



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

March 10, 2022

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1. Communicating the 2022-2023 Secondary Schedule

We wanted to take a moment to thank all the students, parents, teachers, and staff that participated in the Secondary Schedule Surveys. We had very high levels of participation and have used this data to guide our planning for next year. We will be keeping the current Semester Schedule with X Block for one more “Transitional Year”. This provides stability, flexibility, time for refinement, and is consistent with the stakeholder feedback. Many thanks for your support and understanding

2. Important Calendar Reminders

- Saturday March 12: Spring Break begins
- Monday March 28: Classes Resume
- Friday April 15: Good Friday - school is not in session
- Monday April 18: Easter Monday – school is not in session
- Tues & Thurs April 26, 28: Graduation Assessments (Literacy 10 and Literacy 12)
- Friday April 29: Last day for Ministry Student Learning Surveys

3. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences Thur, March 10, 2022- early dismissal

Parent Teacher Meetings will be virtual using Google Meet. Please see the [instruction sheet](#) and virtual [direction sheet](#) for parent teacher conferences and the booking appointments. **You will be receiving an email with your link to your Google Meet for each of your interviews.**

Please note that appointment bookings are now closed. If you were unable to secure an appointment, you may want to email your child’s teacher(s) directly and set up another date and time. **Reminder:**

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

4. Indigenous-Focused Grad Requirement – Public Engagement Launch

Last Friday it was announced that the Ministry of Education will be implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement as part of the province's commitment to truth and reconciliation. More details can be found in this [news release](#). A public engagement process for the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement has now launched on the govTogetherBC website, and will be available until April 22, 2022. We are encouraging students, families, staff, and community partners to visit the site and share their thoughts on the proposed approach or the new requirement. Please [click this link](#) to share your thoughts, before April 22, 2022.

5. Counselling Corner - Course Planning for 2022-2023

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS

- **Bishop's University**-Wednesday, March 9th at lunchtime in C233, for any students who have applied or want to find out more about this great little University located near Montreal.
- **Huron at Western University**-Thursday, March 10th at lunch time in C233 for any students who have applied or are interested in finding out more about their programs. They have extended their application deadline, so students can still apply.

6. Ministry of Education 2022 Student Learning Survey – Gr 10 & 12 Parents

Grade 10 and 12 parents /guardians are asked to complete the Student Learning Survey 2021/2022 **by April 29th** at the following link: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey . The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. It will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, as well as school staff. It is simple and secure and can be accessed by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. No logon code is required. Thank you in advance!

7. 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 26 and 28, 2022
Grade 12 Literacy	*Semester 2 - English 12 classes *Grade 12s wishing to re-write Lit 12	April 26 and 28, 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

8. 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**

The Win the Day bulletin board outside the gym is up to date for sport try out information and opportunities. Students should check now. Also keep up to date by following @wvss_athletics. Go Highlanders!

9. Text Messaging: School emergencies via SMS

For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency via SMS. If you did not receive a text message from School Messenger on Tuesday please text a "Y" or "Yes" to **978338** to ensure you are on the list.

10. PAC News

GROWING SMILES SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: now until April 19th!

Back by popular demand! The PAC is fundraising with the sale of beautiful spring plants, to raise money to support WVSS elective programs. West Vancouver Secondary School has many elective programs, allowing your children to explore their many interests. Beautiful spring plants, perfect for Mother's Day, gifts, and home, including hanging baskets, patio planters, veggies, petunias and more! Ordering is now open, through until April 19th. **Pick-up will be at the South Campus Cafeteria on May 5th from 12:30-3pm.** Please see the following link for more information and to place your order: <https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

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/>.
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 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), if you have any further questions.

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

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.

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 \(westvancouver.schools.ca\)](#)

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:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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