



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

November 15, 2021

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1. Important Calendar Reminder

- Wednesday November 17: Report cards will be posted on the Parent Portal
- Friday December 17: Last day before Christmas break
- Tuesday January 4: First day back after Break
- Monday January 24: Professional Development day - classes not in session
- Friday January 28: Last day of Semester 1 regular classes

2. The MYED Family Portal

Parents will be able to access Student Report Cards on the MyEd family portal Wednesday, November 17th at the end of the school day. This report card will include Semester 1 Midterm Marks and Term 1 Marks for Linear classes.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- **Log In Before November 17th** - Please be sure to logon to your MyEd Family Portal account so that you can access upcoming report cards and other published reports. This will ensure you will be able to see your child's report card when it is posted.
 - Family Portal Link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>
 - [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)
- **Username/Password/Password Recovery** – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your 'password recovery' function to allow you to reset your own password.
 - [Password Recovery Guide](#)

If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca

3. X Block Opportunities!

Staff and students continue to make excellent use of X Block. As instructional time, it allows for and promotes flexibility in how and where students choose to make the most use of their time. Staff continue to develop, offer and promote opportunities and support that is timely and relevant to their students' learning. We continue to encourage students to plan ahead and use their time wisely. They can:

- Receive academic support from their teachers
- Work on their group projects
- Take part in a workshop
- Complete all their homework before they leave for the day

If students are unsure what to do, they are encouraged to ask their teachers! Staff emails can be found in the West Van App and on our website.

4. Graduation Literacy & Numeracy Assessments: Gr 10 and Gr 12 students

The following is an overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule for 2021-2022. **Grade 10 students who currently have Math 10 will write Numeracy 10 in January.** Grade 11 students who missed their Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessments will write this year in either April or June. They will be advised by memo. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here:

Literacy 10: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Numeracy 10: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Literacy 12: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
Grade 10 Numeracy (Grade 12 Literacy)	Semester 1 - Math 10 (Sem 1 & 2 - Eng 12)	January 24-28, 2022
Grade 10 Literacy	Semester 2 - Eng 10	April 25-29, 2022
Grade 12 Literacy	Semester 2 - Eng 12	April 25-29, 2022
Grade 10 Numeracy	Semester 2 - Math 10	June 13-17, 2022
Rewrites /Missed	All students	June 13-17, 2022

5. 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.

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: <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/children-youth-schools/school-health/north-shore-school-health-manual>

7. Grad Photos - Book now! November 30 – December 15th

Grade 12 students can now book their grad photo session at <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/book-your-grad-session/>. Please click "Book at Your School" and enter West Vancouver Secondary to access

the correct booking page. Photos dates are November 30th until December 15th and take place at 15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver. Any issues, please contact Jordan Kirk at (cell) 604-899-4116.

8. 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 12th at <https://urstore.ca/group/wvss-grad-gear-shop>

Navigating the Scholarship Process and Maximizing your Potential, Brittany Palmer of Unlock Your Future <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85891758521?pwd=dUpkczZ1dWk3MTFUNE5NWVNFSkRpUT09>
Meeting ID: 8589175 8521

PSBC Virtual Fair for Students & Parents, Nov 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/>

9. PAC News – How to Join & Optional Donations

WVSS PAC 2021 WINTER FUNDRAISING

The WVSS PAC has some exciting local fundraisers happening, with your purchases helping to raise funds that support our students and our school.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ORDERED LIONS BAY COFFEE AND SUPPORTED OUR FUNDRAISER. YOUR COFFEE WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR ON NOVEMBER 10.

*ORDERING IS CURRENTLY OPEN FOR GROWING SMILES WINTER PLANTS AND WESTCOAST SOAPWORKS SKINCARE. DON'T MISS OUT-ORDER TODAY!

GROWING SMILES WINTER PLANTS: Beautiful wreaths, poinsettias, planters and more! **Order by Nov.18th, Pick-up at the school on Dec.2.**

<https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

WESTCOAST SOAPWORKS: Amazing handmade skincare products, organically sourced, perfect for gifts or for yourself! Check out these amazing gift packages and products! Order by Nov.18th, Pick-up at the school Dec.2. *PLEASE CHOOSE "PICK-UP" OPTION WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER* <http://westcoastsoapworks.com/>

10. WVSS Athletics:

Fall Sports Season is almost done, and athletes have had a great season! Several teams will be going into post-season Championships including SR Girls Field Hockey, Cross Country, JR Football, SR Volleyball, and JR Volleyball. Good luck to all these teams and athletes!

Winter season includes Basketball and Wrestling. So far, we will be offering the following basketball teams: SR Girls, SR Boys, JR Boys and Grade 8 Girls. We are still looking for qualified coaches for several other basketball teams. Please check our website highlandersathletics.ca, the daily announcements and the board outside of the gyms for more information as we get closer to the season. Try outs will be happening mid-November.

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. Enhancing Substance Use Prevention in BC Schools Survey:

In Phase 2 of an ongoing engagement initiative, the Province is seeking input on how to help meet the challenge of youth substance use and its associated harms. Parents and caregivers in our school community are invited to complete this **short survey** by November 19.

13. Gmail Issues receiving E-Bulletins

Some parents have not been receiving school or district emails. It seems that for the most part it is a Gmail issue. This link helps you direct emails to specific folders (and out of promotions folder) <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/6579?hl=en> (How to filter email in Gmail and direct to certain folders).

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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[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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[Ms. C. Tanfara](#), Vice-Principal.

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