



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

April 28, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Calendar Updates
2. 2022 Summer Learning
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1. Important Calendar Reminders

- Friday April 29: Last day for Ministry Student Learning Surveys (Grade 10, 12)
- Saturday April 30: Grad Citations are due
- Friday May 20: ProD Day - school is not in session
- Saturday May 21: Graduation Banquet - Bayshore
- Monday May 23: Victoria Day - school is not in session
- Wednesday May 25: Commencement at the Orpheum
- June 13-17: Graduation Assessments (Numeracy 10, Rewrites, Missed Assessments)
- Friday June 24: last day of formal classes
- Wednesday June 29: Report Cards posted

2. 2022 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2022. All classes run Monday – Friday. Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs is now open! More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the attached flyers, [elementary summer learning](#) and [secondary summer learning](#), or on the Summer Learning Website.

3. Counselling Corner

Grads: A reminder that Grad Citations need to be written and submitted to the Google Form that is posted on your Google Classroom page. The deadline is April 30th!

4. Graduation Assessments: June 13 - 17

June 13 - 17: Students in grade 10, 11 or 12 writing the Numeracy 10 Assessment will receive a memo in class or by email. Students who still need to write Literacy 10 or 12 will also be expected to write. Please see Ms. Tanfara if you have questions.

Rewrites: Any student wishing to re-write, please see Ms. Kong in the main office.

Prepare: Students should prepare by doing the sample assessments prior writing to the assessment. Sample exams, videos and more information can be found here

Literacy 10: [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Numeracy 10: [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

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

Results: NEW - will be posted on the Student Portal, under Assessments.

Schedule: The following chart is an overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule.

Assessment	Class by Semester	Week of Assessment
Grade 10 Numeracy	*All grade 10 students	June 13-17, 2022
Grade 10 & 12 Literacy	Any student who missed their assessment or wishes to rewrite	June 13-17, 2022

5. Ministry of Education 2022 Student Learning Survey – LAST CHANCE!

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 . **Instructions:** Click on “Take the survey”, scroll down to “Parents” then go to “Direct Access- no logon number required” and pick “#45 West Vancouver” for the District. Thank you in advance!

6. PAC News:

Congrats 2022 Graduates Yard sign -order today!

Parents of WVSS 2022 Graduates: WVSS Custom Grad yard signs are ready to be ordered. Please see [this flyer](#) for further information. The cost is \$15. To place your order please follow these steps:

Step 1. Email Lorna Zebedee (PAC Treasurer) at wvsspactreasurer@gmail.com with your name, phone number, quantity and name on e-transfer payment.

Step 2. Send a bank e-transfer to: wvsspactreasurer@gmail.com

Security question: What is our Principal’s last name?

Answer: Rauh

Step 3. Pick up your sign. Details on location and procedure will be emailed.

If you have questions, please email or call Lorna at 236-985-5020.

Last day to order is May 3rd before 5pm.

Spring Plant Fundraiser

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>

7. WVSS Teams & Clubs

- **WVSS Sailing is back for another season of fresh winds and warm seas!** No previous sailing experience necessary. Please see Mr. Campagnolo to pick up a registration form.
- Are you interested in learning professional lighting and sound design for shows and concerts? Join our **TECH CLUB** in collaboration with the Kay Meek Centre! Find out more information this Thursday at lunch in the Drama room with Hoyak and KMC tech director, Elliot Banner. All are welcome!
- Please come out on Wednesdays at lunch to a **new writing club** called **In The Moment** happening in W246. Write. Create. Discover and Share.

8. West Vancouver Police- Youth Academy- due April 30th

Are you a West Vancouver School District student in grades 10-12? Consider applying for our upcoming youth academy. **Application deadline is April 30, 2022.** See [this attachment](#) for how to apply. Over the course of 5 days, participants will be exposed to different areas of policing including:

- Police physical training (running, hiking, and weights)
- Police Dog Services
- Traffic Services
- Community Services
- Forensic Identification and more

The purpose of this program is to provide participants with a glimpse into the role of police in society, meet new people, and build leadership skills. The WVPD- Youth academy will take place on: Monday August 15-Friday August 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The WVPD will be covering the cost of the camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cst. Nicole Braithwaite nicolebraithwaite@wvpd.ca or 604-925-7345.

9. WVPD Seeking Volunteers – Speed Watch Program

Do you know anyone who would like to be part of a great team making a difference in our community? West Vancouver Police Department is seeking volunteers for their Speed Watch program. Speed Watch is conducted in partnership with police, citizen volunteers, and ICBC. Speed Watch Road checks are operated by trained volunteers who monitor speeds, particularly school and playground zones, and work in conjunction with police to make our community safe. These volunteer opportunities are primarily weekdays between 8:00am and 3:00pm with flexible scheduling. If you or your friends are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Cpl. Trevor Griffith at TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca or 604 925-7300.

10. 2022-2023 WVS Premier Sports Academies & Programs

WVS Premier Soccer Academy OPEN HOUSE for Grades 8-12

Do you want to improve your soccer skills by being actively engaged and having fun? The WVS Premier Soccer Academy is hosting a **FREE Open House ON-FIELD session Tuesday, May 3 from 1:30 – 3:00 at Ambleside Turf Field D.** Come experience first-hand a session with our NEW top coaches who are currently working with the UBC and SFU soccer programs as well as a renowned soccer specialist from Calgary, Alberta. Come on out and experience the district's new format for the Soccer Academy! Calling all parents of students who love soccer! The second part of the Soccer Academy Open House is an Information Session for parents (and students). This session will be held VIRTUALLY on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

To Register for the FREE on-field session and/or the Parent Information Session please go to our website: <https://westvancouverchools.ca/academies/soccer>

WVS Premier Field Hockey Academy OPEN HOUSE for Grades 8-12

Calling all students who are interested in the sport of Field Hockey. **The WVS Premier Field Hockey Academy is hosting a FREE ON-FIELD Session Thursday, May 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Rutledge Field in Ambleside.**

Come experience first-hand a session with the WVFHC Technical Director & Canadian U18 Men's National Team Head Coach, Mr. Geoff Matthews, along with his top coaches. We will also follow up with a short Parent Information session at the field.

To register for the FREE on-field session please go to our website:

<https://westvancouverchools.ca/academies/field-hockey>

West Vancouver Schools Integrated Science Program

Are you a Grade 11 student who is considering a career in medicine, scientific research, pharmacy, or environmental science? Apply to the West Vancouver Schools Integrated Science Program and distinguish yourself from your peers as you look ahead to your university applications. This two-year program will broaden your understanding of biology, chemistry, and biochemistry as you work through AP Chemistry and AP Biology curricula. As a student in this program, you will have the opportunity to work with local Canadian scientists and use advanced scientific equipment in state-of-the-art labs. We work in partnership with the Federal Government's Pacific Science Enterprise Centre, located right here in our community. Our students also complete additional lab work, workshops, and field trips run by experts from UBC, SFU, and Science World! To learn more about this unique opportunity, follow this link: <https://westvancouverchools.ca/programs/integrated-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).

11. Host an International Student

Open your home and open a student's eyes to the real Canada: real people, real experiences, and real life. Our reputation at West Vancouver Schools for excellence in teaching and programs of choice draws students from around the world. We are looking to recruit new host families for our incoming September 2022 students.

Reasons to consider opening your home include:

- Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.
- Enriched environment for your own children as they meet teens from different cultures.
- The potential for mutual exchange of languages. Our students come from 26 different countries and love to share their expertise with their host families.
- A local custodian who supports international students with their documentation and legal matters.
- Ongoing support from the International Programs homestay team.
- Airport pick up service upon arrival

Call Homestay Manager Martina Brazeau for more information at 604.341.0515 or visit our webpages.

Apply to host!



Learn more!



12. International Programs - Student Worker

See the [attached document](#) for this summer learning, student worker opportunity. Closing date is April 30th

13. Emergency Communications

Parents, if you did not receive a text message from School Messenger to opt in to our emergency communications, please text “Y” or “Yes” to 978338 to ensure you are on the list

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 and keep the phone lines open. 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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Useful Links

WVSS website:

WVSS Counselling Page:

WVSS Athletics Website:

West Vancouver Schools District Website

West Vancouver School District 45 would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact West Vancouver School District 45 directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

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