



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

November 18, 2021

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1. Important Calendar Reminder

- Friday December 17: Last day before Christmas break – early dismissal
- 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 starting Wednesday, November 17th. This report card will include Semester 1 Midterm Marks and Term 1 Marks for Linear classes.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- **Log In Before** - 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/aspen/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 & Grade 11's who missed | 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. Grad Photos - Book now! November 30 – December 15th

Please be advised that Grad photo sessions can now be booked with Edge Imaging. Please click on [this attachment](#) for detailed instructions on how to book your photo session online. You will be emailed a confirmation. All the sessions are held at Edge Studios, located at 15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver. If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Kirk at jkirk@edgeimaging.ca or **778-899-4116** (Note: this is Jordan's correct phone number. There was an error in our last e-bulletin on Monday with respect to the phone number provided.)

7. Counselling Corner

UVIC PARENT NIGHT-Wednesday, November 24th, 6pm-7pm

Learn about admission requirements, scholarships, upcoming application deadlines, and get advice on helping your child successfully transition to University life. Link below

<https://my.uvic.ca/RecruitNewWFE/Events/EventDetails?eventId=888759d5-f9d5-eb11-90fc-00505695aa57>

8. 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.

GROWING SMILES WINTER PLANTS: Beautiful wreaths, poinsettias, planters and more!

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER! ORDER YOURS TODAY! ORDER DEADLINE THURSDAY NOV.18TH, WITH PICK-UP THURS.DEC.2 AT THE SOUTH CAMPUS CAFETERIA FROM 12:30-3:30pm.

<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! **ORDERING DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR WESTCOAST SOAPWORKS! ORDER BY NOV.29TH AND PICK-UP THURS.DEC.2 AT THE SOUTH CAMPUS CAFETERIA FROM 12:30-3:30pm. ORDERS PLACED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE DELIVERED. *PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHOOSE “PICK-UP” OPTION WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WVSS PAC FUNDRAISER*.** Product samples, “try and buy,” products will also be available for purchase on Dec.2 during pick-up. See these amazing products in action! <http://westcoastsoapworks.com/>

9. 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! Club information will be communicated on the WVSS APP so download the app today and subscribe to teams, clubs, and more today! More information can be found here:

<https://wvss.appazur.com/help/flyer>

Featured Club: The WVSS Post is a student-run newspaper club currently publishing bi-weekly. In the paper you will find something for everyone. Students can turn to the paper for school news, upcoming events, pop culture reviews, arts, polls, and more. Our first edition is out now, so if you like what you hear please give it a read. If you have any questions you can contact us @wvsspost on instagram or email us from our website: <https://wvss-post.mailchimpsites.com>

10. 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.

11. 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).

12. **École Pauline Johnson is Going to be 100 Years Old! Help us with the Centennial Planning!**

PJ is approaching its centennial! The years 2022 through 2023 mark 100 years since the school was built and officially opened. We are looking for interested parents and alumni to help us plan our celebrations. We will be holding an initial planning meeting on Jan 12, 2022 at 6pm virtually. We are also looking for designers and/or distributors in our parent and alumni community that could help design centennial clothing and memorabilia. Please reach out to Principal Tara Zielinski (tzielinski@wvschools.ca) if you would like to be involved in our initial brainstorming, or if you have design or other resources that could assist us in commemorating the amazing history of École Pauline Johnson.

13. **Positive Mental Health Booklist**

Vancouver Coastal Health's Rapid Response Team has curated a booklist to support positive mental health for students, educators, and families! Please see [this attachment](#) for reading materials for all ages.

14. **Health and Safety Guidelines: Masks & Daily Health Check**

Students, staff and all visitors are required to wear masks while in our school building. Please make 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>

15. **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.

Say 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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