



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

November 4, 2021

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Important Calendar Reminder

- **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. The MYED Family Portal

Please be sure to set up your MyEd Family Portal account so that you can access upcoming report cards and other published reports. For any portal problems or login issues please email wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca . Semester one midterm reports will be published the afternoon of November 17th.

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 Assessments: Gr 10 and Gr 12 students

Grade 10 and Grade 12 students who have English this semester have written the Grade 10 / Grade 12 Literacy Assessment this week. Students who missed their exam sitting will be re-scheduled for January or April. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. 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 (Grade 12 Literacy) | Semester 1 - Math 10 (Sem 1 & 2 - English 12) | 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 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. 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 4th at <https://urstore.ca/group/wvss-grad-gear-shop>
Virtual Scholarship Presentation-Tuesday, November 2nd, 6pm-7pm

Navigating the Scholarship Process and Maximizing your Potential, Brittany Palmer of Unlock Your Future <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85891758521?pwd=dUpkczZ1dWk3MTFUNE5NWjNFSkRpUT09>
Meeting ID: 8589175 8521

PSBC Virtual Fair for Students & Parents, Nov 9, 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/>

8. PAC News – How to Join & Optional Donations

The WVSS PAC has some exciting local fundraisers happening, with your purchases helping to raise funds that support our students and our school. For more information please click here: **English version** [here](#). **Mandarin version** [here](#). **Farsi version** [here](#)

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

WESTCOAST SOAPWORKS: Order by Nov.18th, Pick-up at the school Dec.2. *PLEASE CHOOSE "PICK-UP" OPTION WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER* <http://westcoastsoapworks.com/>

9. 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.

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.

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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