



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

**January 26, 2023**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. Semester Turn Around Days
2. Semester 2 Schedule and Courses
3. Parent Evening for Course Planning – current grade 8-11 parents
4. WVSS Theatre Co “As if! A Clueless Makeover or Whatever” February 8-10
5. Grad Updates: Group Photos and Retakes –Feb 8/9 & Feb 6/7
6. WVS Carpentry Program: Youth Train in Trades
7. Parents as Education and Career Coaches - March 8th
8. Numeracy 10 Grad Assessment results – Nov 2022
9. Community Updates

## **Important Calendar Reminders**

**Thursday Jan 26: Jazz Cabaret in the Music room 7PM – Come out and enjoy tonight!**

**Friday, Jan 27: Pro D Day** – School is not in session

**Monday, Jan 30: Student Review and Completion Day** – Students welcome; attendance not required

**Tuesday, Jan 31: Semester 1 Turn Around Day** – Classes are not in session

**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**

**Monday & Tuesday Feb 6 & 7: Grad Photo retakes/ Missed photos**

**Wed & Thursday Feb 8 & 9: Grad Group / Buddy Photos**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8 - 10: WVSS Theatre presents “As if! A Clueless Makeover or Whatever”**

**Thursday, Feb. 9: Semester 1 Report Cards posted on-line**

**Friday, Feb. 17: DISTRICT READING BREAK** – School Closed

**Monday, Feb. 20: BC FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**– School Closed

**Friday, Feb. 24: Grads Cap and Gown order deadline**

**Monday, Feb. 27: Informal Progress Report posted**

**Thursday, March 2:** Linear Reports Posted

**Tuesday, March 7:** Parent/Teacher Conferences – On-Line

**Wednesday, March 8:** WVSS Spring Concert – 7:00pm– Kay Meek

**Wednesday, March 8:** Parents as Education & Career Coaches – 6:30 pm, online

**Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24: SPRING BREAK**

**Thursday, March 30:** WV Zone Concert – 7:00pm – Kay Meek

## 1. Semester Turn Around Days

Today, **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, is the last day of regular Semester 1 classes. Tomorrow, Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> is a Pro D day and classes are not in session. **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> is Student Review and Completion Day.** Students are not required to attend but they may be invited by their teacher or chose to come in. The purpose of this day is to provide an opportunity for students to make up incomplete work and do reassessments, where applicable. **Tuesday, January 21** is Semester Turnaround Day and classes will not be in session. This is an opportunity for teachers to reset and prepare for Semester 2. ***We look forward to seeing everyone on February 1<sup>st</sup> for day one of Semester 2!***

## 2. Semester 2 Schedules – Please Verify!

All students are asked to please log into MyEd and check their schedules for second semester. There have been changes to courses and room allocations since the beginning of the year, so please take the time to review your Semester 2 Schedule. To see your whole schedule, click on the list on the top left to go to Matrix view.

## 3. Parent Evening for Information on Course Planning: January 31st

**Course Planning 101:** Tuesday, 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 (North Campus, main doors) just for parents. Rooms of presentations for each grade will be posted by the main office in North Campus.

**IB Info Session:** Tuesday, January 31st @ 6:30pm - If you were unable to attend the IB information night last week, you can come at 6:30pm for information on the IB program at WVSS.

## 4. WVSS Theatre Co Presents “As If! A Clueless Makeover or Whatever”

**February 8-10** at the KMC Studio Theatre! Sixteen-year-old matchmaker and socialite, Cher, knows that navigating friendship and romance is fraught. Especially when she's surrounded by clueless people who desperately need her help. Based on Amy Heckerling's classic 90s rom-com *CLUELESS* (which was based on Jane Austen's 1815 novel *Emma*), the WVSS Theatre Company's coming-of-age adaptation *AS IF!* promises comedy, romance, great music and fashion, and overall spectacle! Some mature content, viewer discretion is advised. See the [“As If” poster](#) for all the colourful details!

\$15 tickets on sale Feb. 1st. Available during lunch in front of the cafeteria and at the door before the show. Reservations also available by calling the school.

## 5. Grad updates: Group Photos and Retakes and Cap and Gown!

**Grad Group/Buddy Photos – Location: 15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> and possible 9<sup>th</sup> only. No individual grad photos will be taken on these days.** Edge Imaging is hosting a graduate group/buddy photo day at our Vancouver studio. The photos are \$15 per person, per group. Payments will be taken at the studio before your appointment time. We can take cash, card, or cheque. Only one person per group needs to sign up and this person will receive an email with the digital download of all images for their group. A maximum of 8 people per group, no exceptions. Please arrive 15 minutes early for your appointment time. Late arrivals will not be photographed due to the time constraints. We are looking forward to seeing you and your friend groups for some fun and memorable photos! Please sign up by going to [bookmygrad.ca](https://bookmygrad.ca), using the QR code posted on the posters at your school, or by using this direct link: [Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

**Grad Photos: Retakes and Missed Photos – Location: 15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver**

**February 6 and 7 only** Edge Imaging offers a multitude of backgrounds, posing, and props in our custom Vancouver studio. Please wear your favorite outfit. We encourage you to bring any personal accessories such as sporting equipment, musical instruments, etc. to commemorate this special milestone. For the formal grad portrait sittings Edge Imaging will provide the gowns, sash, and cap. Gentlemen, please wear a dress shirt and tie. Ladies, please wear a mandarin collar or a V-neck. Please take note that the gown colour is black, and the sash colour is red. Please sign up by going to [bookmygrad.ca](https://bookmygrad.ca), using the QR code posted on the posters at your school, or by using this direct link: [Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

**Grads: Cap and Gown – order deadline is FRIDAY February 24<sup>th</sup>** Grads: order your cap and gown today through your CLC google classroom. <https://forms.gle/jZNugXKqC6jBkyZU9>

## 6. 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](mailto:pkashani@wvschools.ca) & Akina Weitzel: [Aweitzel@wvschools.ca](mailto:Aweitzel@wvschools.ca)

## 7. Parents as Education and Career Coaches – March 8, 6:30pm

Please join Education Planner BC and WVS for a virtual evening of "Parents as Education and Career Coaches". This information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12. Wednesday, March 8th 6:30 - 8 pm, Hosted on Teams. Contact WVS post-secondary advisor, Leesa Alldred [lalldred@wvschools.ca](mailto:lalldred@wvschools.ca) for any questions. See [this Poster](#) to register!

## 8. 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/aspn/logon.do>. If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at [wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca)

## **9. 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.

## **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>.

### **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.](#) 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.

### **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. **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. 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 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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