



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

October 28, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Important Calendar Reminder

- **Wednesday, November 3rd - Early Dismissal at 12:40 pm (parent teacher conferences)**
- **Tuesday November 9th (Block change)** Periods **3, 4, and X block** instead of 2,1, X. This one-day change helps ensure all classes have equal instruction time.
- **Thursday November 11th (Remembrance Day):** All Schools are closed
- **Friday November 12th (Pro-D Day):** School is not in session

2. Graduation Literacy Assessments: Gr 10 and Gr 12 students - Nov 1-5, 2021

Grade 10 and Grade 12 students who have English this semester will be writing the Grade 10 / Grade 12 Literacy Assessment the week of November 1-5, 2021. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Students have received memos in their English class, indicating the exact time, date and location for the exam as well as links to sample assessments. Students without an English class will be contacted individually. **Students should prepare for these assessments** and try the sample assessments. It is important that students do their best and take this assessment seriously. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here for Grade 10 students: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment> Grade 12 students should refer to this link: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>.

The following is an overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule for 2021-2022.

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
Grade 10 Literacy	Semester 1 - English 10	November 1-5, 2021

Grade 12 Literacy	Semester 1 - English 12	November 1-5, 2021
Grade 10 Numeracy	Semester 1 - Math 10	January 24-28, 2022
Grade 10 Literacy	Semester 2 - English 10	April 22-25, 2022
Grade 12 Literacy	Semester 2 - English 12	April 22-25, 2022
Grade 10 Numeracy	Semester 2 - Math 10	June 13-17, 2022
Rewrites /Missed	All	June 13-17, 2022

3. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences – November 3rd 2:00 – 4:30

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 25TH @ 9:00 a.m.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd. Meetings will be virtual using Google Meet. Parents will require access to a Google Account, either their own or their students account, to participate in the Google Meet. Parents will require access to a Google Account, either their own or their students account, to participate in the Google Meet. The ability to create an account and registration to book appointments opens through School Appointments Online at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25th at <https://westvan.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. Two bookings per student per family may be made at this time. More bookings can be made after Oct. 28th. Bookings will close at 10:00 pm on November 1st. Student schedules can be found under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do> or by asking your student. Please see the attachments [here](#) and [here](#) for all the information for parent teacher conferences and booking appointments.

Reminder that the students will be dismissed at 12:40.

- 8:30 – 9:25 Period 4
- 9:35 – 10:30 Period 3
- 10:40 – 11:35 Period 1
- 11:45 – 12:40 Period 2

4. School Fees

School Fees Online will open as of Monday, October 25th. If you are new to this program you will need a student PIN to access the program. These PINs were sent to all parents & guardians in September. If you did not receive a PIN, please contact Mrs. Madill at jmadill@wvschools.ca for assistance.

5. Grade 9 Students: Take our Kids to Work Day

Each year in November, Grade 9 students across Canada are asked to participate in “Take our Kids to Work” Day as part of the Career Education 9 curriculum. This year the event was to occur on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. However, due to the continuing effects of the pandemic, the event this year will need to be hybrid. This means that students will be expected to attend school on November 3rd, as per their regular schedule. Mr. Baker will email further details to grade 9 families as to how students will be introduced to the concepts of the event during X block on Tuesday October 26.

6. Health and Safety Guidelines: Masks & Daily Health Check

Students, staff and all visitors are required to wear masks while in our school building. As a reminder, proper wearing of masks (covering mouth and nose) is required for all adult and students in our building. Please remind students to pack extra masks as we can run low on supplies. Finally, thank you for making sure the **daily health check** is done and your child does not enter the building when 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 public health services for youth please visit the school health manual online at: www.vch.ca/schoolhealth/ns.

7. Counselling Corner

Grad 2022 Hoodies are now available! They come in maroon or black and will be here by the holidays - don't miss out! Order online until November 4th at <https://urstore.ca/group/wvss-grad-gear-shop>

Virtual Scholarship Presentation-Tuesday, November 2nd, 6pm-7pm

Navigating the Scholarship Process and Maximizing your Potential, Brittany Palmer of Unlock Your Future <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85891758521?pwd=dUpkczZ1dWk3MTFUNE5NWNFskRpUT09>
Meeting ID: 8589175 8521

PSBC Virtual Fair for Students & Parents, Nov, 3, 9, 18, 9:00am – 7:00pm

- This fair will feature over 20 BC post-secondary institutions. <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/virtual-fair/>
- Tips for helping your child's explore post-secondary options. <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/for-parents/>

8. PAC News – How to Join & Optional Donations

The WVSS PAC has some exciting fundraisers happening, with your purchases helping to raise funds that support our students and our school. Don't miss out on these amazing local fundraisers and the opportunity to purchase some delicious coffee, decorate with beautiful plants, and pamper yourself with amazing handmade skincare products. Perfect for family, friends, gifts! **ORDERING IS CURRENTLY OPEN, DON'T MISS OUT! ORDER TODAY!** For more information please click [here](#) Mandarin version [here](#) and Farsi version [here](#)

LIONS BAY COFFEE COMPANY: Order by Nov.6th, *Delivery Nov.10th to your door! www.wvpac.company.site

GROWING SMILES WINTER PLANTS: Order by Nov.18th, Pick-up at the school Dec.2. <https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

WESTCOAST SOAPWORKS: Order by Nov.18th, Pick-up at the school Dec.2. *PLEASE CHOOSE "PICK-UP" OPTION WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER* <http://westcoastsoapworks.com/>

9. WVSS Current Journal – available for purchase!

"WVSS Current" is a journal of WVSS student writing and art. It is now available for purchase on school cash online or in room W246 through Ms. Cormier. The WVSS Current meetings will be on Fridays at lunch in W246. Students can bring their lunch and their writing, art and marketing ideas. Thank you for supporting our students' work!

10. WVSS Athletics:

Football: If any parents are interested in contributing to the senior or junior football program, we are looking for in-kind and cash donations. We are very grateful to have received anonymous donations that have enabled the team to acquire new equipment and supplies. If you would like to contribute packaged

goods for the concession, we would appreciate all donations! (chips, drinks, chocolate bars, etc.) Unfortunately, we are not able to take homemade goods due to Covid restrictions. Thank you for your support of the only football program in West Vancouver!

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@wvschools.ca to start the BC High School Sports eligibility process.

Winter sport season (basketball and wrestling) will start in November... stay tuned for more information to come.

11. Clubs & WVSS APP See the updated **Clubs List for 2021-2022** on the **WVSS APP!** Go to Groups, click on the "gear" and "subscribe" to get updates from the clubs and teams you are interested in! Students will learn more about our clubs next week in class. Club information will be communicated on the WVSS APP – so download the app today and subscribe to teams, clubs, and more today! **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!

12. Putting "You" Back in Youth: Understanding Adolescents

Virtual session on Tuesday November 2, 2021 7 - 9pm with Johanna Simmons, MA, RCC.

Please see this [attachment](#) for details and registration.

14. Attendance Notices

We are asking that student absences be communicated through email (wvss@wvschools.ca) 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.

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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