



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

October 6, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences – October 13
2. Policy & Procedure Forms – Please complete!
3. Student Photo Retakes – October 18
4. Take Our Kids to Work Day - November 2
5. WVSS Agenda – WVSS APP
6. WVSS Athletics – Fall sports
7. Counselling Corner
8. PAC Updates
9. Pumpkin Fest
10. Unpacking Youth Culture: Let's Talk Shop – November 9
11. PJ's Centennial Year Spirit Wear
12. Langara Education Assistant Certificate Program
13. Global Parkrun Every Saturday at Ambleside Pier
14. RiseUP group sessions

Important Calendar Reminders

- Monday Oct 10: Thanksgiving – schools will be closed
- Wednesday Oct 12: Canadian Universities Event at WVSS 6-8PM
- Thursday Oct 13: Parent-Teacher Conferences (online)
- Thursday Oct 13: IB Retreat to Camp Jubilee
- Tuesday Oct 18: School Photo Retakes
- Friday Oct 21: Professional Development day – schools will be closed
- Friday October 28: Grade 9 forms for "Take Our Kid to Work " day are due

1. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences – October 13th 2:00 – 4:30

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 13th. Meetings will be virtual using Google Meet. Registration opened on October 3rd and booking will close at 10pm on October 11th. The ability to create an account and registration to book appointments is through School Appointments. Online <https://westvan.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. **Two bookings per student per family may be made but more bookings can be made after Oct. 7th.** Student schedules can be found under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> or by asking your student. Please see the attachments [here](#) and [here](#) for all the information for parent teacher conferences and booking appointments. Students will be dismissed at 12:35 p.m. on the 13th and there will be no X-Block unless indicated by your teacher.

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 packages arrive next week!)

Photo packages are coming next week! 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 2

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. WVSS APP – Sign up today: Classes are being added!

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. 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 use their personal email accounts.

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

Fall Try Out Information:

Check the Bulletin Board outside the North Shore Gyms and on Instagram @wvss_athletics
Fall Sports include: Girls Volleyball (all levels), Girls SR Field Hockey, Boys SR Soccer, Football JR & SR, Cross Country (all levels).

7. Counselling Corner

CUE-Canadian Universities Event will be at WVSS on Wednesday, Oct 12th, 6pm-8pm in the North campus gyms. This is an opportunity to connect with 50+ Institutions from across Canada and learn more about post-secondary options.

8. 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

9. Pumpkin Fest - Sunday October 16 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 peer pressure, mental health drugs and more. You can register for this workshop starting tomorrow, Friday October 7th starting at noon. There are limited spaces so early registration is recommended. See the following [Let's Talk Shop Poster](#) and [Description document](#) for details.

11. PJ's Limited Edition Centennial Spirit Wear – till October 13

Pauline Johnson's Spirit Wear online store is open until Thursday, October 13th! New limited-edition designs celebrate PJ's Centennial Year and special 'Alumni' versions are available. Please spread the word to family or friends that may be interested. This important fundraiser directly supports our school. Order at: <https://paulinejohnson.itemorder.com/shop/home/> . Note all items will be shipped to PJ and non-students/alumni will be contacted to arrange order pickup. Please email our Spirit Wear Coordinator with any questions at spiritwear@ecolepjpac.com.

12. Langara's Education Assistant Certificate Program – Oct 13th

Interested in working as Educational Assistance in West Vancouver? An information session will be held on October 13, 2022 at 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Inglewood Learning Centre (1735 Inglewood Avenue, West Vancouver). Please see [this flyer](#) for more information and registration.

13. 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. See this [Parkrun Poster](#) for details.

14. 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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