasolution.org

With much Love & Gratitude to our human family this Holiday Season from all of us at Sequoia Solution, and Mother Earth too

6. 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](#).

7. 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.

8. 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>.

9. 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](#).

10. 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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