



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

February 24, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Important Calendar Reminders

- Friday February 25: School Based Scholarship Application due
- Friday February 25: Course selection forms and MyEd course entry due
- Monday February 28: Registration opens for Parent Conferences
- Wednesday March 2 (3&4): Romeo and Juliet school play at Kay Meek
- Thursday March 10: Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Thursday March 10: School dismissal at 12:35 for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Saturday March 12: Spring Break begins
- March 28: Classes Resume

2. 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 [instruction sheet](#) and virtual [direction sheet](#) for parent teacher conferences and the booking appointments.

School will dismiss at 12:35 on Thursday March 10th for Parent Teacher Conferences unless your teacher has indicated otherwise.

3. 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>

4. Virtual District Parent Information Session: March 7 at 6:30PM

"Parents as Education and Career Coaches" will be held virtually on **Monday, March 7th** at 6:30 pm. This session does a good job of introducing parents to the vast resources available through the EducationplannerBC website. Details on registration and topics covered are listed on the [attached poster](#).

5. Graduation Literacy & Numeracy Assessments: Updated Information

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 try the 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: [The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Results: 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 and June results released July 31.

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

| 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 |

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| 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: March 2,3 & 4**

West Vancouver Secondary School Presents...**ROMEO & JULIET**... *or the Play that Goes Wrong!* Adapted from William Shakespeare's tragedy by 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 production 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 live music, dancing, fighting, passion, and teen angst! Plus, the students have yet to complete a practice with the full cast so you can expect ABSOLUTE CHAOS. Or at least some first-rate cringe. Come see for yourself! 7PM March 2-4 at the Kay Meek Studio Theatre
Tickets \$15 available at this **new link** <https://kaymeek.com/events-hidden?category=WVSS>

7. **Athletics Update**

Spectators: Spectators are now allowed at a 50% capacity in the gyms.

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 – (TONIGHT!) 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!

With only a limited number of yearbooks, everyone needs to hurry up and order!

First come, first serve. You do not want to lose the chance of having one of these memorable and fantastically organized books. Available now: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>.

Special Message for Grad Parents: Due February 25

If you're the parent of a graduating student, you have the opportunity to write a thoughtful message to commemorate their final year of high school in the yearbook.

You can email a message to wvssyearbookcommittee@gmail.com by Friday Feb 25!

Messages can be up to 150 words, must use appropriate language, and must include a baby photo as well. It's only \$10 per message (payment will be arranged after the message is confirmed).

Make the yearbook personalized by adding a special message!

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

YELL: Calling all students entering Grades 11 or 12 in September! If you would like to gain understanding of business, leadership, and entrepreneurship, check out **YELL**, one of VS Premier District programs. YELL brings engaging entrepreneurs, community shapers and innovate companies together through amazing learning experiences that inspire students and prepare them for the real world. This Entrepreneurship Grade 12 course is FREE and taught by WVSS teacher, Jo-Anne McKee (jmckee@wvschools.ca) and runs outside the regular timetable in a format that is both in-person and hybrid. Check it out at:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/yell-entrepreneurship-12-program>

Pursuit: Applications are now being accepted. Deadline is June 10. Pursuit is a program that is designed for students, Grades 10-12, who are provincially and/or nationally ranked athletes or performing artists competing at the highest level or category for their specific age group. Please see the following link for more information: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/pursuit>

13. 2022 Student Video Contest from The District of West Vancouver

Cash Prizes for the top 10 video entries! Submission Deadline is April 18, 2022. See [this attachment](#) for details.

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 link](#) for information about K-12 schools and 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 [Our Covid Commitments | West Vancouver Secondary School \(westvancouver.schools.ca\)](#)

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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[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

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