



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

January 13, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Calendar Updates
2. Semester Change
3. School Fee Payment Reminder
4. Athletics Update
5. PAC News
6. Graduation Assessments
7. Health and Safety
8. Grad Photos - Book now!
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10. 2022 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest

1. Important Calendar Reminder

- Monday January 24: Professional Development Day - classes not in session
- January 24- 27: Graduation Assessments (Numeracy 10 & some Literacy 12)
- Friday January 28: Last day of Semester 1 regular classes
- Monday January 31: Turn around Day
- Tuesday February 1: First day of Semester 2 classes
- Wednesday February 2: Grade 9 Immunization (@9- 11:30am)
- Friday February 4: Report Cards posted (4pm or later)
- Friday February 18: District Reading Break (no school in session)
- Monday February 21: BC Family Day (no school in session)

2. Semester Change:

Friday January 28th is the last day of regular Semester 1 classes with Semester 2 classes starting on Tuesday February 1st. **Monday January 31st will be a turnaround day.** Students are not required to attend but they may be invited by their teacher. Students may make individual arrangements with their teachers as well. The purpose of this day is to provide an opportunity for students to work with teachers to make up incomplete work, provides time for reassessment (assessment, review, and completion) and creates time and space to reset and turn around for Semester 2.

3. Reminder to pay any outstanding School Fees

We are coming to the end of our first semester, please take a minute to review your School Cash online account and settle any outstanding school fees. Please contact the office if you need any support.

4. Athletics Update

With respect to the most recent Provincial Health Orders, there are no spectators allowed or sport tournaments. There is also a significant referee shortage so games may be cancelled and/or rescheduled so communication to team coaches is key. The play offs have been moved by one week to help with any rescheduled league games. Thank you for your understanding and patience with changes. We will have updates as to Spring teams coming soon!

5. PAC News - Virtual General Meeting 9:00 am, Tuesday January 18, 2022

Happy New Year! We were hoping to have our second General meeting of the year in person, but given the current situation, we are still happy to connect with you all online. Please join the PAC Executive to hear from our School Principal, Mr. Steve Rauh and from our Guest Speakers Rachelle M Graham, M.A. Clinical Counsellor, and the Clinical Director of North Shore Center for Attachment (NCSA)

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: Mr. Rauh will give a brief school update on what covid measures WVSS have put in place and what your children can expect as they transition to Semester 2.

GUEST SPEAKERS: The North Shore Centre of Attachment (NSCA). The NSCA, are not only passionate about counselling and intervention work, but preventive programming as well. That is why they are launching and will inform our parents about their newest community program geared towards supporting youth ages 12-18. Starting in February of 2022, they will be providing the RiseUP program to youth online. This program is designed to provide youth with practical skills focusing on relationships and emotion regulation to improve overall mental wellness.

Agenda:

- 9.00 am - Welcome
- 9.05 am - Update from the Principal Mr. Steve Rauh
- 9.20 am - PAC Update on Gaming Grant, Funds Raised and Expenditure, Plans for remainder of the year
- 9.30 am - Guest Speakers, Clinical Counsellor and Clinical Director at NSCA – New RiseUp Program
- 9.45 am - Meeting Closes

(This timeframe may change to allow for questions for our Principal and Guest Speakers)

Link for the Teams meeting: <https://teams.live.com/meet/93841799113682>

6. 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, January 25 or 27. Grade 11 students who missed numeracy will write this January as well.** Grade 11 students who missed their Literacy 10 will write in either April or June 2022. Students will be advised by memo and/or email of exact date and time. 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>

Results:

November Results will be released on January 17; January Results released on March 14th

April results released on June 13; June results released July 31st

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
Grade 10 Numeracy Grade 12 Literacy	Semester 1 - Math 10 Sem 2 – English 12 (optional)	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 - English 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

7. Important Health & Safety Updates: Please read carefully

Daily Health Checks & Illness

Please see the attached [Daily Health Check](#) for updated COVID-19 Information. If your child is demonstrating signs of illness, please keep them home so that they may rest and return to school in good health. With cold and flu season upon us, we are making every effort to reduce student and staff absence due to illness. Thank you for doing your part! Please email wvss@wvschools.ca to inform us if your child will be away ill.

Visitors

For the health and safety of our staff and families, only essential visitors are permitted at this time. To minimize disruptions, please make any necessary in-person appointments before or after school, where possible. All visitors must first sign-in at the north or south main office. Please note that, at this time, there will be no spectators during team practices or games.

Masks

This will be an area of renewed focus for our return to school. Wearing masks at school is required under a public health order. The PHO Order for Face Coverings can be found [here](#). Proper fit is a key factor in mask effectiveness; masks worn at school should fit well and cover the nose and mouth as demonstrated in [this poster](#). The BCCDC recommendations for mask types, including 3 ply masks, can be found [here](#). We ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child has and uses a mask every day that they are in attendance. Please contact srauh@wvschools.ca directly if you believe your child qualifies for a mask exemption so that we can offer support and/or other strategies identified to reinforce and enhance other safety measures (as outlined in the Planning Resource: [Mask Exemptions](#))

Updated Communicable Disease Plan

Please click [here](#) for the updated Communicable Disease Plan from December 2021.

Cafeteria – bring lunch and dress warmly!

While food service remains open, our cafeteria will have limited seated spacing. Students are asked to eat in their class prior to lunch. To avoid long line ups, please have your child bring food and refillable water bottles from home. In addition, please encourage your child to dress warmly, as windows and doors may remain open for optimal air circulation.

Entrances and Exits & Hand Sanitization

To reduce crowding, please ask your child to use the entrance and exit doors closest to their classroom. Congregating in the hallways and small spaces should be avoided while using the exterior will help minimize contact. Proper hand hygiene should also be encouraged. Hand sanitizer is available at all our entrances and in our classrooms. Please encourage your child to practice regular hand washing and sanitization.

8. Grad Updates

Individual grad photo retake day is Saturday, January 29, 2022. Group Grad Photo Retakes can be booked for Friday January 28, 2022. You may sign up online at bookmygrad.ca, bookings are open now. All photos will be taken at the Edge Imaging studio at 15 Victoria Drive in Vancouver. If you need help with the sign up, please contact the Edge rep. Jordan Kirk at 778-899-4116 or jkirk@edgeimaging.ca. Edge Imaging is looking forward to seeing you at the studio soon.

9. 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
- Use the Library for quiet study, reading and more
- 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.

10. 2022 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest

There is \$10,000 in prize money up for grabs, to be shared by students and their schools. The contest is now open and we invite students to submit their entries any time between now and the deadline. Visit worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest.

Here are some important points about this year's contest:

- The contest website, including full details, rules, and the contest entry form can be found [here](#)
- A poster that you can print and post in your school or email to students/teachers is attached
- The theme of this year's contest is **My mental health matters** (focused on what youth need for mental health resilience in the workplace, their strategies for staying well, and how their employers can support them if they're struggling at work)
- Contest is open to students in grades 8-12
- There are four **\$2,500 cash prizes to be shared by the students and their teacher/organization sponsors.**
- Entries can be live action, documentary-style, animation, stop motion...whatever creative style your students can imagine!

- Entries are to be submitted by the teacher or youth organization sponsor
- **Contest deadline is 5 pm, Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

Attendance Notices: Email us at wvss@wvschools.ca 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 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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