



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

January 16, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. Reporting Student Absences

This year we are asking that student absences be communicated with the school through email where possible. This will allow for staff to enter absences into the system faster. Please email students absences to wvss@wvschools.ca. If this is not possible please call: 604-981-1100.

5. Counselling Corner: Important Information for Grade 12 Students

GRAD PHOTOS/RETAKES

If you have not had a Grad Photo taken yet or require a retake, there will be a special photo day available on Saturday, Jan 23rd from 11am-5pm. Edge Photography will be emailing all grade 12's with a link to sign up for a time slot.

GR. 12 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Counsellors will be in CLC 12 classes over the next few weeks presenting information on available scholarships and the application process. There is also information on school based and external scholarships on the counselling website.

VIRTUAL POST SECONDARY VISITS

(Gr. 12's, please see your CLC 12 google classroom for the links)

- Jan 16th – UVIC-Theatre Arts, 1pm-3pm
- Jan 19th - U of Calgary, Q & A for SD45 students, 5pm-6pm
- Jan 20th- SFU Indigenous Preview Day, 1pm-3pm
- Jan 20th & 21st - Canadian Universities Event, 4pm-7pm
- Jan 21st – Justice Institute, Law Enforcement Studies/Degree Info Session, 1pm-2:30pm
- Jan 21st – SFU, BC Applicant Info Session, 5pm-6pm

6. Class of 2021 Grad Photos and Retakes!

Edge Imaging has opened up a day for graduation photos and retakes. Individual Graduation Portrait sessions are available for booking now on **Saturday, January 23rd**. The studio is located at 15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver. Appointments can be booked online [HERE](#) – Scroll to the bottom of the screen and search for “West Vancouver Secondary School”. Then click “Senior Grad Sitting” and book your appointment.

7. Yearbook 2020/2021 Available for Purchase

Masks. Virtual classes. New lifestyle. This school year will be talked about forever. The yearbook is truly the most important keepsake from this remarkable time. Our yearbook program is working hard to put together a historic book that will be looked back upon to remember one of the most unpredictable school years of all time. Get a copy of all the memories and events that have happened in 2020-21.

Order today! - <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/>

8. PSAT Exam – January 26th, 2021 @ 8:30am - 12:00pm

For students considering post-secondary education in the U.S., our school is offering the practice SAT exam on Tuesday, January 26th, from 8:30am-noon. The cost is \$25.00 and students can register in the main office with Ms. Madill. There are a limited number of spots available. For more information please contact Linda Caruth, icaruth@wvschools.ca

9. West Vancouver Schools Premier Academies and District Programs

For a detailed list of Academies and Programs being offered by West Vancouver Schools for the 2021-2022 school year, please follow the link <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/> and click on the District Programs pull down. Beginning the first week of February, links to each program's Virtual Open House will be provided on the respective websites. The Open House video will enable parents and students to hear detailed information from the various coaches and instructors on prerequisites, schedules, fees, and registration procedures.

10. WVSD Parent Workshop: Supporting Neurodiverse Learners in Navigating Puberty

Parent Evening Workshop Thursday, January 28th @ 6:30pm on MS Teams. Learn to better support the neurodiverse learners in your life. In this workshop we will discuss solutions to complex problems such as:

- Public and private behaviors, and respect prompts
- Supporting healthy boundaries and strategies to build friendships
- Sexual health education at school and what your children should be learning

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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