



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

January 19, 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. WVS Carpentry Program: Youth Train in Trades
4. Parent Evenings – IB & Course Planning
5. Counselling Corner – University information
6. Grad Gowns – order now!
7. X (Block) Marks the Spot!
8. Community Updates

Important Calendar Reminders

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 Retakes & Photos for New Students/ Students without photos

1. Graduation Assessments: Literacy 12: January 24-26, 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. Students should have received a memo and email with date and time details. Please see or email Crystal Tanfara (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
April 22-25	Literacy 10	All grade 10 students (plus rewrites/missed)
June 19-23	Numeracy 10	Semester 2 Math 10 classes (plus missed and rewrites)
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 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/aspn/logon.do>. If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca

3. 2023-2024 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES APPLICATIONS OPEN

The West Van School District’s Carpentry: Youth Train in Trades is for students who are keenly interested in acquiring industry recognized skills and certification in carpentry, construction and related trades. By completing this program students receive 16 credits (4 courses) towards high school graduation, in addition to Level 1 Carpentry Training. Students learn lifelong skills, participate in work experience, and have the opportunity to learn right on the job site!

To learn more about the program visit [this site](#) and to apply click [here](#). If you have any questions, email Parnaz Kashani: pkashani@wvschools.ca & Akina Weitzel: Aweitzel@wvschools.ca

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 31st 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 – Grad updates

Grads: Cap and Gown – Order now Grads: It is that time to order your cap and gown through your CLC google classroom. <https://forms.gle/jZNugXKqC6jBkyZU9>

CUE-Canadian Universities Virtual Event: Thursday, Jan 19th, 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/>

7. 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](#) & [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. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Youth & Vaping: Information, Considerations, Impacts

Thursday February 9, 2023 7-9pm at Handsworth Secondary North Vancouver. Free parent community conversation with two keynote speakers Dr. Milan Khara and Lindsay Macdonald. More information can be found [here](#) . Please register at <https://youth-vaping.eventbrite.com>.

Lunar New Year - Year of the Rabbit

Please see the [following attachment](#) for more information about this celebration at West Vancouver community Centre on January 21, 2023 10am – 4pm.

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](#)

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

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.

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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