



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

November 3, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Graduation Assessments - Numeracy 10
2. Lost and Found is Overflowing
3. Unpacking Youth Culture -Let's Talk Shop - November 9
4. MyEd Login Changes for Parent and Students - BC Services Card
5. PAC Updates
6. Counselling Corner
7. WVSS Athletics – Basketball Coaches & Last Sr. Football Game
8. West Vancouver Community Centre: Language classes & Newcomer Programs
9. Global Parkrun Every Saturday at Ambleside Pier
10. RiseUP group sessions

Important Calendar Reminders

- November 1 –4: Graduation Assessments - Numeracy 10
- Wednesday Nov 9: Unpacking Youth Culture at WVSS at 6pm
- **Friday Nov 11: Remembrance Day** – schools are closed
- **Monday Nov 14: Professional Development Day** – schools will be closed
- Monday Nov 14: 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 16th : Early Dismissal – Happy Holidays!
- December 19 to Jan 2: Christmas Holidays
- Tuesday January 3: School Opens for 2023 – First day back

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

Grade 10 students **who have Math 10 this semester** will be writing the Grade 10 Assessment Nov 1 – Nov 4, 2022. Students who missed their Numeracy 10 assessment this session will write in April or June. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. 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 and via email.

| 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 | Literacy 10 &12; Numeracy 10 | Missed or Rewrites |
| June 13-17 | Numeracy 10 | Semester 2 Math 10 classes |
| | Literacy 10 | Semester 2 English 10 classes |
| | Literacy 10 12 | Rewrites /Missed |
| | Numeracy 10 | |

3. 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, umbrellas and more!

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

Parents & Caregivers: Please join us on November 9 at 6pm to hear North Shore youth speak about their experiences with peer pressure, mental health drugs and more. There are **limited spaces** so early registration is recommended. **Call Foundry at (604) 984-5060**. See the following [Let's Talk Shop Poster](#). This is a free workshop you don't want to miss!

6. 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](#) and [BC Service Card Login Students](#)

7. PAC Updates:

PAC Growing Smiles Winter Plants Fundraiser: Orders due November 14 at 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.

8. 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

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

Basketball season is almost here! Students are to listen to the daily announcements and check the Athletics Bulletin Board outside the North Campus Gyms (follow @wvss_athletics for information as well!) for try out information in the next few weeks. Below is a list of teams and tentative teams based on coach availability.

Grade 8 Boys Basketball

Grade 9 Boys Basketball

Grade 10 JR Boys Basketball(tentative)

SR Boys Basketball

Grade 9&10 JR Girls Basketball

SR Girls Basketball

No team - Grade 8 Girls Basketball unless we can find a coach by Thursday November 10th

Ski/Snowboard team information will be posted in December.

Grade 8 girls Basketball Coach needed! 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.

10. West Vancouver Community Centre: Language Learning & Newcomer

Please see the [Language Class Poster](#) and the [Newcomer Program poster](#) for more information on registering for these two programs.

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 [RiseUP 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.

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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