



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

**February 10, 2022**

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

Please join us for a timely and important educational evening with Dr. Young Zhao. Not to be missed! Explore the how and the why of self determined learning. February 17th at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Please see [this attachment](#) for more details. Tickets are \$10 and available here: [Please join us for a virtual parent education event Featuring Dr. Yong Zhao Tickets, Thu, 17 Feb 2022 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## **2. Important Calendar Reminders**

- Saturday February 12: Yearbook pre-order Deadline
- Friday February 18: District Reading Break (no school in session)
- Monday February 21: BC Family Day (no school in session)
- Wednesday February 23: **Pink Shirt Day**
- Friday February 25: School Based Scholarship Application due

## **3. 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 (on our counselling website!)

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

- Grade 11s - Feb 7 to Feb 16 in Period 4

- Grade 9s - Feb 7 to Feb 16 in Period 1
- Grade 8s – to be determined
- 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**

#### **4. IB Information Sessions and IB information FAQs**

IB program will be hosting information sessions for students on February 15<sup>th</sup> - 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)

#### **5. 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!

#### **6. West Van Run: March 5 & 6 - Let's do this WVSS Highlanders!**

As has become tradition, the school district is inviting students (and their parents) to participate in the West Van Run happening March 5 and 6, 2022. Students and parents have the option to join in the event at a discounted rate (\$29.95) by registering here: <http://www.westvanrun.com/schools> **1KM events** (for Kids 13 & Under): FREE. See you at the start line team "WVSS!"

#### **7. 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.

#### **8. Suicide Prevention in Youth – Thursday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Please see the following [attachment](#) for information on this free community conversation discussion the latest theory and research abdevidence -based treatment approaches.

#### **9. Yearbook - order today! February 14 - Deadline**

The pre-order to the publisher goes in Feb 15th for the Yearbook. If you want to make sure you get a copy for your child, order before Feb 14th on School Cash on-line. Limited extra copies will be available

at the end of the year. Grad Parents - don't miss out on getting your Grad this important keepsake and memory. Available now: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/>

**Grade 12 International Students:** You will receive a **free yearbook** if this your graduating year. Please come to the main office and add your name to the list with Mrs. Madill.

## **10. 2022-2023 WVS Premier Sports Academies & Programs**

Please see the West Vancouver Schools website for information on District Programs and Academies. Applications for 2022-2023 are currently being accepted for many of these programs. More information can be found at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs>.

### **2022-2023 Yoga Teacher Training Course Information**

The West Van School District's 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training course is an 8-credit course (4 PE credits and 4 Yoga credits) that will provide students in grades 9 to 12 with the skills needed to teach yoga effectively and safely to all levels of students. The course follows the guidelines set out by Yoga Alliance and students receive certification as Yoga Alliance 200-hour Yoga Teachers. For more information or to register visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/200-hour-yoga-teacher-training> or email Mariam Pirbhai [mpirbhai@wvschools.ca](mailto:mpirbhai@wvschools.ca)

### **Have you heard of the HONOUR CHOIR Program in WV Schools?**

Do you love to sing and to perform music with others at the highest level possible? If so, the WV Schools' Honour Choir Program is an exciting opportunity for you. Honour Choir is a district-wide program that extends the music learning of our students through choral music. The Honour Choirs are open to students who will be in Grade 6/7 (Junior Honour Choir) and Grades 8-12 (Treble and Mixed Honour Choir). For more information about the program or to register for an audition to be part of these special courses, please click on the relevant link below:

**Link for students going into Grades 6/7** in the 2022/2023 school year:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/ignite-your-passion/jdhc>

**Link for students going into Grades 8-12** in the 2022/2023 school

year: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/honour-choir>

Please contact Program Director, Suzanne Fulton ([sfulton@wvschools.ca](mailto:sfulton@wvschools.ca)), if you have any further questions.

## **11. PJ is Turning 100!**

We are in the beginning stages of planning Pauline Johnson Elementary's Centennial Celebration – scheduled for May 2023. Please contact Principal Zielinski ([tzielinski@wvschools.ca](mailto:tzielinski@wvschools.ca)) if you:

- Are a PJ Alumni/parent/community member that would like to volunteer to coordinate this large event;
- Are a private consultant/event planner that would be interested in bidding on this project;
- Own a company that creates branding and would be interested in bidding to (a) work on a new PJ Centennial Design/Logo and (b) provide varied swag for our event;
- Are a PJ Alumni/parent/community member that would like to volunteer to begin and maintain the social media platform(s) for this large event.

## 12. 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 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
- Students are encouraged to ask their teachers! Staff emails can be found in the West Van App and on our website.

## 13. 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.*** 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:** April results released on June 13; June results released July 31<sup>st</sup>

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 1 & 2 - Math 10	June 13-17, 2022
Rewrites /Missed – All Grad Assessments	All students who missed their assessment or need to rewrite	June 13-17, 2022

## 14. 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](https://worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest). The contest website and the contest entry form can be found [here](#). Contest deadline is **5 pm, Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

## 15. Reminder to pay any outstanding School Fees

Please take a minute to review your School Cash online account and settle any outstanding school fees. Please contact Jenny Madill ([jmadill@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmadill@wvschools.ca)) if you need any support.

## Important Health & Safety Reminders

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](mailto: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://westvancouver-schools.ca/westvancouver-secondary/our-covid-commandments/>

**Attendance Notices: Email us at [wvss@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvss@wvschools.ca)** We are asking that student absences be communicated through email ([wvss@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvss@wvschools.ca)) where possible. This will allow staff to enter absences into the system faster. Please email [wvss@wvschools.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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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[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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