



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

March 3, 2022

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1. Communicating the 2022-2023 Secondary Schedule

2022-2023 Secondary Schedule Survey Results

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. Below are some of the major takeaways and themes from the surveys:

- The current semester timetable with X Block is working in the context of the pandemic/endemic in developing both Student Knowledge and Understanding and Student Achievement (Marks and Grades).
- Students strongly voiced that focusing on fewer courses at a time has been more manageable.
- The Tuesday/Thursday X Block has been positive for student learning, assessment, and in supporting student mental health.
- The 90-minute Tuesday/Thursday X Block is preferred by all stakeholder groups when compared to, shorter more frequent options, and with further refinement, has greater potential.
- In the context of the current pandemic/endemic, all stakeholder groups advised WVS to keep the current COVID Transitional Semester model for one more year.

The 2022-2023 Secondary Schedule

- We are going to keep 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

- Wednesday March 2, 3 & 4: Romeo and Juliet school play at Kay Meek
- Tuesday March 8th: Bookings close at 10pm for Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Thursday March 10: School Dismissal at 12:35 for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thursday March 10: Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews
- 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 26th, 28th: Graduation Assessments (Literacy 10 and Literacy 12)
- Friday April 29: Last day for Ministry Student Learning Surveys

3. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, March 10, 2022: Registration required – Bookings Close March 8th at 10pm

Meetings will be virtual using Google Meet. Appointment bookings opened February 28th and will close at 10:00 pm March 8th. Bookings are found here: <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. Student schedules can be found under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/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.

4. 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!

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. 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](#).

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 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

8. Romeo & Juliet: March 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>

9. 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**
- **Girls WVSS Soccer team** starts up next week. (Grade 9 – 12) Tryouts will be held next Tuesday March 8 and Wednesday March 9 on the South Campus field after school. Please sign up outside the gym.
- **Badminton Tryouts:** Junior Badminton (Grade 8 – 10) team tryouts will be held on Monday, March 7 at 3:15 and Senior Badminton team (Grade 11 & 12) will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at 3:15. To participate, please sign up on the sheet posted outside the New Gym. **Google classroom code: zrzyzi**

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!

10. 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!"

11. 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>

12. 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.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

13. 2022-2023 WVS Premier Sports Academies & Programs

- **Environmental Science Program** : Are you interested in collaborating with local Canadian scientists, working with advanced scientific equipment, and applying your knowledge to current research projects? We work in partnership with the Federal Government's Pacific Science Enterprise Centre, located right here in our community. Students enrolled in this program will complete three AP courses (Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science) that have additional laboratory and field work components. To learn more about this unique opportunity, follow this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/environmental-science> **Spaces are limited, so if you are keen to join us, please submit your application as soon as possible.** If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Battram (cbattram@wvschools.ca) or Mr. Huang (jhuang@wvschools.ca).
- **Premier Baseball Academy** is currently accepting applications for next year's program. This Academy runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:00pm at Parkgate Park and Inside Performance in North Vancouver and one way bus transportation is provided from all three West Vancouver secondary schools. We have the highest caliber of instructors (all having played college or professional baseball) and several of our graduating Academy students have gone on to play varsity baseball in Canada and the United States. The Baseball Academy focuses on individual skill development (video review of batting technique, pitching, throwing, catching) as well as tactical field play. For more information on this comprehensive program, please follow the link to the Baseball Academy website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/baseball>

14. 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.

15. 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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