



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

December 8, 2022

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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2. WVSS Holiday Concert: Thursday Dec 15, 2022
3. Graduation Assessments: Literacy 12, January 23 -26
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5. Grad Gowns – order now
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Important Calendar Reminders

- Monday Dec 16: Grad photos at West Van (bookings are full)
- Thursday Dec 15 Wonderville and 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 (See attachment!)
- Monday Jan 23: IB information Evening – 7pm, Kay Meek
- Mon Jan 23 – Thurs Jan 26: ALL GRADE 12s write 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. 2023-2024 Secondary Timetable

The current “Transitional Secondary Timetable” was designed to provide flexibility and support for students, schools, and programs as we navigated COVID 19 restrictions, guidelines, and uncertainty. As part of the 2023-24 timetable planning process, the school district used feedback from the Spring 2022 Student, Parent and Staff timetable surveys, and conducted a series of timetable focus group conversations. These focus groups have included conversations with the teachers, staff, students, parents, as well as representatives from our district programs, courses and departments. After careful consideration, to best meet the needs of our students, schools, and diverse programs, West Vancouver Schools will be transitioning to a Linear Secondary Schedule that includes Flexible Instructional Time for the 2023-2024 school year. In a linear timetable students will take eight courses for the entire school year instead of the current two semester timetable, where students take four courses at a time for half the year. Flexible instructional time provides students with time and flexibility to engage in personalized learning. This may include additional support, guidance with specific curriculum and interests, the opportunity to collaborate with others, and time to complete assignments, assessments, and projects.

Over the next few months, the school district will work closely with schools to design a linear timetable that is responsive to the needs of our diverse programs, and enhances student choice, experiences, and opportunities. Final timetable details will be communicated before Spring Break.

2. 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!

3. Graduation Assessments: Literacy 12: January 23-27, 2023

All WVSS Grade 12 students write the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment Jan 23 – Jan 27, 2023. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. UBC requires a 3 out of 4 for admission and to graduate a 1 out of 4 is needed. **Students should prepare for this assessment** and try the sample assessments. Grade 12 students who have not yet written Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 may write these assessments in January. In early January, students will receive an email indicating the exact time, date, and room for the exam. Please see Ms. Crystal Tanfara with any questions.

Literacy 12 sample exams, videos, marking criteria and more information can be found here <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>.

Literacy 10 sample exams, videos, marking criteria and more information can be found here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Numeracy 10 sample exams, videos, marking criteria and more information can be found here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

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 via email and/or in class.

Week of Assessment	Assessment	Class by Semester
January 23 – 26	Literacy 12	All grade 12 students ** grade 12 students missing Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 will also write these assessments in Jan
April 22-25	Literacy 10	All grade 10 students (plus rewrites/ missed – gr.10-12)
June 19-23	Numeracy 10	Semester 2 Math 10 classes (plus missed and rewrites gr.10-12)
June 19-23	Literacy 10, 12	Rewrites /Missed (gr.10-12)

4. 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.

5. Grade 12 – Cap and Gown orders on now!

Grads: It is time for ordering your Cap and Gown! The link to order can be found on Google Classroom. Please fill in the form as soon as possible. See Mr. Baker in the Career Resource room with questions.

6. Grad Photos – Last chance!

Grade 12s: Grad Photos are ending! Grade 12 students who have not signed up for their graduation portraits, please contact Edge Imaging (Jordan Kirk) at [778-899-4116](tel:778-899-4116)/jirk@edgeimaging.ca as soon as possible to book a time for your appointment.

7. 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@wvschools.ca. If this is not possible, please call the school office at 604-981-1100.

8. 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.

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

SR Girls Volleyball: Congratulation to the SR Girls Volleyball team for their Silver Medal finish at Provincials!!!

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: If your child missed the meeting, please contact Mr. Baker ASAP in the Career Resource Centre. Spots are limited.

Let's go Highlanders!

10. 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 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.

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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