



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

**December 1, 2022**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. WVSS Holiday Concert: Thursday Dec 15, 2022
2. X (Block) Marks the Spot!
3. Student Illness and Daily Health check
4. PAC Updates
5. Grad Photos – sign up today!
6. WVSS Athletics
7. Community Updates

## **Important Calendar Reminders**

- November 29 to Dec 13: Grad photos at Edge Studios (Sign up information below)
- Wednesday Dec 7: WV District Honour Choir at 7pm - Kay Meek
- Thursday Dec 15: Holiday Winter Concert @ 7pm – Kay Meek (Tickets available!)
- 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
- Monday Jan 23: IB information Evening – 7pm, Kay Meek
- Mon Jan 23 – Thurs Jan 26: Grad Assessments: Literacy 12
- Tuesday Jan 24: Asian New Year Show -7pm, Kay Meek
- 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. WVSS Performing Arts Presents: WONDERVILLE '22, A Holiday Concert, Thursday, December 15, 7 PM, Kay Meek Grosvenor Theatre**

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, December 15 to come out for **WONDERVILLE '22** - our annual Holiday concert before the winter break! Groups performing will include the WVSS Orchestra, Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and the Dance Crew. Tickets are \$5 and available from teachers (B. Daudlin, S. Fulton, G. Castro & J. Shin) with some tickets also available in the office and at the door of the show. See you there!

## **2. X (Block) Marks the Spot!**

X-Block is instructional time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Students are expected to be in a supervised learning space during X-Block.

The concept of X-Block is intended to:

- Provide students with choice, voice, and flexibility with their learning
- Offer opportunities to complete assignments, study, collaborate with peers, or engage in a personal area of interest.
- Provide flexible learning environments for all, acknowledging that learning can take place in a variety of places and in a variety of ways.
- Support student time management and organization, by providing an opportunity for students to practice these skills with the guidance of teachers.
- Provide time and space for teacher-enriched learning opportunities, special events and Academies

Teachers may require students to attend a specific X block time to complete assignments, assessments, and receive extra help. We continue to encourage students with the support of parents and guardians to plan ahead and use their time wisely.

## **3. 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. Please see the "When to keep your child home from school" handout: [When to Keep Sick Kids Home](#) Another helpful resource is VCH's Sneezes and Diseases, <https://sneezesdiseases.com/>. If your child will be absent, please inform the school by emailing [wvss@wvsschools.ca](mailto:wvss@wvsschools.ca). If this is not possible, please call the school office at 604-981-1100.

## **4. PAC Updates:**

**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.

## 5. Grad Photos – Sign up today for Grad Photos

**Grade 12s:** Grad Photos have begun! Please book your appointment online at [bookmygrad.ca](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jkirk@edgeimaging.ca)

## 6. WVSS Athletics - Follow us on Instagram @wvss\_athletics!

**SR Girls Volleyball:** Good luck to our SR Girls volleyball team at provincials this week!

**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](http://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](https://esportsdesk.com/leagues/pick_league.cfm?clientID=8&leagueID=0)

**The Ski/Snowboard team:** If your child missed the meeting, please contact Mr. Baker ASAP in the Career Resource Centre. Spots are limited.

Let's go Highlanders!

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Dundarave Festival of Lights 2022

Free Concerts! Concession will be open with hot drinks and snacks. 4pm West Van Youth Band and lighting ceremony. EVERYONE WELCOME! Check [dundaravefestival.com](http://dundaravefestival.com) for updates.

### Foundry, Family Smart and Community Survey

**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

**Family Smart - In the Know:** A monthly event for families who are parenting a child with mental health and/or substance use challenges. Please see the [Connect and Learn Poster](#) for details

**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.

## 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](mailto:judit@fencing.ca). Phone: 604-809-4260

## 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](http://wvll.ca).

## GENERAL REMINDERS

### Attendance Notices: Email [wvss@wvschools.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Jmadill@wvschools.ca) with any questions.

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[WVSS website:](#)

[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)