



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

February 11, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Daily Health Check App & When to get Tested

One of the most important ways to keep our community safe is having our students and staff perform daily health checks. There is now a K-12 Health App available specifically for students and their families.

The **B.C. K-12 Daily Health Check Mobile App** can be found at the following addresses:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Please also see the **attached poster** for guidelines on when it is advised to have you or your family members tested for Covid-19.

2. Updated Health & Safety Guidelines

Families and students can find up-to-date information about K-12 schools at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>

3. February 12 & 15: District-Wide Reading Break & Family Day Holiday

Parents and guardians are reminded that students are **not** in session Friday, February 12 for the district Reading Break AND Monday, February 15 for the Family Day Holiday.

All classes resume as usual on Tuesday, February 16. Enjoy the long weekend & stay safe!

Please Note: when there is a 4-day week, **Wednesday afternoon is no longer fully remote** for grade 10-12 hybrid classes. Some students in hybrid classes will be doing in person instruction this Wednesday. Teachers have (or will) advise their students who should be in attendance for Wednesday February 17th.

4. Student Q2 Report Cards – Now Available of Family Portal

Families can now access student Quarter 2 Final Report Cards for their child(ren) on the family portal. This report card will include Quarter 2 Final Marks and Tri 2 Marks for linear classes.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- 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

5. Counselling Corner:

- **Course Planning for 2021/2022 School Year**
Counsellors will be visiting classes in February for course selections for next year. PowerPoint presentations for parents and course sheet information are available on the link below. <https://westvancouversecondary.ca/westvancouver-secondary/students/course-selection-guide/>
- **Upcoming Post-Secondary Virtual Visits: Gr. 12's can find links in their google classroom**
February 11th: Study and Go Abroad Fair, 12pm-6pm
February 11th: UNBC-Future Student Info Session for SD45, 5pm-5:30pm
February 11th: Justice Institute of B.C. Law Enforcement Studies, 7pm-8:30pm
February 17th Dalhousie Open House, 2pm-5pm (go to Dal.ca to register)
- **Scholarships**
Gr. 12's, please see the Counselling website for information on School Based Scholarship and external scholarships. Students can also visit the counselling office for more information.
- **Graduates: Grad Photos (Edge Imaging)**
Graduating students should have received an email with a link to view their photos online. Please note that the link is sent to the email address that was used to make your online appointment. Students will also have their physical proofs mailed directly to the address provided during sign up. Group photos will be accessible via a digital download link sent to the same email address.
Have questions about School or Grad photos? Need help with Photos?
Contact **Jordan Kirk, Service representative** directly by phone or email.
Cell: 778-899-4116 Email: jkirk@edgeimaging.ca

6. Graduation Assessment Updates:

- November 2020 Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessment Results:**
 The results of the November 2020 Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments have been released. Students can access their results from the “Graduation Assessment/Provincial Examinations” link after logging in to their account on the StudentTranscripts Service (STS) at: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca. Students completing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment with a proficiency score will see **RM** for “**requirement met**” on their updated Unofficial Transcript of Grades on the StudentTranscripts Service (STS) website. Students can access their proficiency scores from the “Graduation Assessment/Provincial Examinations” link after logging into their account on STS.
- January 2021 Graduation Assessment Results:**
 Results for the January 2021 Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments are expected to be released on or before **Wednesday, March 31**.
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: April 12-15, 2021**
 All WVSS Grade 10 students will be writing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment April 12-15th at West Vancouver Secondary school. *Please avoid any planned absences that week.* This assessment is required for graduation purposes and **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/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment> . All grade 10 students should try the sample exams (printed or online) and review the scoring guide.

7. Spring Break Coding Opportunity!

Are you interested in computer programming and game development? If so, then the March Break PixelPAD.io Game Jam might be just the opportunity you’ve been looking for! The Game Jam gives students a chance to build a game, designed around a theme that will be announced at the start of the competition. The competition is open to all levels of coders, with tutorials and mentors available for help. The competition is open to students between the ages of 13 and 18.

Cost: FREE for all students ages 13-18 in Canada

Registration Deadline: 11:59pm PST on Sunday, February 28, 2021

Game Jam Begins (Theme Announced): 2:00pm PST on Thursday, March 11, 2021

Game Submission Deadline: 11:59pm PST on Thursday, March 25, 2021

Winners Announced: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Register at: PixelPAD.io/GameJam

8. Pathways to Participation: Immigrant Leaders on the North Shore

Join the North Shore Immigration Inclusion Partnership & North Shore Multicultural Society to hear three inspiring panelists reflect on their experiences as immigrants in community leadership roles on the North Shore! Participants will also have a chance to discuss and share ways to overcome barriers to participation, build networks, and take steps toward exciting leadership opportunities.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Free Online Event through Zoom

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/139996245539>

This event is for North Shore immigrants interested in learning more about participating in community life as well as others in current leadership positions who are curious about how to increase racial and cultural diversity in their communities.

This event is organized by members of the NSIIP Immigrant Advisory Council and the NSIIP Civic Engagement working group – including representatives from *North Shore Community Resources*, the *District of West Vancouver*, the *City of North Vancouver*, *North Vancouver Museum and Archives (MONOVA)*, the *West Vancouver Memorial Library* and the *North Vancouver City Library*.

9. \$25 PAC Optional Donation - School Cash Online

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank WVSS 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**. 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 \(Farsi\)](#)

10. Student Fees - School Cash Online

School fees are available online and we are asking for payment 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.

11. Yearbook 2020/2021 Available for Purchase

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

12. Host Families Needed!

Apply now to welcome a student for the 2021/2022 school year, you will receive \$1,100 compensation per month. Call Martina Brazeau for more information: 604.341.0501 or apply to host: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/for-families/>

13. 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.

14. Stay Informed: Keep Your Address & Contact Information Up to Date!

All Parents and Guardians will be emailed this e-bulletin weekly to keep you up to date with our school information and upcoming events. Our Student absence system will make daily contact by telephone or email to alert parents of unexcused absences. Occasionally, we do 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.

15. West Vancouver Little League Spring Season – Registration is open



Everyone is welcome! Ages 5-16

<https://wvll.ca/registration/#regular-season>

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[WVSS Counselling Page](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)



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