



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

February 18, 2021

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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 [when to get tested 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. Counselling Corner:

- [Course Planning for 2021/2022 School Year](#)

Grades 9 & 10 Course planning sessions have been completed. The deadline to enter course selections is **Feb 19th** for Gr. 9's & Feb 26 for Gr. 10's.

Grade 11 - Counsellors are visiting classes next week and will also give information on courses requirements for University entrance. The deadline for final course selection for gr.11's is March 5th.

PowerPoint presentations for parents and course sheet information are available on the link below.

<https://westvancouversecondary.ca/westvancouver-secondary/students/course-selection-guide/>

Post-Secondary Virtual Visits

Sat, Feb 20th - GAP Year Fair 12pm-2pm, Go to www.cangap.ca/expo to register

Feb 22th to 25th - **BCIT Info Session**-Find out about all programs from Business, Computing, Health, Engineering, Trades and Applied Sciences, 4pm-8pm

Go to the BCIT website, Big Info Page to view the schedule and register for a session

- **Parents as Education and Career Coaches**

This interactive, virtual session is designed to support parents supporting their children making post-secondary decisions. It will be held from 6:30 to 8:00PM on March 10th. Registration is required. Please see the poster [Parent as Career Coaches](#) The registration link is: <https://sfu.zoom.us/j/84461212121>

- **Graduates: Grad Photos (Edge Imaging)**

Graduating students should have received an email with a link to view their photos online. The link is sent to the email address used to make your online appointment. Students will have the physical proofs mailed directly to the address provided during sign up. Group photos will be accessible via a digital download link.

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

4. Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, February 24

We encourage all students to show their support by wearing a **pink shirt** on Wednesday February 24th for Pink Shirt Day. Those wishing to know more about the history and purpose of Pink Shirt Day can visit the primary website [HERE](#).

5. 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.

- **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**. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment> .

6. WVS Premier Sports Academies & District Programs - REGISTRATIONS!

This is just a reminder that registration is open for the 2021-2022 West Vancouver Schools Premier Academies and District Programs. Kindly visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/> and click on the drop-down menus for detailed information.

2021-2022 Academy Programs: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Robotics, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball

2021-2022 District Programs: 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training, Youth Train in Trades, Environmental Science, Fashion Industry, FAST (First Aid Swim Training), Honour Choir, Outdoor Recreation, & YELL (Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad)

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.

7. The District of West Vancouver and West Vancouver Schools invite you....

The District of West Vancouver and West Vancouver Schools will “virtually unveil” the **naming of the new track at West Vancouver Secondary School** via streaming video. Please join us on, **Tuesday February 23rd at 10:30am** Click here for access to the video: <https://wvpfs.org/track-name-reveal/>

8. 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

9. 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.

10. \$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 \(Farsi\)](#)

11. 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.

12. Yearbook 2020/2021 Available for Purchase

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

13. 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/>

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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Useful Links

[WVSS Website](#)

[WVSS Counselling Page](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

Please direct any comments or questions about the contents of this Bulletin to [Ms. C. Tanfara](#), Vice-Principal.

Warm regards,

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