



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

June 2, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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1. 2022-23 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES - Find out more today!!

The West Van School District's Carpentry: Youth Train in Trades is for students who are keenly interested in acquiring industry recognized skills and certification in carpentry, construction and related trades. By completing this program students receive 16 credits (4 courses) towards high school graduation, in addition to Level 1 Carpentry Training. Students learn lifelong skills, participate in work experience, and have the opportunity to learn right on the job site! To learn more about the program [visit this site](#) and to [apply click here](#). If you have any questions, email Parnaz Kashani: pkashani@wvschools.ca

2. Important Calendar Reminders

- June 2: WVSS PAC AGM @ 6:30PM (all welcome)
- June 3-4: Bridge Festival with West Van Schools Pavilion
- June 6 & 9: X block Help for Numeracy 10 Assessment: 1:20 in C233 (Lab)
- June 9: Film and Animation Showcase: 6:15pm @ Kay Meek
- June 11: Car wash fundraiser for Football: 11AM - 3PM
- June 13-17: Graduation Assessments (Numeracy 10, Missed Lit 10, Lit 12)
- June 16: Athletic Awards at 10:45am in the Old Gym
- Friday June 24: last day of formal classes
- Wednesday June 29: Report Cards posted

3. Counselling Corner

Volunteers Needed: The WV school district is looking for adult and student volunteers to help with the upcoming Bridge Festival. Volunteers will need to engage with the public by positively promoting the pavilion and stage and leading the fun and easy student focused activities/games which have been organized. Please see [this flyer](#) for details.

4. Athletic Department News

Athletic Awards are June 16th at 10:45am in the Old Gym. We are excited to bring our athletes together again to celebrate our Highlander achievements this past year with video slide shows, banners and individual awards. Description of Awards can be found at highlandersathletics.ca. Parents of the major award winners will be notified the week of June 6th however all are welcome. Please follow **@wvss_athletics on Instagram** to be kept up to date on all athletics news as well as recent posts announcing our athletes signed to play University sports.

Spring Football starts June 6th. It's a two-week camp for all grades 8-11 players (next year's Junior and Senior teams) that culminates in the last Highlander home game of the season. Next week grade 8 players will be working on skills after school at south campus field. All welcome! Parents - if interested in being added to the parent info email list please contact jmckee@wvsschools.ca. Students - join Google Classroom t7rzp7q

Highlander Football Fundraiser! The Football team needs to fundraise for their upcoming season for we will need to rent fields as our new WV Place for Sport is being built. Please help the longest running Football Program on the North Shore, and the sport with the most student participation in our school this past year. The players will be hosting a **Car Wash Saturday June 11th at 11am-3pm** at the South Campus Staff Parking Lot by donation (suggested \$10 per wash. Cash only). This will be the first of many fundraisers and volunteerism the Football team will be participating in! Hopefully, we will see our Highlander community there!

5. PAC NEWS

WVSS PAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2022 @6:30pm

Reconnecting in person with parents and an update from Mr. Rauh. – OPEN TO ALL PARENTS

ON: Thursday June 2nd @ 6.30PM in the WVSS Library

It won't be long before the school year ends, and this is a great opportunity to come to the school in person and reconnect with the parent community. At this event parents will be given the opportunity to hear from Mr. Rauh, our school Principal, about what has been achieved this year and plans for the 2022/23 school year.

The WVSS PAC Annual General meeting also allows the PAC Executive to inform parents on how funds earned from the gaming grant, donations and fundraisers has been spent to benefit your children as students of WVSS. We will also present a draft budget and plans for the following school year.

Any parents wishing to join the PAC Executive in a formal role or as a member at large can email PAC Co-Chair morag@tria.com.au to discuss any opportunities or what's involved. We hope you can join us for the opportunity to reconnect with the Parents of the West Vancouver School Community.

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH – 28TH JUNE 2022

The WVSS PAC are excited to be able to host the Staff Appreciation Lunch at the school again. Parents are given the opportunity to say thank you to the staff for their tireless commitment, especially over the last 2 years, by contributing their home cooking or favourite dishes for the staff lunch. More details to follow but if you would like to contribute mark the date in your diary.

6. Graduation Assessments: June 13 - 17 – Numeracy 10

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

(new!) X BLOCK SUPPORT: Math teachers will be available during X block in the computer lab C233 next week to help prepare students for the Numeracy 10 assessment! 1:20 pm Tuesday and Thursday June 6 and 9.

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: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Numeracy 10: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Literacy 12: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

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

7. WVSS Film and Animation Showcase: Thursday, June 9th

After a looong 2 year hiatus, the WVSS Film and Animation Showcase is back! If you are looking for something entertaining to do on Thursday, June 9th, feel free to join us to celebrate some amazing filmmaking and creativity. Work will be shown from the whole range of Media, film, and animation classes from grades 8-12. The event is free, so invite your friends, family, and neighbours if you would like. This year, we even have the addition of a red-carpet! Doors open at 6:15 and films begin screening at 7:00.

8. Parenting in the Weeds – Free Parent Community Conversation

June 16th at 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Join Foundry North Shore for an evidenced based discussion around harm reduction, youth substance use and resources for youth and families. See [this attachment](#) for more details.

9. Bridge Festival Schedule for June 3 & 4

The Bridge festival is here! Come out and see the amazing talents of our West Vancouver Students on June 3rd and June 4th. Please see [the attached flyer](#) for the schedule of West Vancouver schools' events. See you there Highlanders!

10. ParticipACTION and the Community Better Challenge - June 1 – 30, 2022

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. Last year, in 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to BE the most active community IN Canada. For more information please see the **attached document**

It is open to everyone, and all minutes tracked on the app and website from June 1-30 count toward a community's total score. At the conclusion of the challenge, one community will earn the top prize of \$100,000 and title of being Canada's most active. Contact Person @ West Vancouver Community Centre: Shannon Penway is the Program Coordinator, Child & Family at the West Vancouver Community Centre who will be our contact person for all things ParticipACTION this year. spenway@westvancouver.ca 604-925-7221

Getting the Word Out!: Schools or individuals register online: <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/community-challenge> The community will be determined by the person's postal code. Collectively, we communicate the information, promoting the Community Better Challenge to all stakeholders in West Vancouver Schools.

The Action: Use the ParticipACTION App (Apple Store or Google Play) to track your individual minutes or the website to track group minutes. Enter the number of minutes. There are a variety of ways to enter the minutes regularly – individually or as a group entered by a parent.

GO, West Vancouver Schools, GO!

11. Community Language Offerings - West Vancouver Community Centre

WV Community Centre and Enhance West Van are offering [multiple language courses](#) meant for parents and student. Languages offered:: [French](#) (for teens and adults) , [Russian](#) (for teens and adults), [Korean](#) (basics for kids, youth and adults) [Persian](#) (class for everyone)

12. West Vancouver Basketball Club Summer Camps

May is here which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 11 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <https://www.wvbc.ca/>

13. 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.

14. Emergency Communications

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

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 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

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 \(westvancouver.k12.bc.ca\)](https://www.westvancouver.k12.bc.ca/our-covid-commitments)

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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