



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

April 1, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Easter weekend

Easter is a **FIVE day** long weekend 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 Easter!

2. Quarter 3 & 4 Dates:

Quarter 3 classes complete regular in-class instruction on Thursday April 22nd.

Quarter 4 classes start Monday April 26th.

Friday April 23rd is the Quarter Turn Around Day. Students may be asked to come to school to complete outstanding work or engage in assessment opportunities. Teachers will indicate to their classes and individual students any plans or opportunities for that day.

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.

Last Day of Q3 - Friday, April 23 - **Quarter Turn Around Day** - Review, Completion and Reset (attendance optional)

First Day of Q4 - Monday, April 26 – Quarter 4 classes begin

Last Day of Q4 - Friday, June 25 - Review, Completion Day

3. WVSS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

WVSS PAC Spring Plant "Computer Lab" Fundraiser

We will once again be selling beautiful, locally-grown plants to help raise money for our computer labs. We are looking to slowly upgrade our current 1960's configuration computer labs to ones that are brighter, more modern and reflect a collaborative learning environment. This includes two different height workstations, flexible seating options, new computers, and strong audio/visual capability. Please see the flyer attached to this email. **Please place your orders online by April 19 by 4pm.** Order online at <https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. All orders will be ready for pick up on **May 6 between 2-4pm** in the lower south campus cafeteria.

Optional Donation - School Cash Online

We would like to thank WVSS parents who make the annual contribution to support your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The PAC \$25 voluntary contribution is available on the **School Cash Online**. Your 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 \(Farsi\)](#)

4. Spring Sports at WVSS

- **Track and Field** has already started (Mon, Wed, Thurs 3:15 on the Track)
- **Ultimate** (all levels & co-ed) There is a short meeting on Monday April 12th on the main field at 11:50 for details. Look for Coach Chris Macdougall! (Google Classroom code yoxfb2t)
- **Sr. Girls & Boys Rugby** (Gr 9 – 12), stay tuned.
- **Sr. Girls Soccer** – sign up outside old Gym. (no Jr. Team at this time).
- **Gr 8 Football (co-ed)** - starts May 17th.
- **Badminton (all levels co-ed)**- sign up outside the old gym, Sr. Tryouts next Friday 3:15 – 4:30 in both gyms.
- **Tennis Team** will begin soon! Students can join Google Classroom (Code o3whwor) for details.
- **Mountain Bike Team** will also be starting – join Google Classroom (Code is myohpiv) for details.

Listen to announcements, and check social media for more information in the coming weeks.

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5. Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning over the Summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during the summer of 2021. Registration for both elementary and secondary Summer Learning courses opens online at 8:00 am on April 15, 2021. More

information about courses etc. can be found on the [Elementary Flyer](#) , the [Secondary Flyer](#) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

6. 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.

7. 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. **School fees were due March 31st, 2021.**

8. 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

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.

9. Counselling Corner:

Scholarships:

- **District Authority Scholarship** applications are available through the CLC 12 Google Classroom as well as the Counselling website. This scholarship is worth \$1250 and the application is due Monday May 3, 2021. Students must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident with a Social Insurance Number and Personal Education Number. Confirmed recipients receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher that they can redeem with the Ministry of Education after they are attending a designated post-secondary institution or B.C. authorized trades training provider. International students are not eligible.

If you have already applied for the school-based scholarships, then all you need to do is fill out the application form with the one page summary of your achievements in your chosen area of interest and email it to sbaker@wvschools.ca and cc Mrs.Caruth icaruth@wvschools.ca. If you did not apply for the school-based scholarships, then you will need to put together a resume in addition to filling out the application form with the one page summary of your achievements in your chosen area of interest and email it to sbaker@wvschools.ca and cc Mrs.Caruth icaruth@wvschools.ca

- **District Dogwood Scholarship** This scholarship is for students who demonstrate outstanding achievement in one of the following areas: Applied Skills, Community Service, Fine Arts, Indigenous Languages and Culture, International Languages, Physical Activity and Technical and Trades Training. Please see link below for the application. You can email Linda Caruth for more information. icaruth@wvschools.ca <https://wvsscounselling.weebly.com/district-dogwood-application.html>

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.

Updates to University Applications as per below:

1. The OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) has sent out a notice to applicants asking them to complete (or redo) the STS. In addition, each of the Ontario Universities may have reached out to applicants asking them to update their STS. If students have already completed their transcript permission requests they will need to choose OUAC when updating.

2. UVIC Admissions for all BC applicants - you should have now received an email with instructions on how to submit your transcripts to UVic through the BC Ministry of Education's new XML system. All applicants must complete this step by the date provided in the email (even if you have already done so using the old Student Transcript Service system).

For students who weren't offered early- conditional admission, decisions based on their self-reported grades will be re-evaluated based on the XML transcripts sent to UVic. After being reconsidered, they may receive an admission offer in late April to mid-May if they are eligible. Registration 101 webinars will be taking place throughout May and June to help your students plan which courses to take in their first year and learn how course registration works at UVic. Dates and registration information will be available on our Events website in mid-April.

And finally, here are a couple of upcoming UVic deadlines:

- Specific-criteria scholarship application deadline: April 30
- Deadline to accept offer of admission: May 1. Students should reference their offer of admission to confirm, as some programs may have earlier deadlines.
- First year priority housing application deadline: June 30

10. Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: April 12-16, 2021

All WVSS Grade 10 students will be writing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment April 12-16th at West Vancouver Secondary school. Memos have been given to the students indicating the date, time and location of their exam. Email [Ms. C. Tanfara](mailto:Ms.C.Tanfara) with any questions or conflicts. 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> .

11. Year Book Request for Grade 12 Parents: due April 13

The school year is drawing to a close, and with it comes our WVSS senior's graduation. The WVSS Yearbook team is asking any parents of senior students for messages of encouragement, well wishes, and more to commemorate their final year at the school. Parents will be asked to submit a short message to their child (a word limit of 40), along with a baby or childhood photo of the student to accompany it. There is a limit to how many messages we can fit in the yearbook, so please email the WVSS Yearbook email (wvssyearbookcommittee@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you would like to submit one. The **deadline for this is April 13th**, though any earlier submissions are greatly appreciated. If you submit too late, your message may not be able to be featured due to the lack of space in the yearbook. Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope to see many submissions come in for our grade twelve students!

12. 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.

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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