



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

**September 16, 2021**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. Health and Safety Guidelines & Public Health Services
2. Professional Development Day and Statutory Holiday – Sept 24, Sept 30
3. PAC News
4. Attendance Notices – email [WVSS@wvschools.ca](mailto:WVSS@wvschools.ca)
5. Policy & Procedure Forms – Please complete!
6. Student Photo Retakes – Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
7. WVSS Agenda – WVSS APP – download today
8. WVSS Athletics
9. Optional Accident Insurance for Families
10. Stay Informed

## **1. Health and Safety Guidelines: Masks and Daily Health Checks Required**

Students, staff and all visitors in our secondary schools are required to wear masks as per the most recent update from Dr. Bonnie Henry. Extra masks are available in the offices if needed. Please make sure to perform the **daily health check** and do not enter the building when ill or symptomatic. The daily health check can be found [here](#). As a reminder, all visitors must first sign in at the South or North Campus office. For additional information on all public health services for children and youth please visit the school health manual online at: [www.vch.ca/schoolhealth/ns](http://www.vch.ca/schoolhealth/ns).

## **2. September 24<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> – Classes Not In session**

Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development Day and classes will not be in session. Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> is Truth and Reconciliation Day, a new Federal Statutory holiday, and classes will not be in session. Please see our website and the WVSS APP for the most current calendar information!

## **3. PAC News – How to join & Optional Donations**

Welcome back from the West Van Secondary Parent Advisory Committee! The PAC is a parent committee to which all parents belong as member of this school community. This group is lead by elected volunteers (the PAC Executive), who coordinate meetings where parental views and concerns can be shared and discussed as guest speakers can be invited to speak to topics relevant to parents and children within our school community. Participation in meetings, on the executive offers parents a more

in-depth experience for your family. Along with student and administrative bodies, parental assistance and input are very valuable to ensuring that our children receive a good, quality education and a positive school experience.

*Want to join the PAC Executive?* We would love to have you on board. Email either of the Co-Chairs Dana Sebal or Morag Burke at [dana@tria.com.au](mailto:dana@tria.com.au) or [morag@tria.com.au](mailto:morag@tria.com.au) for more information on how to join.

## **Optional Donation - School Cash Online**

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School 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 2021/2022 PAC voluntary contribution will be available Thursday, September 16th on School Cash Online. **NEW THIS YEAR:** there will now be the option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75. Please see this [attachment](#) (mandarin version click [here](#)) for a list of some of the things the PAC supported last year, as well as some further details. To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

## **4. Attendance Notices**

We are asking that student absences be communicated through email where possible. This will allow staff to enter absences into the system faster. Please email [wvss@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvss@wvschools.ca). If this is not possible, please call: 604-981-1100.

## **5. District Policies and Procedures Release Form: Please Complete One Per Child**

The district has been working to conserve paper and to make systems more efficient for our parents and staff by putting our various forms and documents online. All Parents are now required to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online release form for each of their children within the district. This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of privately-owned electronic devices on school networks, Google Apps for Education consent and media parental consent form. This form replaces the use of paper and consolidates these matters into one online form. Due to privacy laws, **THIS FORM IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR.** Please **CLICK [HERE](#)** to access this form and complete as soon as possible. The link can also be found in the West Vancouver Schools Website, under Resources > Parents.: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/news/policies-and-procedures-form>

## **6. Student Photo Retakes - Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

For any student who missed having their picture taken, school photo retakes will be on Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>. All dates can be found here <https://photoday.edgeimaging.ca/>. Any questions can be directly sent to Edge Photos <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/contact-us/>. Our school representative is Jordan Kirk who can be reached at [jkirk@edgeimaging.ca](mailto:jkirk@edgeimaging.ca). Smile everyone!

## **7. WVSS Agenda: Our WVSS APP is back!**

The WVSS APP is back! Students and families will be able to use our **WVSS APP** to create and see their timetable, the block schedule, access a homework organizer as well as obtain website, handbook information, a map of the school, daily announcements, and opt into notifications for important school updates, calendar events, clubs and teams and social media posts! **The WVSS APP does it all.** More information can be found here: <https://wvss.appazur.com/help/flyer> with details on how to sign up for the WVSS APP!

## 8. WVSS Athletics

If you are a Grade10-12 student who is new to WVSS and would like to play any sports, please contact Jo-Anne McKee to start the BC High School Sports eligibility process.

**Football:** (all levels, 9-12). Please join Google Classroom Code t7rzp7q and contact Jo-Anne McKee if interested. All are welcome!

**Volleyball:** TRYOUTS – Grade 10 Jr Girls, Sept 13 & 15th from 3:15 – 5:00 in New Gym. Gr 9 Juvenile Girls Sept 14 & 16 from 3:15 – 5:00 pm, Gr 8 Bantam Girls are Sept 14, 15 & 16 from 3:15 – 5:00.

**Rugby:** (Boys, grade 8) – started Monday after school on the South Campus Field. See Mr. Johnson in South Campus for more information.

**Cross Country:** (all levels, 8-12) No try outs – all are welcome! You can email Colin Dignum at [cdignum@wvschools.ca](mailto:cdignum@wvschools.ca) for information.

## 9: Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider. Learn more here:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc> or contact Phone: 1.800.266.5667 Email: [solutions@ia.ca](mailto:solutions@ia.ca)

## 10. 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](mailto: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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