



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

January 20, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. West Vancouver Place for Sport: Exciting Announcement!

WVSS and our whole community has reason to celebrate! The West Vancouver Place for Sport is becoming a reality. After 6 years of fundraising, it was announced yesterday that construction of the West Vancouver Place for Sport will proceed in 2022. Many sincere thanks to Kevin and Caroline Armitage, whose generous and significant donation meant that fundraising goals were finally met and that the project will proceed. Please see the following press release for all the details:

<https://westvancouver.ca/news/west-vancouver-place-sport-fundraising-campaign-closes-target-council-steps-close-funding-gap> . The story can also be seen in the North Shore

News: <https://www.nsnews.com/local-sports/west-vancouver-sports-facility-finally-hits-its-fundraising-goal-4969102>

2. Important Calendar Reminders

- **Monday January 24: Professional Development Day - classes not in session**
- January 25 & 27: Graduation Assessments (Numeracy 10 & some Literacy 12)
- Friday January 28: Last day of Semester 1 regular classes
- **Monday January 31: Turn around Day (no regular classes)**
- Tuesday February 1: First day of Semester 2 classes
- Wednesday February 2: Grade 9 Immunization (@9am- 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)

3. 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 make up incomplete work, to provide time for reassessment and to reset and turn around for Semester 2.

4. 2022-2023 Secondary Timetable - Parent/Guardian Survey - We want your Feedback!!

The West Vancouver School District is collecting student/family/staff feedback to help inform decisions about the structure of the 2022-2023 secondary school schedule. Your input is very important and is greatly valued as part of the planning process. This survey is intended to collect feedback on the current "COVID Transitional Schedule", as well as collect feedback on a preferred Post-COVID Schedule for the future.

As we have recently experienced, we are still living and working in a global pandemic and for next year likely need to consider a schedule that has the ability to be responsive to changes, supports the possibility of remote/online learning, and maintains maximum flexibility to meet evolving Health and Safety Measures. For reference, the current 2021-2022 Transitional Schedule (two semesters) was designed to be flexible and responsive, in order to meet the evolving COVID-19 school health and safety guidelines and requirements.

This anonymous survey is designed to collect stakeholder feedback about their experiences with the current COVID Transitional Schedule as well as feedback for the preferred Post-COVID Schedule.

If you have more than one child attending a secondary school in West Vancouver School District, you are welcome to complete an additional survey for each student.

Parent Guardian Survey Link :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCR2TJZ>

5. Grade 9 Immunization Clinic – Scheduled for February 2nd, 2022

An immunization consent form was recently sent home by mail. **Please sign this form and return it to the school office by: January 21st, 2022.** Please complete the form with a YES or NO by each vaccine.

If the immunization record that we have for your child is incomplete, please include a complete history when you return the consent form or email to nsimmunizations@vch.ca

We will be offering the following routine Grade 9 vaccines to students this year:

- **Meningococcal vaccine:** A 4-strain meningococcal vaccine will be provided that protects against strains A, C, Y and W-135.
- **Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine:** One dose boosts childhood immunity.
- **Covid vaccination:** if your child has not received 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Catch up vaccines:** If needed for those missed at younger ages.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your school Public Health Nurse, Sophia: 778-984-4913 or Sophia.Knowles@vch.ca You can also visit: www.immunizeBC.ca for more information on immunization

6. IB Information Sessions and IB information FAQs

IB program will be hosting information sessions for students on February 8th and 15th at 1:40 in the North Cafeteria

February 8th – for current Grade 10 Students (students only)

February 15th - for current Grade 9 Students (students only)

Click [here](#) for information on the IB diploma program. Click [here](#) for information on the Pre diploma program (PDP)

7. Athletics Update

Calling out for qualified coaches! Contact Joanne McKee if interested, we need help with the following teams: Ultimate, Rugby SR Boys, Rugby JR Boys, Football Grade 8, Mountain Biking (with Dan Cowan), JR Girls Soccer, Track and Field. Thank you in advance!

Girls Rugby: All girls who want to play rugby are to meet on the West Van Track Friday after school. Be ready to run and do a high intensity work out to build strength and speed. See you and a friend this Friday, on the track after school....Mr. Jonshon

School Hockey Team (Grade 10 – 12): Anyone interested there is a sign-up sheet in the main office. Students can also sign up in Connect with Mr. Stoddart or the CRC with Mr. Rispin. The season starts after Spring Break so it won't interfere with your current hockey team's schedule. Join the Highlanders as Highlander Highlights as we push for the North Shore High School Hockey League cup!!

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!

8. 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 on 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 * delayed* now expected January 24; January Results released on March 14th

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

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
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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

9. Yearbook

In-person classes, school sports, and extracurricular activities: this year marked the beginning of our bright futures! The yearbook is truly the most important keepsake to document the start of a new chapter in our lives. Our yearbook program is working hard to put together a memorable book that will represent our new future. Get a copy of all the memories and events that have happened in 2021-22. Order today! - <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>

10. Grad Photos – Retakes

Individual grad photo retake day is Saturday, January 29, 2022. Group Grad Photo Retakes can be booked for Friday January 28, 2022. 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. Link to book your appointment: <https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/WVT#appointment-selection>

11. Grade 12 Scholarships:

The application for **School Based Scholarships** is now available on the Counselling website. The deadline to apply is Feb 25th.

12. 2022-2023 WVS Premier Sports Academies and District Programs are OPEN for Registration!

For a detailed list of the Sports Academies & District Programs offered by West Vancouver Schools for the 2022-2023 school year, see the link <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/> and click on District Programs. The link for each Sports Academy and District Program provides detailed information such as: overviews/benefits; teachers/coaches; schedules; venues; fees; and registration procedures. Register early as spots are limited.

13. Reminder to pay any outstanding School Fees

As 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 Jenny Madill (jmadill@wvschools.ca) if you need any support.

14. 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.

15. Important Health & Safety Reminders

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. Please email wvss@wvschools.ca to report student absences and indicate the reason (appointment, illness, etc.)

Visitors

For the health and safety of our staff and families, only essential visitors are permitted at this time. All visitors must first sign-in at the north or south main office.

Masks

Wearing masks at school is required under a public health order. 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. Proper hand hygiene should also be encouraged. Please encourage your child to practice regular hand washing and sanitization.

16. 2022 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest (Due: March 29)

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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Useful Links

WVSS website:

WVSS Counselling Page:

WVSS Athletics Website:

West Vancouver Schools District Website

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