



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

October 7, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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2. Student Photo Retakes – Oct 18th, 2021
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1. Important Calendar Updates:

All schools are closed **Monday, October 11th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes resume as usual on Tuesday, October 12th (Periods 2, 1, and X). We wish all our students and families a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

- **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.
- All Schools are closed for **Thursday November 11th (Remembrance Day)**
- All Schools are closed for **Friday November 12th (Pro-D Day)**.

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 updates & 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 with them as we can run low on supplies. In addition, please see the [Expanded Mask Mandate](#) document from Vancouver Coastal Health regarding K-3 mask wearing

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.

5. Counselling Corner

Post-Secondary Institutions Virtual Visits_PSBC-Post Secondary BC, Oct 7th & 19th, Nov 3rd, 9th, 18th, Dec 1st & 7th <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/virtual-fair/>

Ryerson University for SD45 students, Tuesday, October 12th-2:00pm – 2:45pm

<https://ryerson.zoom.us/j/94155885271?pwd=OFplSEtFRmlFaU9SUWYwZUtmeGJIQT09#success>

U of T Info Session for SD45 Students: October 12th, 5:30pm-6:30pm

<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/wvschools2021>

For more information on virtual post-secondary visits, scholarships and more, please visit

<https://wvsscounselling.weebly.com/>

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. WVSS APP is back! The WVSS APP is a must! Just updated is the **Clubs List** for 2021-2022 (with a few more to come!). Go to Groups, click on the "gear" and "subscribe" to get updates from the clubs and teams you are interested in! WVSS APP allows you to create and see your timetable, the daily block schedule, organize homework, email staff, see the school map, get daily announcements and opt into notifications for important school updates, calendar events, 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!

9. WVSS Athletics:

Football: The junior team won their game this week and the **senior team is playing at home this Friday at 3 PM.** Come out and cheer on the team and support the concession. 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.

10. Game of Apps - Learn Computer Programming and App Design!

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

A number of Information Sessions are scheduled (all listed on the website, gameofapps.org) This is GoA's fifth season and over 500 students have benefited from this unique program. All students—whether tech- or non-tech oriented—are welcome to join!

11. 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

12. 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](#)

Warm regards,

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