



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

January 27, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. 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. 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>

2. Important Calendar Reminders

- **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: February 1st Semester 2 begins!

Friday January 28th is the last day of regular Semester 1 classes

Monday January 31st is a turnaround day. Students are not required to attend but they may be invited by their teacher. 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 for Semester 2.

Tuesday February 1st: We look forward to starting Semester 2 on Tuesday at 8:30am!

Timetables for Semester 2: Students should access and print off their Semester 2 timetables on the portal. See the Family Portal Information below for instructions on how to logon to the MyEd Portal. If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvsschools.ca
Classes start Tuesday at 8:30 with Period 2-1.

4. Semester 1 Report Cards Posted - February 4th, end of day

Report Cards can be accessed on the MyEd family portal as of Friday, February 4th end of day. This report card includes final Semester 1 marks. Please make sure to SAVE or print your Report Cards.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- **Log In Before February 4th** - Please be sure to logon to your MyEd Family Portal account so that you can access upcoming report cards and other published reports.
 - Family Portal Link: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/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.

If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvsschools.ca

5. Counselling Corner - Course Planning for 2022-2023

Counsellors will be visiting classes in the upcoming week for course selections for next year. PowerPoint presentations are available for parents on the link below.

<https://wvsscounselling.weebly.com/course-selection-power-point-presentations.html>

- Grade 10s - CLE classes, Friday, Jan 28 & Friday, Feb 4
- Grade 11s - Feb 7 to Feb 16 in Period 4
- Grade 9s - Feb 7 to Feb 16 in Period 1
- Grade 8s - TBD
- IB Presentation for Grade 10s-Tuesday, Feb 8 during X blk
- PDP Presentation for grade 9s-Tuesday, Feb 15 during X blk

GRADS:

- **School Based Scholarships:** The application form is now available on the Counselling website. The deadline to apply is **Feb 25th**.
- **Grad Photos – Retakes: January 28 and 29th**

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>

6. 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 as soon as possible!** Please complete the form with a YES or NO by each vaccine. If you did not receive a form please contact your school Public Health Nurse, Sophia: 778-984-4913 or Sophia.Knowles@vch.ca

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. 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

7. 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)

8. 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. Johnson

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. Thank you for your understanding and patience with changes.

9. PAC News

Optional Donation - School Cash Online

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School parents who make the annual contribution to WVSS PAC to support your children in both the classroom and in

extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2021/2022 PAC voluntary contribution is available on School Cash Online. NEW THIS YEAR: there will now be the option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75. Please see this [attachment](#) ([Mandarin version](#) and [Farsi version](#)) for a list of some of the things the PAC supported last year, as well as some further details. To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

DPAC Invitation: Virtual Parent Education Evening Featuring Dr. Yong Zhao

Please join us for a fabulous educational evening with Dr. Zhao. Not to be missed! February 17th at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Please see [this attachment](#) for more details.

10. Yearbook - order today!

Do you ever look through your old high school yearbooks and reminisce about all the events and memories that you made? Isn't it such an amazing feeling to travel back in time through a book? If so, you have the chance to create the same experience for your children by purchasing the yearbook. It will be something that your children will cherish for a long time just like you have.

Order your yearbooks today! - <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Graduation Literacy & Numeracy Assessments: Gr 10 and Gr 12 students

The following is an overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule for 2021-2022. This schedule is **subject to change** as we are awaiting details from the Ministry, after the cancellation of the January session. 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*;

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

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
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

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.) . Please see our Health and Safety updates and procedures on our website at <http://westvancouversecondary.com/our-covid-commandments/>

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**

17. The Olympic Journey - February 1st at 6:30pm

A free virtual event held on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 pm. Please see [this attachment](#) for all the details

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.

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