



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

April 7, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. Important Calendar Reminders

- 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
- Wednesday April 27: Report cards posted
- 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!

District Scholarship Applications are due on **April 8th**. If you excel in one of the areas listed in the application, please consider applying. You can access the application/information on Your CLC 12 Google classroom. The amount awarded is \$1250 and there is a large number of them to distribute. See Mrs. Caruth for more details.

4. Graduation Assessments: April 26 & 28th

April 26 & 28: Students in grade 10, 11 or 12 writing the Literacy 10 / Literacy 12 Assessment this April should have received a memo in class or by email. Please see Ms. Tanfara if you have questions.

Rewrites: Any student wishing to re-write Literacy 12 this April, please see Ms. Kong (database clerk) in the main **office today or tomorrow** at the latest!

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: Grade 12 students can find their November scores listed on the Student Transcript Services (STS). Grade 10 students can ask their Semester 1 English teacher, the office or see their counsellor. We expect April results to be released June 13 and June results released July 31.

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

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 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 – 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. **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. Indigenous-Focused Grad Requirement – Public Engagement Launch

It was recently 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.

7. 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>

8. WVSS Clubs

- **Ping Pong Club** has started up for Wednesdays 3:45-4:45 at the North Shore Table Tennis Centre, in North Vancouver. There is a cost for club members to pay for the rental. Please join their google classroom (code ykyrpz3) if interested in participating.
- 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.
- Do you have a passion for fashion? Have you ever wanted to unleash your inner diva on a runway? Do you just need some way to make some volunteer hours? Come be part of **WVSS's 2022 Fashion Show!** Our first meeting is this Thursday during XBlock in the Textiles room (C232). We need models, stage hands, music/media creators, and more! Join our google classroom for more details: 6gkbae

9. Information for youth about the West Vancouver Police- Youth Academy:

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.

10. 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.

11. Prime Minister’s Youth Council Applications: due April 10

[Applications](#) are now being accepted from young Canadians aged 16-24 who are interested in being part of The Prime Minister’s Youth Council to provide non-partisan advice to the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada on issues of importance to them and to all Canadians. Please share this opportunity with the appropriate teachers and students. The application deadline is April 10, 2022.

12. YELL (Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad)

The district senior business program brings engaging entrepreneurs, community shapers and innovative companies together through unforgettable learning experiences that will inspire students and prepare them for the real world, whether they enter business or not. Hosted at WVSS, the YELL program is offered to students entering Grades 11 and 12 from all three high schools in the district. The course is taught by WVSS teacher, Jo-Anne McKee, and is currently accepting applications until April 8, 2022. Please contact Jo-Anne McKee at jmckee@wvsschools.ca for any questions. The Parent Information session and application can be found here: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/yell-entrepreneurship-12-program>

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. International Programs - Student Worker

See the [attached document](#) for this summer learning, student worker opportunity.

16. 2022 Student Video Contest from The District of West Vancouver

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

17. Langara EA Program

The West Vancouver School District is partnering with Langara University to offer Educational Assistant training for anyone who is interested in becoming an Educational Assistant or are currently an EA but still need the training. There will be an informational session next Thursday evening for anyone interested! See the following [attachment](#) for more details.

18. 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

19. 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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Useful Links

WVSS website:

WVSS Counselling Page:

WVSS Athletics Website:

West Vancouver Schools District Website

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