



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

February 9, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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Important Calendar Reminders

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

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

Tuesday, Feb 14: Inspiro Choir Festival, 7pm – Kay Meek

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

Wednesday, March 1: Physical Literacy – Parent Education Night, 7pm at WVSS

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

Friday March 10: Deadline for WVS Budget Survey

Monday, March 13: Friday, March 24: SPRING BREAK – School Closed

Tuesday, March 28: Lockdown Drill – 10:45 am

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

Thursday April 6: Gr. 9 Immunization Clinic - Those who missed fall immunizations

1. 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.

2. Semester 1 Report Cards Posted - February 9th, End of day

Report Cards can be accessed on the MyEd family portal as of Thursday, February 9th end of day. This report card includes final Semester 1 marks. It will not include Linear courses. When logged into MyEd, the report will appear under the “PAGES” top tab as a PDF on the righthand side of the page under “PUBLISHED REPORTS”. Please make sure to SAVE or print your Report Cards.

Family Portal Important Notes:

- Family Portal Link: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)

Username/Password/Password Recovery – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your ‘password recovery’ function to allow you to reset your own password. **If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvsschools.ca**

3. Inspiro Choir Festival – Tuesday February 14th at 7pm, Kay Meek

Come out and enjoy a 1-hour performance by the many West Van School Choirs on Valentine's evening! Please see [this Poster](#) for all the details. \$10 suggested donation at the door to support WV school choirs.

4. Ministry of Education 2023 Student Learning Survey – Gr 10 & 12 Parents

Live now! Grade 10 and 12 parents /guardians are asked to complete the Student Learning Survey 2023 at the following link: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp> . The Student Learning Survey gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Please see [this attachment](#) showing the Parent Log on screen. Scroll down to the "parent section" and use the "Direct Access – No Logon number" on the right side. Feel free to call the school at 604-981-1100 if you need assistance! THANK YOU, Highlander Families!

5. School District Budget and Survey – March 10th deadline

Our school district is welcoming community members interested in providing feedback regarding the School District Budget for next year to go to the following website and complete the survey: [Budget Feedback 2023-2024 | West Vancouver Schools](#). The survey will remain open until March 10th.

6. Grad Updates:

Grad Photos: Retakes and Missed Photos – Call now!

If you have missed you have not taken your Grad photo yet, please contact Edge Imaging directly and as soon as possible. Email or call Jordan Kirk at jkirk@edgeimaging.ca or 778.899.4116 (cell).

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

7. Spring Sports: Try Outs Coming!

Try Outs and Information will be coming out for our Spring Sports in the coming weeks. Please check the Athletics Board outside the North Campus Gyms for information. Also follow us on **Instagram**

@wvss_athletics. Sports offered (depending on coach availability):

Girls Soccer, Girls Rugby, Boys Rugby, Track and Field, SR Ultimate, Tennis, Badminton, Grade 8 Football

8. Yearbook: A message from our Yearbook class!

Parents! We're sure you remember your high school days, but especially cherish the stories, photos, and fun that are captured in your yearbooks. High school at WVSS is a special time in your children's lives, full of self-discovery and learning, and this edition of the yearbook had the added feature of being modelled on the yearbooks of the 90's —there is an awesome retro feel to every page. Buy your student the best reminder of their special time at WVSS. You can get your copy today through [School Cash Online](#) . And for all proud grad parents, remind your students to think upon their yearbook quote, the submission deadline is nearing fast!

9. Yoga Training Course Information Session February 15th 6:30pm WVSS Library

The district's 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training course is an 8-credit course (4 PE credits and 4 Yoga credits) that will provide students in grades 9 to 12 with the skills needed to effectively and safely teach yoga to all levels of students. The course follows the guidelines set out by Yoga Alliance and students receive certification as Yoga Alliance 200-hour Yoga Teachers. For more information or to register visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/200-hour-yoga-teacher-training> or email Mariam Pirbhai mpirbhai@wvschools.ca

10. Baseball Academy Open House: February 23rd, 7pm, WVSS Library

West Vancouver Schools is celebrating 10 years operating the Premier Baseball Academy where the elite student-athletes have advanced to play on Provincial and National teams, as well as both College and Professional baseball. See [THIS POSTER](#) for all the details. RSVP to Tara Ledingham tledingham@wvschools.ca

11. Parent Education Night: Physical Literacy: March 1st 7pm-8pm, WVSS Gym

This presentation is designed to inform parents of the ongoing important work that is happening across the district in the area of Physical Literacy. A distinguished line-up of presenters will provide interesting statistics, data, and other information that outlines not only why focusing on the importance of movement, wellness, and social connectedness is preventative medicine, but also how parents can use their influence to be the ultimate difference makers in the overall trajectory of students' physical and mental wellbeing. Please see the [attached Poster](#) for details including childcare.

12. 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 for any questions. See [this Poster](#) to register!

13. Talking to Children and Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use

Please see the [following attachment](#) for a message from the Ministry of Education and Childcare regarding decriminalization and substance use and resources for parents, guardians and caregivers.

14. Ian Parker Piano Soloist: February 12 – Special Pricing with Promo

February 12 | 3pm Grosvenor Theatre [Ticket link](#)

West Vancouver Schools students, families, and staff special offer: **\$10 tickets** with the promo code **PARKER10** Join pianist Ian Parker, artistic director of Kay Meek classical programming, for this exciting solo piano performance. Magnetic, easy-going, and delightfully articulate, Canadian pianist/conductor Ian Parker captivates audiences wherever he goes.

Program: Toccata in D major BWV 912 — J.S. Bach; Ballade No. 4 in f minor Op. 52 — F. Chopin
Gargoyles op. 29 — Lowell Liebermann-Presto; Sonata No. 3 in f minor Op. 5 — J. Brahms

15. 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 (tonight!)

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.](#) Our Public Health Nurse is Sophia Knowles. She can be reached at sophia.knowles@vch.ca

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 Notice: 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. **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. 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 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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