



# WVSS Information Bulletin

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

*March 11, 2021*

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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### **1. 2021-2022 Secondary Schedule Planning & Communication**

We would like to thank all of our parents and guardians for participating in our Secondary Schedule Planning Surveys. We had very high levels of participation and will share the results in greater detail after Spring Break. The following points summarize some of the key findings and provide a current high-level overview of our Secondary schedule planning for the 2021-2022 School Year.

#### **Current Context**

- We are planning the 2021-2022 Secondary schedule with the understanding that we will still be in the COVID 19 pandemic.
- The 2021-2022 school year is a “Transitional Year”
- We do not know what the MOE/Health Guidelines will be for September 2021.
- The 2021-2022 Secondary schedule needs to be flexible and scalable between Stages 1 and 2 of the BC Restart Plan.
- We are anticipating 100% in-person instruction.

#### **Takeaways from Stakeholder Survey**

- Quarter System has been working in the context of the pandemic.
- Focusing on fewer courses at a time has been easier for students to manage.
- The hybrid experience, as provided this year, was less effective than in-person instruction.
- X Block is highly effective, and with refinement, has greater potential.
- A Semester schedule is viewed by all stakeholder groups to be the most effective schedule for student learning.

### Next Steps

- We are beginning our planning around the Quarter System as it provides maximum flexibility.
- We are optimistic that guidelines will permit us to transition from our Quarter System planning to a Semester Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- Although we are not running a traditional linear schedule next year, there will be some linear course options available.
- Regardless of the schedule above, we will continue to have X Block to provide linear programming and student support.

## **2. Spring Break 2020: March 13 – March 28 & Easter weekend**

This is a reminder to parents and students that the district two-week Spring Break begins this weekend. Classes resume as usual on **Monday March 29**.

**Easter Long weekend:** Easter is a four-day long weekend this year with no classes on Friday April 2 to Tuesday April 6. Classes resume on **Wednesday April 7**, with our usual hybrid Wednesday. The staff of WVSS wish all students and their families a restful and enjoyable Spring Break!

## **3. 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.schoolcashonline.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.

## **4. WVSS Music Department Spring Video Concerts Now Online!**

Students in our choral and instrumental music programs have been hard at work all term. These are full-year linear courses that are meeting safely in socially distanced groups – some only once each week. The choirs and instrumental ensembles miss performing for an audience but have focused their efforts and skill into recording sessions to share with parents, guardians and the school community. Special thanks to teachers Ms. Fulton (Choirs), Ms. Shin (Orchestra) and Mr. Daudlin (Concert Band) for their work with the students and to Mr. Anderson for his help producing these concert videos. Please click the links below and enjoy the spring video performances by the students of the WVSS Music Department:

Choir Spring Video Concert: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hA7IYTsrVqM>

Concert Band & Orchestra Spring Video Concert: <https://youtu.be/i8RcOG4knpl>

## **5. Ministry of Education 2021 Student Learning Survey – Gr 10 & 12 Parents**

The Student Learning Survey 2020/2021 is to be completed **by April 30th**

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey)

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. It will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province. It is simple and secure, and can be accessed by selecting the school district and school name

where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

## **6. Counselling Corner:**

**Course Selections:** Course selections for next year have been completed. Students should ensure their course selection sheets are handed in to the counselling office for verification.

**Course Selection Verifications:** Parents and students can verify their course selections in the family portal on My Ed. Please see the attachment, [Portal Checking Course Requests](#), for a visual on how to verify course requests.

## **7. Spring Sports at WVSS**

Track and Field has already started (M W F 3:05 on the Track), and several more sporting opportunities will be available after Spring Break such as Boys Rugby (all levels), SR Girls Soccer, Gr 8 Football, Tennis (all levels) and Badminton (all levels). Listen to announcements, and check social media for more information in the coming weeks. @wvss\_athletics

## **8. Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: April 12-15, 2021**

All WVSS Grade 10 students will be writing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment April 12-15<sup>th</sup> at West Vancouver Secondary school. *Please avoid any planned absences that week.* This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment> .

## **9. Wondering what is going to be in the yearbook this year?**

As we all adapt to change, one thing that remains constant is the yearbook tradition of documenting the history of our students and our school year. We are pleased to announce that our yearbook Student editors and staff are working hard on the 2021 yearbook. Don't forget to order your yearbooks!

Available now: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>

Don't see yearbook listed under your child's name in School Cash? This likely means you have already purchased a copy. Please contact [Mrs. Madill](#) to verify and for any questions about School Cash.

## **10. WV Premier Sports Academies & District Programs - REGISTRATIONS!**

Don't Miss Out! WVS Premier Sports Academies & District Programs are looking for REGISTRATIONS for the 2021-2022 school year. For information about all our academies & programs, visit

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/> and click on the drop-down menus for detailed information.

**Spots Still Available for 2021-2022 Sports Academy Programs:** Baseball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, and Soccer

**Spots Still Available for 2021-2022 District Programs:** 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training, Youth Train in Trades, Environmental Science, Fashion Industry, Honour Choir, Outdoor Recreation, & YELL (Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad)

### **This Week's Program Highlight:**

#### **WVS Premier Yoga Teacher Training Program**

The district's 200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training program that provides students with two courses through participation. Students will acquire the tools and skills needed to effectively and safely teach yoga to all levels of students. We follow the guidelines set by the Yoga Alliance. For more information or to register visit <http://westvancouver.schools.ca/200-hour-yoga-teacher-training> or email Mariam Pirbhai [mpirbhai@wvschools.ca](mailto:mpirbhai@wvschools.ca).

### **11. Talking About Inclusion, Anti-Racism & Diversity: Tuesday March 30th, 7pm**

This is a WVDPAC sponsored Virtual Community Event Featuring Alden Habacon. Please see the attachment [DPAC Parent Event](#) for registration details. This workshop is limited to 200 participants - so be sure to purchase your tickets soon!

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

### **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.

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[WVSS Counselling Page](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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