



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

September 29, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Statutory Holidays and Early Dismissal
2. WVSS Agenda – WVSS APP
3. **Policy & Procedure Forms – Please complete!**
4. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
5. PAC Updates: Parent Welcome Back Coffee Morning – October 4
6. Grade 9 Immunization – Thursday October 6
7. Student Photo Retakes – October 18
8. WVSS Athletics – Fall sports
9. Counselling Corner
10. West Vancouver Community Clean up – September 26 to October 2
11. West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting
12. Langara Education Assistant Certificate Program
13. Free Screening of Wochiigii Lo; End of the Peace - September 29, 7pm
14. RiseUP Parenting/Caregiving and RiseUP Youth Programs

Important Calendar Reminders

- Friday Sept 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day – School is closed
- Friday Sept 30: Free Screening of Wochiigii Lo; End of the Peace – Kay Meek
- Monday Oct 3: Parent Teacher Conference Sign up: opens at 9am
- Tuesday Oct 4: Parent Welcome Back Coffee Morning at 9am
- Tuesday Oct 4: Clubs Day – Large gym (Period 1)
- Thursday Oct 6: Grade 9 Immunizations
- Monday Oct 10: Thanksgiving – schools will be closed
- Wednesday Oct 12: PSAT testing - 8:30am – ILC
- Wednesday Oct 12: Canadian Universities Event at WVSS 6-8PM
- Thursday Oct 13: Parent-Teacher Conferences (online)

- Thursday Oct 13: Early Dismissal at 12:35. NO X block classes
- Thursday Oct 13: IB Retreat to Camp Jubilee
- Tuesday Oct 18: School Photo Retakes

1. Classes not in Session & Early Dismissal Day: Sept 30 and Oct 13

Friday September 30th is Truth and Reconciliation Day, a Federal Statutory holiday, and the school will be closed. As well, students will be dismissed at 12:35 on Thursday October 13th for Parent Teacher conferences. There will be no X block classes on Oct. 13th. Please see our website and the WVSS APP for the most current calendar information!

2. WVSS APP – Sign up today: Classes have been 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.

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

All Parents (excluding fee-paying, international students' families) 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.

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

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 3rd @ 9:00 a.m. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 13th. These meetings are for semester one and linear courses. Not semester two courses. Meetings will be virtual using Google Meet. You may create an account and register for appointments using School Appointments Online starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3rd. <https://westvan.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

Two bookings per student per family may be made at this time. More bookings can be made after Oct. 7th. Bookings will close at 10:00 pm on October 11th. Student's lists of courses and teachers can be found under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/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. There will be no X-Block unless indicated by your teacher.

5. WVSS PAC Updates:

Welcome Back Coffee Morning: October 4th at 9am (North Campus Cafeteria)

WELCOME BACK to a new school year! Our first WVSS PAC event for the year will be a casual meet-and-greet coffee morning held in the school cafeteria for all parents. The Welcome Back Coffee gives parents of all years, the opportunity to hear from our School Principal, Mr. Steve Rauh. You can learn all about the plans for the new school year and how to get school information and communicate with the school. Mr. Rauh and the WVSS PAC Executive will be available to answer questions you may have. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and feel connected to the school. We look forward to you joining us for coffee as we all build our school community

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 [Donation 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 payment. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

6. Grade 9 Immunizations: Thursday October 6th (Forms are past due)

Grade 9 Immunizations will take place on October 6. An immunization consent form was sent home to Grade 9 parents and guardians. Please return the form to the school office as soon as possible. A separate email has been sent to all grade 9 parents/ guardians. If you have any questions please contact our Public Health Nurse, Sophia at 778-984-4913 or Sophia.Knowles@vch.ca.

7. School Photo Retakes: Monday October 18th

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!

8. 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).

9. Counselling Corner

CUE-Canadian Universities Event will be at WVSS on Wednesday, Oct 12th, 6pm-8pm in the North campus gym. This is an opportunity to connect with 50+ Institutions from across Canada and learn more about post-secondary options. Parents & gr. 11 & 12 students are welcome.

10. West Vancouver Community Clean up – Highlanders needed!

Please see [this Clean-up Flyer](#) for more information on the West Vancouver Community Cleanup. It takes place September 26 until October 2. Let's get involved WVSS and support our community!

11. West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting – Oct 5th

There will be an all candidates meeting on Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 7pm Kay Meek Studio Theatre (1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver). Please see [this Flyer](#) for more details.

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. Free Screening of the Documentary: WOCHIIGII LO: END OF THE PEACE

To honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, the Kay Meek Theatre is offering West Vancouver Schools students, teachers and families the opportunity to watch the screening of the film [WOCHIIGII LO: END OF THE PEACE](#) for **free** on Friday, September 30 at 7pm. Made over five years by Haida filmmaker Heather Hatch, this impassioned documentary captures the long struggle by members of the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations against the B.C. government over a mega-dam

project that could devastate the Peace River Valley. The fact that many experts consider the Site C dam to be both unneeded and a likely money-loser for the province is one of many cruel ironies Hatch uncovers in her film, which is equally powerful as a blistering exposé and an inspirational tribute to these lands' defenders. Tickets can be ordered through the [Kay Meek website](#). Please use the **promo code TRUTH100** at checkout to access the free tickets.

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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