



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

February 25, 2021

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1. When required to Self-Isolate:

In the unfortunate event that students are informed by Vancouver Coastal Health that they must self-isolate for a set period of time due to contact tracing, we ask that students and families contact the school so that we may support you. We are typically not informed of those who are directed to self-isolate and we respect that this is a matter that involves some privacy. Please consider calling the school to report the absence and duration, contact your child's teachers for academic support, consider contacting your child's counsellor to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have. You need not tell us the reason you will be absent, but we will not necessarily know that you will be or for how long unless you inform us. Please feel free to contact Mr. Rauh directly if you have any matters you would like to discuss further.

2. Daily Health Check App & When to get Tested

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 see the [attached poster](#) for guidelines on when tested for Covid-19 is advised.

3. 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>

4. Counselling Corner:

Course Planning for 2021/2022 School Year

Grades 9 & 10 & 11 Course planning sessions have been completed. The deadline to enter course selections for Gr. 10's is Feb 26th and Gr. 11's, March 5th.

Gr. 12's -Important Scholarship Information

The application deadline for School Based Scholarships is **Friday, March 5th**. Please go to the Counselling Website for the application and more information.
<https://wvsscounselling.weebly.com/wvss-school-based-scholarships.html>

5. Grade 12's and Graduation Updates

Grade 12's- Cap & Gown Deadline – March 5th

Deadline to order cap and gowns is March 5 – see your CLC 12 teacher to do so

Grade 12's -Grad Yearbook Deadline – March 5th

Deadline for grad write up in yearbook is March 5 – see your CLC 12 Google Classroom for link

Grad Photos and Edge Imaging

Graduating students should have received an email with a link to view their photos online. Students will have the physical proofs mailed directly to the address provided during sign up. Group photos are also 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

6. Graduation Assessment Updates:

November 2020 Graduation Assessment Results: (Grade 11's and Literacy)

The results of the November 2020 Graduation Assessments have been released. Our grade 11 students wrote Literacy in November 2020. Students can access their results from the "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Examinations" link after logging in to their account on the Student Transcripts Service (STS) at: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca.

January 2021 Graduation Assessment Results: (Grade 10's and Numeracy)

The results for the January 2021 Graduation Assessments are expected to be released on or before **Wednesday, March 31**. Our grade 10 students wrote Numeracy in January 2021.

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: April 12-15, 2021 (Grade 10's and Literacy)

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>.

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

WVS Premier Sports Academies & District Programs OPEN for REGISTRATIONS!

Registration is still open for the 2021-2022 West Vancouver Schools Premier Academy and District Programs. Visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/> and click on the drop-down menus for detailed information.

DON'T MISS OUT! Some spots remaining so register now! Environmental Science, Badminton, Baseball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training, the Trades, Fashion Industry, Honour Choir, Outdoor Recreation, & YELL (Entrepreneurship)

8. Wondering if the yearbook is happening this year?

ALL THE THINGS. ALL IN THIS BOOK. Order today! - <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>
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.

9. 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

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. 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. 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.

14. 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](#)

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Warm regards,

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