



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 24, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Thursday September 30th – No Classes in Session

Thursday September 30th is Truth and Reconciliation Day, a new Federal Statutory holiday, and classes will **not** be in session. Also, Wednesday September 29th is Orange Shirt day at WVSS. We are encouraging students and staff to wear the colour orange that day. Please see our website and the WVSS APP for the most current calendar information!

2. Traffic & Parking Lot Safety During Student Drop-off & Pick-Up

Morning student drop-off and afternoon pick-up are busy traffic times at WVSS. For the safety of everyone and to avoid unnecessary congestion in front of the school we ask all parents and guardians to abide by these procedures:

- Please drop off students directly on Mathers or Inglewood. There is ample curb space in both of these areas.
- Please continue driving in the same direction away from the school after your child leaves the car.
- Please DO NOT turn or U-turn into traffic directly in front of the school on Mathers or Inglewood.
- Please DO NOT enter school parking lots at North and South Campus to drop off students or turn around.
- All handicap parking stalls in school parking lots are reserved at ALL TIMES for those who require them
- Thank you for your cooperation with this safety matter.

3. Health and Safety Guidelines: Low Mask supply - Please bring Masks to school

We currently have a low supply of extra masks in the office. Students are asked to please to pack extra masks with them in their back packs or pockets. If parents and caregivers could remind students in the mornings this would be greatly appreciated. Students, staff and all visitors in our secondary schools are required to wear masks while in our school building. Thank you also for making sure the daily **health check** is done and your child does 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.

4. Counselling Corner

CUE-Canadian Universities Event-September 27th-October 6th, 4pm-7pm

Over 55 Canadian Post Secondary Institutions will be represented for this virtual live event

Register using this link: <https://cuebc.org/for-students/>

Gr. 12's can access their CLC 12 Google Classroom for more information on upcoming Virtual Post-Secondary Presentations.

5. PAC News – How to join & Optional Donations

Welcome back from the WVSS Parent Advisory Committee! We are a parent committee led by elected volunteers (the PAC Executive), who coordinate meetings where parental views and concerns can be shared and discussed, and guest speakers can be invited to speak to topics relevant to our school community. Participation in meetings offers a more in-depth experience for your family. 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 or morag@tria.com.au for more information on how to join.

Optional Donation - School Cash Online

We 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 2021/2022 PAC voluntary contribution is on School Cash Online. Please see this [attachment](#) (mandarin version click [here](#)) (Farsi version click [here](#)) for a list of some of the things the PAC supported last year. To allow us to continue with support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

Focus Group

The Ministry of Education is seeking parents for upcoming focus groups on Distance Learning and Online Learning. For any parents whose children are enrolled in any Distance Learning or Online Learning and you are interested in participating in a 90 minute session please contact Dana Sebal or Morag Burke at dana@tria.com.au or morag@tria.com.au

6. 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. If this is not possible, please call: 604-981-1100.

7. 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>

8. Student Photo Retakes - Monday October 18th

For any student who missed having their picture taken, school photo retakes will be on Monday October 18th. 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. Smile everyone!

9. 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!

10. WVSS Athletics

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

Rugby: (Boys, grade 8) First game is October 4th!

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

11. Game of Apps Middle and High School Cohorts – Register by October 1st

Game of Apps is an after-school program where professional software designers and developers teach and mentor students weekly as they build their own app. Our goal is to empower students with practical and life skills to help them succeed in 21st century careers. We offer both a high school program (grades 10-12) and a middle years program (grades 6-9). Both run once a week from October to May.

Program Info (4.5 minutes): https://youtu.be/Tt5_ywPx7Po

Website: gameofapps.org

The cost is \$450 for the high school program and \$350 for the middle years program.

We have a number of Info Sessions scheduled (all listed on our website). The next one is on Thursday, Sep 30 4:00 PM. Discounted early bird registrations are due Oct 1 (high school) or Oct 4 (middle years).

This is our fifth season and over 500 students, including many from West Vancouver, have benefited from this unique program. We hope that you can join us too.

12. 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

13. 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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[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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