



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

May 6, 2021

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1. May 21 & May 24: Pro D day & Victoria Day Holiday

Parents and guardians are reminded that students are **not** in session Friday, May 21 for the district Professional Development day AND Monday, May 24 for Victoria Day. All classes resume as usual on Tuesday, May 25.

Please Note: when there is a 4-day week, *Wednesday afternoon is no longer fully remote* for grade 10-12 hybrid classes. Teachers will advise who should attend Wednesday hybrid in-person on May 19 & 26.

2. West Van Virtual Clubs

Chess Club: Players at all levels and all grades are welcome! Google Class Code: 6jrkh7

WVSS Virtual Weekly Journal Club: All are welcome! Google classroom code is jsghc6q. Students can meet with others and share their writing weekly. Meetings are hosted Thursdays from 12:30-1:00 pm. Are you interested in writing and looking for a place to share the fun, interesting, and exciting things you did during the week? If so, the Virtual Weekly Journal Club is the perfect club for you! Share the fun things you do, be inspired by others, and make new friends! You only need to post a picture and write a short paragraph on a shared Google Slide every week. You can also share any art, creative writings, and projects that you worked on. If you have any questions, please contact Colin Zhou at colinz317@edu.sd45.bc.ca.

3. WVSS Theatre Company Presents...The Princess Bride! Purchase today

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*. 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)

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>

4. WVSS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Spring Plant Pick Up Info – For those that have ordered Spring Plants, your plants 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 14th.** Get your orders in today!

PAC General Zoom Meeting: Tuesday May 11 @ 5pm - Our final meeting of the year, our General Meeting gives parents the opportunity to hear from our School Principal, Mr. Steve Rauh and our PAC Executive Team. Click and listen to what will be happening at the school for the remainder of the year, plus we are pleased to have a guest speaker join us Brandys Evans a counsellor and author of Listen! Helping your child manage their emotions, please see her bio below. Get to know other parents at the school (virtually) and ask any questions of Mr. Rauh and WVSS PAC Executive. We look forward to you joining us on Tuesday, May 11th!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/65438486253?pwd=MStqakxIYVVZV2I2dno5UGtwd1MyUT09>

Guest Speaker - Brandys Evans is a Registered Clinical Counsellor with a private practice here on the North Shore. Brandys has two adult children and over 30 years of experience working with children and youth. Brandys has extensive training in neurobiological and developmental approaches to human behavior. She works with many children, youth and families in her office providing supportive intervention. Brandys is the author of *LISTEN! Helping your child manage their emotions*. Her life passion is to improve quality of life by providing understanding of your relationship to yourself and your relationship to others.

Topic:

Behind Closed Doors: What teens are saying in the therapy room

Understanding the brain of the teenager

Mental Health and your teen

How to proactively interact with your teen

Q&A

5. Spring Sports at WVSS

Gr 8 & 9 Football: Starts May 17th. Google Classroom code is vbkz3ty. Head coach is Dave Hollinshead.

Track and Field: Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays at 3:05 on the track

Girls Rugby: Tuesday 3:05 Ms. Wong's room, practice on North Field

Tennis Co-ed: All welcome: Tuesdays 3:05 on the courts. Forms must be submitted.

Mountain Biking: Wednesdays. Must join google classroom and have forms submitted.

Ultimate: Wed & Fridays 3:05 North Field.

Girls Soccer: All welcome, Thursday practice 3:05 on the North Field.

Badminton: Teams are now set

Boys Rugby: Google classroom code is mwvf4xg.

6. Counselling Corner:

- **U of Alberta, Gr. 10 & 11 Info Session**, Tuesday, May 11th, 4pm-7pm
Learn about what you can study and what career opportunities are available.

Sign up with this link.

<https://apply.ualberta.ca/register/?id=6f9f5cf6-c815-4fa1-b31b-ce0a5d2cd04f>

- **U of Toronto, Gr. 10 & 11 Info Session**, Thursday, May 13th @ 5pm-6pm
Find out more about what U of T has to offer at its 3 campuses. Sign up with this link.
<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/?id=32d9f29f-e87d-4236-ae4e-ac84217ccf7a>

7. Student Fees - School Cash Online

The direct link to the program is <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/> **School fees were due March 31st, 2021.**

8. Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools – open now!

Registration for both elementary and secondary Summer Learning courses opened online at 8:00 am, April 15, 2021. More information can be found on the Elementary Flyer, the Secondary Flyer or on the Summer Learning Website.

9. WV Premier Academies

There is limited availability in the following 2021-2022 Premier Academies and District Programs:

Academies - Baseball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, and Soccer

District Programs - Fashion Industry, Honour Choir, and Youth Train in Trades.

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) to find out further information on these exciting opportunities.

10. Camp Ignite – open to Grade 11 and 12 female students

Curious about becoming a firefighter? Open to female students in grade 11 and 12. Deadline is June 1st. One student per district will be selected to attend camp ignite. Find out more at campignite.com

11. Harry Jerome Oval in WV – to donate please visit wvdfs.org

We know that a community can be transformed by sport, as it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. West Vancouver Schools is a proud supporter of the Harry Jerome Oval which we hope will become the most vital sports facility on the North Shore. For more information or if you would like to donate to the Oval please visit wvdfs.org

12. 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.

13. Student Workers for International Programs needed

Apply by May 28 if interested. Contact International Programs at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/about-us/contact/>

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 email the school office at wvss@wvschools.ca and let us know if you change your email, phone contact information or move to a new address.

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