



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

February 17, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. DPAC Invitation: Featuring Dr. Yong Zhao – Tonight at 7pm!
2. Calendar Updates
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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. TONIGHT! February 17th at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. 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

- 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
- Monday February 28: Registration opens for Parent Conferences
- Thursday March 10: Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Saturday March 12 : Spring Break begins
- March 28: Classes Resume

3. VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES Thursday, March 10, 2022 REGISTRATION OPENS February 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Meetings will be virtual using Google Meet, appointment bookings open at 9:00 am on Monday February 28th through <https://westvan.schoolappointments.com/admin/> .

Two bookings per student per family may be made at this time. More bookings can be made after March 3rd . Bookings will close at 10:00 pm on March 8th. Student schedules can be found under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> or by asking your student.

Please see the attachments for all the information for parent teacher conferences and the booking appointments.

4. Counselling Corner - Course Planning for 2022-2023

Important Information for Gr. 9, 10 and 11's on Course Selection for 2022-2023

Presentations on course planning have now been completed in classes.

Courses for next year need to be entered on MyEd and the form with course selections should be handed in to the Counselling office by Friday, Feb 25th.

Gr.12's

School Based Scholarship Applications are due on Friday, Feb 25th.

The application can be found in the link below.

<https://wvsscounselling.weebly.com/wvss-school-based-scholarships.html>

5. Graduation Literacy & Numeracy Assessments: Updated Information

We have recently heard from the Ministry of Education that all Graduation Assessments will continue this year and the April and June sessions will take place as previously scheduled. UBC will also be The following chart is an **updated overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule for 2021-2022**. Students will be advised by memo and/or email of exact date and time. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here: All students should review and do sample assessments prior to the assessment

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: Please note that the November Assessment results are now available. Grade 12 students can find their scores listed on the Student Transcript Services (STS). Grade 10 students can ask their Semester 1 English teacher for their results. We expect that April results will be released on June 13; June results released July 31. Any questions related to Assessments can be directed to Ms. Tanfara

Rewrites: Any student wishing to re-write a graduation assessment should see Ms. Kong (database clerk) in the main office or inform their counsellor.

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
Grade 10 Literacy	*Semester 2 English 10 classes *Grade 11s who have not written Lit 10	April 25-29, 2022
Grade 12 Literacy	*Semester 2 - English 12 classes *Grade 12s wishing to re-write Lit 12	April 25-29, 2022
Grade 10 Numeracy	*All grade 10 students	June 13-17, 2022

Grade 12 Literacy Grade 10 Literacy	Any student who missed their assessment or wishes to rewrite	June 13-17, 2022
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6. Romeo & Juliet

West Vancouver Secondary School Presents...[ROMEO & JULIET](#) ... *or the Play that Goes Wrong!* Adapted from William Shakespeare's tragedy by Julianne Hoyak & the Theatre Company students. Shakespeare obviously didn't know any teens when he wrote "Wisely and slow - they stumble that run fast," as if Romeo, let alone any teen, would heed the advice! You're wasting your breath, Will! This show flips the tragedy on its head and re-imagines it as a comedy where a group of teenagers are in charge of staging the famous play. It features our biggest cast yet with live music, dance, and ABSOLUTE CHAOS.

7PM March 2-4 at the Kay Meek Studio Theatre

Tickets \$15 available at <https://kaymeek.com/events?category=WVSS>

7. Athletics Update

Tennis Season is starting soon!! Tryouts will start the week before spring break. Season starts after spring break. Sign up on the Google Classroom or see Mr. Cowan in room C302 for more details: Google Classroom Code: o3whwor

Track and Field practices are starting next week after the holiday on Tuesday, February 22nd at 3:10pm. The track and field team is open to all students who are willing to show a commitment by working hard at every practice. Practices before Spring break will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:10pm on the track. **The google classroom link is zznxucy**

8. 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: <https://www.westvanrun.com/schools> **1KM events** (for Kids 13 & Under): FREE. See you at the start line team "WVSS!"

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.

10. Suicide Prevention in Youth – Thursday Feb 24th 7:00 – 9:00 pm

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

11. Yearbook - order today!

If you want to make sure you get a copy for your child, order right away 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. Any problems with school cash, please email Jenny Madill at jmadill@wvschools.ca) 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.

12. 2022-2023 WVS Premier Sports Academies & Programs

Have you ever thought about playing Rugby?! **The West Vancouver Schools Rugby Academy** is fortunate to have Curry Hitchborn, the UBC Mens' Rugby Team Head Coach, as our lead instructor in this exciting program. All genders and skill levels are encouraged to participate as students learn both individual skills and tactical game play in a fun, collaborative, and safe environment (there is no tackling in the Academy program). The Rugby Academy is for students in grades 8 through 12 and takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3pm at Ambleside E turf. One way bus transportation is provided from all three West Vancouver Secondary schools and during the winter months, the Rugby Academy students also partake in some indoor cross training activities. For further information on the Academy, please follow the link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/rugby>

FAST (FIRST AID SWIM TRAINING)

Applications for the 2022-2023 school year close Friday March 11th, 2022.

FAST is a young lifeguard education program that will allow students to develop the essential skills to be successful and confident lifeguards. At the completion of the FAST program students will have obtained all of the required certification prerequisites necessary to enroll in the National Lifeguard Course, which students can take independently when they are 15 years of age or older. Completion of the National Lifeguard Course is the final credential necessary to qualify an individual to work as a lifeguard. In addition to developing strong first aid skills, the FAST program also focuses on providing students with a practical foundation in resistance and cardiovascular training, swimming, stroke-development and leadership. Please [click this link](#) to learn more and apply to the program.

2022-2023 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES COURSE INFORMATION

Applications due Friday March 11th, 2022

The West Van School District's Carpentry: Youth Train in Trades is for students who are keenly interested in acquiring industry recognized skills and certification in carpentry, construction and related trades. By completing this program students receive 16 credits (4 courses) towards high school graduation, in addition to Level 1 Carpentry Training. To learn more about the program [visit this site](#) and to [apply click here](#). If you have any questions, email Parnaz Kashani: pkashani@wvschools.ca

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 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.

GENERAL REMINDERS

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) 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 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 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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[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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