



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

October 1, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Calendar Updates: Thanksgiving (Monday October 11th) & Tuesday November 9th (3, 4, and X block)

All schools are closed **Monday, October 11th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes resume as usual on Tuesday, October 12th (Periods 2, 1, and X). Also, on **Tuesday November 9th** we will have Periods **3, 4, and X block** instead of 2,1, X. This one-day change helps ensure all classes have equal instruction time given several Statutory holidays occurring on Thursdays this year.

2. 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!

3. 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 listed below. Thank you for your cooperation with this safety matter.

- 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.

4. Health and Safety Guidelines: Mask wearing and Low Mask supply - Please bring a Mask to school

Students, staff and all visitors are required to wear masks while in our school building. While As a reminder, proper wearing of masks (covering mouth and nose) is required for all adult and students in our building. We currently have a low supply of extra masks in the office. Please remind students to pack extra masks with them.

Also, thank you 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.

5. Counselling Corner

UVIC PARENT NIGHT-Sunday, October 3rd, 2021, 5pm-6:30pm

For Parents, however, students are welcome to join this online event. Questions will be answered regarding admission requirements, scholarships and upcoming application deadlines. Advice will be offered on helping your children successfully transition to life in university. Link to register below.

<https://my.uvic.ca/RecruitNewWFE/Events/EventDetails?eventId=46c44665-f9d5-eb11-90fc-00505695aa57>

BCIT BIG INFO NIGHT Oct 4th-7th, 4pm-7:30pm

Find out about the many specialized degrees and trades programs offered at BCIT

<https://www.bcit.ca/event/big-info-at-home-edition-day-1-3/>

POST SECONDARY B.C. VIRTUAL FAIRS for Parents & Students, Thursday, Oct 7th & 19th, 9am-7pm

20 Post secondary Institutions in B.C. represented. Register at <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/>

6. PAC News – How to join & Optional Donations

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

7. 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.

8. District Policies and Procedures Release Form: Please Complete One Per Child

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>

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

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

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 year's 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. LGH Open Day – October 2nd @ 11am

Go behind the scenes at the hospital! Surgical services, maternity care and more. There will be live Q&A chat on Youth Eating Disorders, Cancer Care and Neurosurgery.

The virtual event also features exclusive new videos that will take you behind the scenes of surgical services, maternity care and more. Register here: <https://lghopenday.vfairs.com/>

The frontline workers who go above and beyond every day have given their time to **LGH Open Day** to connect with the community that supports us. Please join us next Saturday to see our hospital shine.

13. 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

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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Useful Links

[WVSS website:](#)

[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

Warm regards,

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