



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

November 24, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Student Illness and Daily Health check
2. PAC Updates
3. Grad Photos – sign up today!
4. WVSS Athletics
5. Mental Health Updates
6. Volunteer Hours Opportunity
7. Spring West Van Little League Baseball - Register now!

Important Calendar Reminders

- Tuesday Nov 29: Winter Plant pick up at South Campus Cafeteria 12:00-3:30pm
- November 29 to Dec 13: Grad photos at Edge Studios (Sign up information below)
- 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: WINTER BREAK
- Tuesday Jan 3: School Opens for 2023 – First day back
- Tuesday Jan 11: Grade 7 into 8 Parent Info Evening - 7pm, Kay Meek
- Mon Jan 23 – Thurs Jan 26: Grad Assessments: Literacy 12
- Friday Jan 27: Pro D Day – school is not in session
- Monday Jan 30: Student Review and Completion Day
- Tuesday Jan 31: Semester 1 Turn Around Day
- Wednesday Feb 1: Semester 2 Begins

1. Student Illness and Absences: Daily Health Check

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

2. PAC Updates:

Winter Plant Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who ordered winter plants, we appreciate your support of our fundraiser. Ordering is now closed. Plants will be available for **pick-up at the South Campus Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 29th between 12-3:30pm.**

Optional Donation 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.

3. Grad Photos – Sign up today for Grad photos starting Monday

Grade 12s: Grad Photos start Monday Nov. 29th. 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](#). 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. Photos taken in the studio provide various background options and posing choices including full length photos and props. Questions can be directed to Jordan Kirk at jkirk@edgeimaging.ca

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

Athletics Update - Winter season is about to begin. Congratulations to all athletes in the competitive try-out process; it is always a tough process. We encourage everyone to stay active with intramurals at lunch this season as well!

Parents need to register athletes on highlandersathletics.ca before they can play in a game.

All schedules can be found on the North Shore Athletic Association website https://esportsdesk.com/leagues/pick_league.cfm?clientID=8&leagueID=0

The Ski/Snowboard team information meeting was this past week. If your child missed it, please contact Mr. Baker ASAP in the Career Resource Centre. Spots are limited.

Let's go Highlanders!

5. Mental Health and Community Updates

Foundry Parent Ambassadors: The Foundry is looking for parent volunteers who are passionate about supporting youth and families on the North Shore. Currently, there are no parent ambassadors, and they need parents who can step up and share their experiences and provide some ideas to support parents on the North Shore. Please see [this link](#) for information and the application

Erase training for Parents and Students: Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints and Cyberbullying November 30, 6:30 – 7:30pm. You can register at [this link](#).

Community Survey: Hollyburn is working with Roots & Rivers Consulting on a 1-year community-engaged research project exploring the impact of the pandemic on gender-based violence (GBV) on the North Shore. We are particularly interested in hearing from women+ from diverse backgrounds, including allies and supporters. The survey is open to anyone age 17+ who lives, works, or spends time on the North Shore. [Click here](#) for a poster and to access the survey.

6. Volunteer Hours Opportunity - Fencing World Cup – December 2022

Come volunteer at the Epee Fencing World Cup, 2022 that will take place from December 8- December 11 at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre.

Volunteers will meet and experience the world's best athletes in this sport. No experience is required and there is a variety of roles and responsibilities. Please complete this volunteer registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/uhVr5bup57> . Any questions or for more information, please contact: Judit Blasko, Canadian Fencing Federation, judit@fencing.ca. Phone: 604-809-4260

7. 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.

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.

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.

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