



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

October 14, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Calendar Updates - Oct 22, Nov 11 & Nov 12 - no classes in session
2. Student Photo Retakes – Monday Oct 18
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1. Important Calendar Reminder – Friday October 22nd is Pro-D

- **Friday October 22 (Provincial Pro-D Day):** School is not in session
- **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. Student Photo Retakes – This Monday October 18th

For any student who missed having their picture taken, school photo retakes will be on Monday October 18th. Starting at 8:30am, students will be called down to the cafeteria by grade. Photo 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. 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 will receive memos next week, 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

4. 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.

5. 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 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.

6. Counselling Corner

Upcoming Post-Secondary Virtual Presentations

- **Western Ivey Business School Presentation** Tuesday, October 19th, 2:00pm – 3:00pm
<https://www.tfaforms.com/4914685>
- **Which Engineering Program is Right for You?** Tuesday, October 19th, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
<https://uwaterloo.ca/engineering/undergraduate-admissions-webinar-series>
- Check out <https://wvsscounselling.weebly.com/> for a list of all Virtual Presentation

7. 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

8. 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!

9. 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.

10. 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!

11. 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.

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 Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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