



# WVSS Information Bulletin

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

*April 8, 2021*

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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### **1. Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 Dates: Turnaround Day is Friday, April 23**

Quarter 3 classes complete regular in-class instruction on Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Quarter 4 classes start Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>. **Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> is Quarter 3 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 3 Turn Around Day** - Review, Completion, Reset

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

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

## **2. WVSS Theatre Company Presents... A TALE OF TRUE LOVE: A PRINCESS BRIDE PLAY FOR THESE INCONCEIVABLE TIMES**

Valerie: Think it'll work?

Miracle Max: It would take a miracle...

The teenage cast and crew of West Vancouver Secondary School's Theatre Company Program miraculously perform their socially distanced production, adapted from William Goldman's beloved novel and film, *The Princess Bride*. This double-casted show features live acoustic covers, fight choreography by Affair of Honor, and of course, fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles... These very special recordings of the live production will remind you that when life isn't fair, we turn to the arts not just to escape our woes, but to see the hope and beauty of humanity reflected back to us. This is true love... you think this happens every day? Downloads of the shows plus some other goodies are available for purchase at \$20 for one production or \$30 for both (plus KMC processing fees)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9th**

Cast A: <https://kaymeek.com/events/a-tale-of-true-love-1>

Cast B: <https://kaymeek.com/events/a-tale-of-true-love-2>

Cast A & B: <https://kaymeek.com/events/a-tale-of-true-love-3>

## **3. WVSS Talent Show**

The Talent Show continues to live on! Please submit your audition to the WVSS Talent Show Google Classroom by April 23rd. The Top 3 videos with the greatest number of likes within a 24-hour period will advance to the final round and duel it out for the ultimate prize! Sign up to the Google Classroom: 5xq3dft

## **4. Virtual Weekly Journal Club**

Starting April 15, Thursday 12:30 – 1:00 pm, Google classroom Code: jsghc6q All grades welcome! Please see the [attachment](#) for all details.

## **5. 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. Please see the [spring plant attachment](#) for plant images and details. 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.

**Custom Yard Signs for 2021 Grads** – Please see the [Yard sign attachment](#) for details. Deadline is May 14<sup>th</sup>!

## 6. 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 12<sup>th</sup> on the main field at 11:50 for details. Look for Coach Chris Macdougall! (Google Classroom code yoxfb2t)
- **Sr. Girls Rugby:** meeting T104 on Tues April 15 at 3:05.
- **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 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.  
@wvss\_athletics

## 7. 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](#).

## 8. 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. **School fees were due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

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

The Student Learning Survey 2020/2021 is to be completed **by April 30<sup>th</sup>** [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, as well as 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.

## 10. Counselling Corner:

### GAP Year Virtual Expo

- Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 12pm - Need a break from school next year? This Expo will feature 15+ different programs and virtual seminars. Registration link. <https://www.cangap.ca/expo>

### Australian Direct Entry Law

- Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 9am. Canadian Law Programs at Griffith in Australia  
Webinar Registration link:  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrcu-tqDMtHtdGi4T0MPddpUi1JN\\_ms5ld](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/joinMeetingUrl/tJYrcu-tqDMtHtdGi4T0MPddpUi1JN_ms5ld)

### Grade 11 Matters

- Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm-5pm, Make the most of your grade 11 year. Short virtual presentation with a U of A advisor Registration link, [uab.ca/recruitmentevents](http://uab.ca/recruitmentevents)

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

All WVSS Grade 10 students will be writing the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment April 12-16<sup>th</sup> 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>.

## **12. 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](mailto: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!

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

We have limited availability in the following 2021-2022 Premier Academy programs: Baseball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby and Soccer. Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/> and click on the drop-down menus for detailed information. Students from Rockridge, Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary are welcome to come and visit our Academies this school year to see how the programs run. Please contact Diane Nelson at the Academy Office ([dnelson@wvschools.ca](mailto:dnelson@wvschools.ca)) to find out further information on these exciting opportunities.

## **14. Free Virtual Event: Disordered Eating in a Diet Culture World**

April 14, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. **Please see the [attachment](#) for more details and to register.**

## **15. Talking About Inclusion, Anti-Racism & Diversity – A DPAC Parent event**

April 27, 7pm - 8:30pm. Tickets by donation. **Please see the [attachment](#) for all details and to register.**

## **16. West Vancouver Police Youth Academy - Grade 10 to 12 students**

Applications are now being accepted for the first annual Police Youth Academy. **Please see the [attachment](#) for all details.** The registration form is found [here](#).

### **17. 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: 604.341.0515 or apply to host: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/for-families/>

### **18. 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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### **Useful Links**

**WVSS Website**

**WVSS Counselling Page**

**WVSS Athletics Website**

**West Vancouver Schools District Website**

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