



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

January 24, 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

PSAT EXAM

There are still a few spots left for the Practice SAT exam being offered at our school on Tuesday, Jan 26th from 8:30am-12pm, in the ILC meeting room at South Campus. The cost is \$25 and students can register in the main office with Ms. Madill.

POST SECONDARY VIRTUAL VISITS-THE LINK IS ON CLC 12 GOOGLE CLASSROOM

- Jan 26th – SFU Indigenous Preview Day, 10am-3pm
- Jan 27th- UVIC Info Session, 3pm-3:30pm, UVIC Business Info Session, 5pm-6pm

SCHOLARSHIPS

School based scholarship applications are now available. Gr. 12's can access the application on the counselling website. There is also information on the website for nominated and external scholarships.

6. \$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 is available 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 \(Farsi\)](#)

7. Student Fees - 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. Please pay your school fees before March 31st, 2021.

8. Yearbook 2020/2021 Available for Purchase

Parents, do you ever look through your high school yearbooks and reminisce on the events and memories that you made when you were the same age as your kids? Isn't it such an amazing feeling to travel back in time simply through a book? Well if so, create the same experience for your children and purchase the yearbook. It will be something that your children will cherish for a long time, just like you have.

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

9. 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, lcaruth@wvschools.ca

10. 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.

11. 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](#)

12. 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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