



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

November 10, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Ministry of Education Affordability Funding
2. Report Cards and Family Portal
3. MyEd Login Changes for Parent and Students - BC Services Card
4. PAC Updates - last chance for Winter plants this Monday!
5. Grad Photos - signups start now!
6. WVSS Athletics
7. Lost and Found is Overflowing
8. Foundry Event: Supporting Youth Employment - Nov 16
9. Spring West Van Little League Baseball - Register now!
10. Global Parkrun Every Saturday at Ambleside Pier

Important Calendar Reminders

- **Friday Nov 11: Remembrance Day – schools are closed**
- **Monday Nov 14: Professional Development Day – schools will be closed**
- Monday Nov 14: LAST CHANCE! Orders due for PAC Winter Plant sale
- Thursday Nov 17: Mid-Term Report cards - Posted Online
- November 29 to Dec 13: Grad photos at Edge Studios (Sign up info coming!)
- Wednesday Dec 7: WV District Honour Choir at 7pm
- Thursday Dec 15: Winter Concert @ 7pm
- Friday Dec 16: Early Dismissal – Happy Holidays!
- December 19 to Jan 2: Christmas Holidays
- Tuesday January 3: School Opens for 2023 – First day back

1. Ministry of Education Affordability Funding

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now

received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities. Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to their principal if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

2. Report cards and Family Portal Access

Parents will be able to access Student Report Cards on the MyEd family portal starting Thursday, November 17th. This report card will include Semester 1 Midterm Marks and Term 1 Marks for Linear classes.

Family Portal Important Notes: Log In Before Nov 17th. Please be sure to logon to your MyEd Family Portal account so that you can access upcoming report cards and other published reports. This will ensure you will be able to see your child's report card when it is posted.

- Family Portal Link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
 - [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)
- **Username/Password/Password Recovery** – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your 'password recovery' function to allow you to reset your own password. **New: See below (#3) for the option to sign in using your BC service card.**
- If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca.

3. Change to MyEd: Parent Student Login - BC Services card Login Option

There is now a new option for MyEd Logins! This change will give parents and students the option to login to their MyEd accounts using their BC Services Card. The hope is that this will remove the need for updating or resetting forgotten passwords for those who choose this option. Please note that this is not available for staff who are also parents. The new login will look like [this](#) . Please see these attachments for more information: [BC Service Card Login Parents](#) [BC Service Card Login Students](#)

4. PAC Updates:

Growing Smiles Winter Plants-LAST CHANCE TO ORDER! Closes Mon Nov.14 @ 5PM

West Vancouver Secondary School PAC is fundraising with the sale of beautiful winter plants. Poinsettias, planters, holiday wreaths, outdoor greenery arrangements, and more! Fundraising will help the PAC to support: scholarships, curricular purchases in support of the school, staff appreciation lunch, meet the teacher nights, and more! Please see the following link to place your order: <https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> Deadline to order is November 14th @ 5pm. **Pick-up on Tuesday November 29th at the South Campus Cafeteria between 12-3:30pm.** The PAC thanks you for your support of our fundraiser!

Optional Donation – School Cash Online

The 2022/2023 PAC voluntary contribution is available on School Cash Online. 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.

5. Grad Photos – sign up now!

Edge Imaging is excited to be photographing the West Vancouver Secondary grads of 2023! Photos will be held in our premium Vancouver studio at 15 Victoria Drive from November 29th to December 10th, plus one day at your school on December 12th. Photos taken in the studio provide various background options and posing choices including full length photos and props. Please book your appointment online at bookmygrad.ca, scan the QR code on the posters at your school, or use the direct link here. [Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#). *Please note* that more booking dates will open for registration after the first week (Nov 29 to Dec 3) is mostly filled.

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

Try Out and team information continues to be posted on the **Athletics Board outside the North Campus** gyms, announcements and school official Instagram [@wvss_athletics](#)

All teams now have coaches in place and Grade 8 Girls and JR Boys will have try out info posted shortly.

All other teams are in the try out process. Ski and Snowboarding will announce information by mid-December at the latest. Please contact Jo-Anne McKee at jmckee@wvschools.ca for any further info.

Winter Sports Coaches:

Grade 8 Girls: Coaches Latchford, Zhang and Gatenby. Teacher Sponsor Mrs. Baker

Grade 8 Boys: Coach Meldrum

Grade 9 Boys: Coach Walker

JR Girls: Coach Taylor

JR Boys: Coaches Krohman, Reese, Sumner, Kuzyck

Sr Girls: Coaches Charles, da Rosa, Ahern

SR Boys: Coaches Eberhardt, Kuzyck, Pannah

Wrestling: Coaches Elick, Huh, Teacher Sponsor Mrs. Walton

Ski/Snowboarding: Coaches Baker, Finch

A **big thank you** to all our volunteer coaches! We are so appreciative of all the time, expertise and coaching you are giving to our Highlander athletes

7. WVSS Lost and Found is overflowing! Visit the North Cafeteria

Is your child missing some of their loved items? Please encourage them to recover lost items in the cafeteria this week and next! They will find an exciting array of items lined up looking for their lost owner, including jackets, shoes, hoodies, water bottles, pencil cases, backpacks, pants, T-shirts, umbrellas and more!

8. Foundry: Work and Wellness- Supporting Youth Employment.

The foundry is hosting a community conversation on the topic of Youth Employment on Wednesday November 16th from 7pm – 9pm. Please see the attached [Poster](#) for more details and registration. Call Foundry at (604) 984-5060 for more information.

9. Spring West Van Little League Baseball! Registration NOW OPEN!

Spend your Spring playing West Van Little League baseball. Kids ages 5-16 are invited to play and all experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to develop new skills while having fun with old and new friends in the community. Registration is open wvll.ca.

10. 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.

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.

District Policies and Procedures Release Form: Please Complete 1 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.

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.

School Fees – Online as of October 24

WVSS school fees will be available for payment through School Cash Online starting Monday October 24. If you have any questions about school fees or using [School Cash Online](#) please reach out to Jenny Madill at jmadill@wvschools.ca or call 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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