



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

October 13, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10
2. Policy & Procedure Forms – Please complete!
3. Student Photo Retakes – October 18
4. Take Our Kids to Work Day - November 2
5. Counselling Corner
6. WVSS APP – Clubs Information coming!
7. WVSS Athletics – Basketball Coaches needed
8. PAC Updates
9. Pumpkin Fest
10. Unpacking Youth Culture: Let's Talk Shop – November 9
11. Global Parkrun Every Saturday at Ambleside Pier
12. RiseUP group sessions

Important Calendar Reminders

- Tuesday Oct 18: School Photo Retakes
- Friday Oct 21: Professional Development Day – schools will be closed
- Thursday Oct 27: WVSS Fall Performing Arts Concert at 7pm
- Friday Nov 11: Remembrance Day – schools are closed
- Monday Nov 14: Professional Development Day – schools will be closed
- Thursday Nov 27: Mid-Term Report cards - Posted Online
- November 29 to Dec 13: Grad photos at Edge Studios
- Wednesday Dec 7: WV District Honour Choir at 7pm
- December 19 to Jan 2: Christmas Holidays
- Tuesday January 3: School Opens for 2023 – First day back

1. Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10 - October 31 to November 4, 2022

Grade 10 students who have Math 10 this semester will be writing the Grade 10 Assessment the week of Oct 31 – Nov 4, 2022. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Students will receive memos next week, in their math class, indicating the exact time, date and location for the exam as well as links to sample assessments. Grade 11/12 students who have not written Numeracy 10 should write as well. **Students should prepare for these assessments and attempt the sample assessments.** It is important that students take this assessment seriously. Numeracy 10 sample exams, videos, marking criteria and more information can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment> Students may write their assessments up to 3 times.

The following is an overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule for 2022-2023. (Subject to change if needed). Exact dates and times will be given to students in class.

Week of Assessment	Assessment	Class by Semester
October 31 – Nov 4	Numeracy 10	Semester 1 Math 10 classes
January 16 – 26	Literacy 12	All grade 12 students
	Literacy 10	Semester 1 English 10 classes
April 22-25, 2022	Literacy 10 & 12	Missed or Rewrites
	Numeracy 10	
June 13-17, 2022	Numeracy 10	Semester 2 Math 10 classes
	Literacy 10	Semester 2 English 10 classes
	Literacy 10 & 12	Rewrites /Missed
	Numeracy 10	

2. District Policies and Procedures Release Form: Please Complete One Per Child

All Parents (except for international students' families/ homestays) are required to complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online release form for each of their children. For students to participate in field trips, and other activities, this form **MUST** be completed. **THIS FORM IS REQUIRED THIS WEEK AND MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR.** Parents and Guardians - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this form and complete as soon as possible. Questions, please contact wvss@wvschools.ca or call 604-981-1100.

3. School Photo Retakes: October 18th

Photo retakes will be on Monday October 18, in the morning for staff or students who have not had their photos taken or who require a retake. [Here](#) are some photo tips for students. All dates regarding

school photos can be found here <https://photoday.edgeimaging.ca/>. Any questions can be directly sent to Edge Photos <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/contact-us/>. Our school representative is Jordan Kirk who can be reached at jkirk@edgeimaging.ca. Smile everyone!

4. Take Our Kids to Work Day - November 2nd & Forms due Oct 28th

Each year Grade 9 students across Canada are asked to participate in the “Take our Kids to Work” Day. This year the event occurs on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. This event allows students to visit the work site of a parent, relative, homestay or interested mentor for the day instead of attending classes at school. Permission forms are to be sent home this week and need to be returned by October 28, 2022

5. Counselling Corner

Language Challenge exams: Farsi has now been approved for Language Challenge. If you would like further information, please reach out to the counselling department, or contact Ms. Caruth by email at lcaruth@wvschools.ca

6. WVSS Athletics - Follow us on Instagram @wvss_athletics!

Winter Sports – Coaches needed!

Winter sports includes Basketball and we are looking for qualified coaches for the upcoming season. Please contact Jo-Anne McKee and Stew Baker at jmckee@wvschools.ca and sbaker@wvschools.ca if interested or for more information.

7. PAC - Optional Donation – School Cash Online

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School parents who make the annual contribution to WVSS PAC to support your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2022/2023 PAC voluntary contribution is available on School Cash Online starting September 15th. There is an option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75. Please see [this attachment](#) ([Mandarin version](#) and [Farsi version](#)) for a list of some of the things the PAC supported last year, as well as some further details. To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee

8. WVSS APP – Updated Clubs information coming soon!

Thank you for signing up for the WVSS App! Students are now able to add their classes and see their daily schedule in the calendar. We will be adding our clubs information soon! Our WVSS app will have the most up to date information, including daily announcements, e-bulletin links and a list of staff emails. Details on how to sign up for the WVSS APP can be found here: <https://wvss.appazur.com/help/flyer>. Students and staff sign up using their school email account. Parents can use their personal email accounts.

9. Pumpkin Fest - Sunday October 16 at 9am @ 1pm WV Community Centre

Pumpkin patch, pony rides, petting farm, live music, pancake breakfast, free drop-in swim, skate and gymnastics! See the following [Pumpkin Fest Poster](#) for all the details.

10. Unpacking Youth Culture- Let's Talk Shop at WVSS - November 9th

Please join us on November 9th to hear North Shore youth speak about their experiences with per pressure, mental health drugs and more.. There are limited spaces so early registration is recommended. See the following [Let's Talk Shop Poster](#) and [Description document](#) for details.

11. Global Parkrun Community – Saturdays at 9am

Free community fitness event! Run Walk Jog or volunteer... Meet new friends, all ages, all fitness levels, everyone welcome. Set your own pace. Ambleside Pier every Saturday at 9am. Register at parkrun.ca to track your progress.

12. RiseUP Parenting/Caregiving and RiseUP Youth

The West Vancouver Youth Hub is offering some group sessions that will focus on Health Relationships and Skill Building. There are sessions for youth and for parents/caregivers. Please see the [youth flyer](#) and the [parent flyer](#) for all the details!

GENERAL REMINDERS

Attendance Notices: Email wvss@wvschools.ca

We are asking that student absences be communicated through email where possible. This will allow for staff to enter absences into the system faster. Please email wvss@wvschools.ca. If this is not possible, please call the school office at 604-981-1100. All student absences must be excused by a parent or guardian. Students not feeling well must report to the office before leaving the school.

Student Illness and Absences: Daily Health Check

A reminder to keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell. As we approach colder weather, doing a daily health check is an important step to reduce the spread of communicable diseases. If your child will be absent, be sure to inform the school by emailing wvss@wvschools.ca. If this is not possible, please call the school office at 604-981-1100.

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. 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 of 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.

Student Parking

Students wishing to park in the WVSS student parking lot must complete a registration form and obtain a parking decal both of which can be found in the main office. Please note that there is a cost of \$10.00. Please see Ms. Madill in the office or at Jmadill@wvschools.ca with any questions.

Optional Insurance

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. One option is *The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) provided by Industrial Alliance*. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. As always, families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

Learn more here: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc> or contact Phone:

1.800.266.5667 Email: solutions@ia.ca

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