



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

**January 12, 2023**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. Graduation Assessments - Literacy 12 - January 24 -26
2. Numeracy 10 Grad Assessment results – Nov 2022
3. PAC Coffee Morning – January 19
4. Parent Evenings – IB & Course Planning
5. Counselling Corner – University information
6. X (Block) Marks the Spot!
7. Community Updates

## **Important Calendar Reminders**

Friday Jan 13: Black Excellence Day

Thursday Jan 19: PAC Coffee Morning – 9am – in the North Cafeteria

Monday Jan 23: IB information Evening – 7pm, Kay Meek

Tues Jan 24 - 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

Tuesday Jan 31: Course Planning Evening for Parents – 7PM – Gr.8-11 Parents

Wednesday Feb 1: Semester 2 Begins

Thursday Feb 2: Photo Retake & Photos for New Students/ Students without photos

## **1. Graduation Assessments: Literacy 12: January 23-27, 2023**

**All WVSS Grade 12 students** will write the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment Jan 24 – Jan 26, 2023.

This assessment is required for graduation purposes. **Students should prepare for this assessment** and

try the sample assessments. Grade 12 students who have not yet written Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 will write these assessments in January. This week students and guardians will receive an email indicating the exact time, date, and room for the exam. Students have also been given a memo in their 4<sup>th</sup> period class. Please see or email Crystal Tanfara ([ctanfara@wvschools.ca](mailto:ctanfara@wvschools.ca)) with any questions.

**Literacy 12** sample exams and info can be found here <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>.

**Literacy 10** sample exams and info can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

**Numeracy 10** sample exams and info 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)

## 2. November 2022 Grad Assessment results

WVSS Grade10 students who wrote Numeracy 10 in November 2022 can now be see their results in the family portal. Students and families can access the results of all grad assessments written in the portal under the “Family Tab”. The Family Portal Link can be found here: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>. If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at [wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

## 3. PAC: Coffee Morning in the Caf - January 19, 9am – All Parents welcome!

**Save the Date Parents** – Welcome to 2023 Coffee Morning- open to all parents!

When: Thursday, 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2023

Where: WVSS North Cafeteria (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, central wing, under the main office)

Time: 9:00 AM Join the WVSS PAC and Principal, Mr. Rauh for a casual meet and

greet coffee morning. We will discuss what the transition will look like to semester 2 and turnaround day on January 31 as well as touch on what the new instruction program could involve for the following

year. Mr. Rauh and the WVSS PAC Executive will be available to answer questions. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and feel connected to the school. We look forward to you joining us for coffee as we all build our school community.

#### **4. Parent Evenings - Jan 23 (IB information) and Jan 31 (Course Planning)**

**IB Info Night:** Wondering if IB is the right fit for your child? We will be hosting an IB information evening on Monday January 23rd at 7pm in Kay Meek Theatre. Students and parents are welcome to attend. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Course Planning 101:** January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm, our Counsellors will be hosting an evening for WVSS parents with children in grades 8-11 to learn more about course planning. The evening will be at WVSS – more information to come about specific rooms!

#### **5. Counselling Corner**

**How to Help your Child Survive 1st Year: Virtual session UVIC-Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 7pm**

*Parent Presentation*-helpful information on how you can help your child succeed and thrive in their first year of university. This presentation focuses on the strategies to employ to help with the transition from high school to university. Link to register below.

<https://my.uvic.ca/RecruitNewWFE/Events/Register?eventId=e5cb971d-c35f-ed11-9111-00505695aa57>

**CUE-Canadian Universities Virtual Event: Thursday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8pm**

If you missed the in-person event at our school in October, you can still connect with a wide variety of Canadian Universities at this virtual event. Register with the following link. <https://cuebc.org/register/>

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

## Public Health Resources for Families

Please see the following attachments from our public health nurse:

[Vaccine Catch-Up Poster](#) - where families can receive immunizations in the community

[Sick Children and School handout](#) – updated

**Dental Benefit:** Please see [Poster 1](#) and [Poster 2](#) for information on the new dental benefit program for families of children under the age of 12 years who do not have private dental insurance and whose adjusted net income is less than \$90,000.00 per year

**BC Children's Hospital 2022/23 flu season resources:**

[Acetaminophen](#) and [Ibuprofen](#) dosing charts (BC Children's Hospital): Information for families who do not have infant or children's acetaminophen or ibuprofen, you can give your child part of an adult dose.

[When to bring your child to the Emergency Department \(BC Children's Hospital\)](#): Additional examples to help families decide if their child needs emergency care.

## 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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## **Useful Links**

[Link to previous E-Bulletins](#)

[WVSS website:](#)

[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)