



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

January 8, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Grade 7 Into 8 Parent, Guardian and Student Virtual Information Meeting 2021
2. Quarter Schedule Adjustments for Quarter 2, 3, and 4.
3. Counselling Corner: Post-Secondary Virtual Visits
4. Graduation Numeracy Assessment: Grade 10 Students – January 25 - 28, 2021
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1. WVSS Grade 7 Into 8 Parent, Guardian and Student Information Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Parents and Guardians with Students entering Grade 8 in September 2021 are invited to an information meeting on Tuesday January 12, 2021. In this meeting you:

- Hear about the unique features of the Grade 8 Program at WVSS
- Learn about the wide variety of courses available to students at WVSS
- Find out about the extra-curricular activities your child can participate in during their Grade 8 year
- Meet the Grade 8 Counselor, the Principal and Vice-Principal
- Join us on a virtual guided tour of WVSS!

For more information please see our [Open House Invitation](#) or our [Grade 7 into 8 Blog Post](#)

Event Link: [Click Here](#) (Select “Watch on web instead” if you do not have MS Teams)

2. Quarter Schedule Adjustments for Quarter 2, 3, and 4.

As we adapt to the new timetable we have been soliciting feedback from students, teachers and school leaders in order to refine our schedule to the Quarter System. To further support the successful transition between quarters, we are incorporating a **Quarter Turn Around Day** on the last day of each Quarter.

The purpose and intention of these days is to provide an opportunity for students to work with teachers to make up incomplete work, provides time for reassessment (assessment, review and completion) and creates time and space to reset and turn around for the next quarter.

Schools and teachers will communicate the learning opportunities provided and planned for their students on the *Quarter Turn Around Days*.

Quarter adjustments to accommodate - *Quarter Turn Around Days*

Last Day of Q 2 - Monday, Feb 1 - **Quarter Turn Around Day** - Review, Completion and Reset

Last Day of Q 3 - Friday, April 23 - **Quarter Turn Around Day** - Review, Completion and Reset

Last Day of Q 4 - Friday, June 25 - Review, Completion Day

Quarter Dates Adjusted

Quarter 3 - Tuesday, February 2 - Friday April 23

Quarter 4 - Monday, April 26 - Friday, June 25

3. Counselling Corner: Post Secondary Virtual Visits

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

- Jan 12th - UVIC Info Session @ 4pm-4:30pm
- Jan 13th - UVIC Business Info Session @ 5pm-6pm
Vancouver Island University Info Session @ 6:30pm
- Jan 14th - SFU Indigenous Preview Day @ 10am-12pm
Bishop's University Info session @ 5pm-5:30pm

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

All WVSS Grade 10 students will write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment the week of January 25-Jan 28th. *Please avoid any planned absences that week.* Students will receive a memo this Friday or Monday indicating the exact date, location and time of their assessment. Their first period teacher will also provide students with these details. Grade 10 Students will be added to a google classroom next week in order to assist them with assessment preparation.

Students should prepare for this exam. 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.

Numeracy Assessment Schedule

Monday January 25 – Cohort 5 (grade 10's) 8:30-11:30am

Period 1 class: Mr. Campagnolo, Mr. Espenhain, Ms. Seo (grade. 10's only), Mr. Smith & Ms. Tustin

Tuesday January 26th – Cohort 7, 8, 9, 10 (grade 10's) 8:30-11:30am

Period 1 class: Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Stead, Mr. Rispin, Ms. Peterson & Mr. Dodsworth (grade 10's only)

Wednesday January 27 – Cohort 6 (grade 10's) 8:30-11:30am

Period 1 class: Ms. Gi, Mr. Nicholson, Ms. Reemeyer, & Mr. Ros

Thursday January 28 – Grade 10 students with NO 1st period class:

Computer Lab C231 at 8:30 AM

5. Graduation Literacy Assessment: Grade 11 Students – Thursday January 28, @ 8:30am Lab C233/C231

Any WVSS **Grade 11 students** who has NOT YET written the Graduation Literacy Assessment, and has a first period class, will write the exam on **Thursday January 28th at 8:30 am in computer lab C233.** Those students **without a first period class will write Thursday January 28th at 8:30 am in**

computer lab C231. Students will receive a memo this Friday or Monday with all the details. This assessment is required for graduation purposes.

Students should prepare for this exam. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>.

Any questions regarding assessments, please email Crystal Tanfara at ctanfara@wvschools.bc.ca

6. 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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