



# WVSS Information Bulletin

## A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

January 29, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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2. Quarter Schedule Adjustments for Quarter 2, 3, and 4.
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### **1. Quarter 3 Classroom Information**

Quarter 3 begins on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and students should expect a welcome email from your Quarter 2 teachers with details for their classroom.

- Room number, location, and designated school entry and exit
- Information for hybrid students with their A or B group and corresponding meeting schedule.
- Google classroom code if appropriate
- Staggered start time
- Classroom resources students should bring.

### **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*.

*Student attendance on Quarter Turnaround Days is optional. If students plan on attending school they should communicate this with their teacher and formulate a plan for the work that they would like to complete. This will allow staff to ensure that Health and Safety protocols are being followed, and that they can best be prepared to support the students.*

#### **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: Important Information for Grade 12 Students**

#### Upcoming Post Secondary Virtual Visits

- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Australian Medicine and Dentistry Virtual Fair, 2pm-6pm
- February 5<sup>th</sup> Carleton University Industrial Design Portfolio Day, 10am-12pm

#### Scholarships

Gr. 12's, please see the Counselling website for School Based Scholarship applications and external scholarship opportunities.

### **4. \$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 \(Farsi\)](#)

### **5. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### **6. 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/>

## **7. 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.

## **8. 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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[WVSS Counselling Page](#)

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