



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

November 25, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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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. International Travel

With international borders opening up and more Canadians looking to travel, families are reminded that students who are not fully vaccinated cannot attend school for 14 days following their return to Canada. (this is regardless if the unvaccinated student has received a negative test and traveling with fully vaccinated parents). The child is not required to quarantine **but is not allowed to attend school.**

We encourage all of our families to carefully review the [Canada Border Services](#) information before you make your travel plans. If you do decide to travel internationally during the school year please coordinate with your child's teacher before you go to ensure that they stay on top of their schoolwork while they are away and for the 14 days at home upon your return. At this time, full vaccinated students can return to school as long as they have a negative test and their second vaccine at least 2 weeks prior to their return. All travelers must follow the Canada Border Services requirements and Provincial Health Authority requirements. If you have any questions please contact our principal, Mr. Steve Rauh.

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 |
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| Grade 10 Numeracy Grade 12 Literacy | Semester 1 - Math 10 Sem 1 & 2 – English 12 | January 24-28, 2022 |
| Grade 10 Literacy | Semester 2 - English 10 *Any Grade 11 who has not written | 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 Grad Assessments | All students who missed their assessment or needs to rewrite | 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 Updates

New! Grade 12 Parents ... Yearbook Editors are looking for information about Grads (Grad Quotes and Baby Photos). Please add what you would like to see in the yearbook to this google form <https://forms.gle/TYoz24KPDdaHgNsj9>

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 (the website for booking is: <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/book-your-grad-session/>) 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

7. PAC News – 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: Thank you to everyone who ordered winter plants, we appreciate your support of our fundraiser. Ordering is now closed. Plants will be available for **pick up at the South Campus Cafeteria on Thursday Dec.2 between 12:30-3:30.**

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.29th and pick up at the South Campus Cafeteria on Thursday Dec.2 between 12:30-3:30. 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/>

8. Clubs & WVSS APP – get involved today!

See the updated WVSS **Clubs List for 2021-2022** [HERE](#). The **WVSS APP** has the most up to date information on our clubs. In the WVSS APP, go to Groups, click on the “gear” and “subscribe” to get updates from the clubs and teams you are interested in! WVSS app information can be found here: <https://wvss.appazur.com/help/flyer> Here are a few of our highlighted clubs this week:

The Investing Club is a great way to learn and step into the world of finance and investing. You'll learn about stocks, crypto, different trading strategies as well as managing a \$1,000,000 simulation portfolio for a prize! For more information search wvss.investingclub on Instagram or email wvssic@gmail.com. We meet today and every Friday at lunch in C236.

The Multicultural Club is looking for talents to audition for the Asian New Year 2022 concert!!! Singing, dancing, juggling, instrumental, you name it, we're interested. Sign up by checking out our Instagram page: @wvssmulticultural. Deadline is December 10th.

The Journal Club: To bring writers together to share journal entries. The club meets Wednesdays at lunch in W246. Here is a link to the website: <https://colinzhoucz.wixsite.com/weekly-journal-club>

9. Daily Announcements - see “Messages” in the WVSS App

If you missed the school announcements in class - they are posted daily on both our website and under “Messages” in the WVSS App. Don’t miss out on important messages through the app, download it today if you haven’t already done so!

10. 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).

11. 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 \(tzielinski@wvschools.ca\)](mailto: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.

12. 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.

13. 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](#) 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>

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. To see previous bulletins, please see our website, under

publications <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/westvancouver-secondary/about-wvss/school-news-publications/>

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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[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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

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