



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

April 27th, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Take a Hike Foundation & West Vancouver Schools Info Session
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Important Calendar Reminders

Saturday, April 29th – Vancouver Post Secondary Fair

Monday, May 1 – 19: I.B. Exams

Thursday, May 4: Last day for PAC Verdant skincare orders

Friday, May 19 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – No school for students

Monday, May 22 – VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY – School Closed

Wednesday, May 24 – WVSS Zone Band Concert – 7:00 pm – Kay Meek

Saturday, May 27 – WVSS Graduation 2023 Banquet – 6:00 pm - Westin Bayshore

Tuesday, May 30 – WVSS Honour Choir Concert – 7:00 pm – Kay Meek

Thursday, June 8 – Athletic Awards – Old Gym – 11:00 am

Thursday, June 8 – WVSS Film & Animation Night – 7:00 pm – Kay Meek

Friday, June 9 – WVSS Fashion Show – 7:00 pm – Kay Meek

Sunday, June 11 – Valedictory & Closing Ceremony 2023 – 7:00 pm – Orpheum Theatre

1. Take a Hike Foundation and West Vancouver Schools Information Session

Starting in the 2023/24 school year, the West Vancouver School District will be partnering with the Take a Hike Foundation to offer a more comprehensive program to Inglewood Secondary for students in grades 10 -12. Take a Hike layers additional supports on top of existing school resources to provide students with a full-time alternative education program. Through group therapy sessions and land-based learning activities, clinical therapists and educators work collaboratively to help students process emotions, build resilience and self-awareness, and learn to use physical activity and mindfulness practices to improve well being. Take a Hike currently works with school districts on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and the Interior. We are excited to partner with Take a Hike to help support the students and families of West Vancouver Schools.

We will be offering an information session on May 9th at 3:30pm for interested community members who would like to learn more about the Take a Hike program. Pete Prediger, Director of Programs & Clinical Director and Alaine Anicete, Program Manager will be sharing a short presentation and answer any questions about the program and partnership with West Vancouver Schools.

Date: Tuesday May 9th & Time: 6:30pm

Location: Inglewood Secondary School, 1735 Inglewood Avenue

2. 2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2023.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs is now open. More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

3. Graduation Assessments: Thank you and next session is June 19 – 23rd

Thank you to the grade 10 students who completed their Literacy 10 graduation assessment this week. Results should be available in the next month and can be seen on the Family and Student Portal. Any grade 10 – 12 students who missed a graduation assessment will write in June. Any student wishing to re-write an assessment should inform Ms. Hee-Jeung Kong, database clerk, by email (hkong@wvschools.ca) or in person in the office. The following is an overview of The June Graduation Assessment Schedule for 2022-2023. Any questions, please see or email Crystal Tanfara.

Week of Assessment	Assessment	Class by Semester
June 19-23	Numeracy 10	Math 10 classes (Sem 2)
June 19-23	Literacy 10, Literacy 12 Numeracy 10	Grade 10s, 11s and 12s (missed and requested rewrites)

4. PAC UPDATES

Verdant Skincare

The PAC and Verdant Skincare are currently offering an exciting fundraiser. Verdant is an amazing local skincare company, committed to nature, using only locally sourced, organic ingredients, to heal and maintain your skin. Perfect for Mother's Day, gifts, treating yourself and your loved ones. Funds raised will help the PAC to support scholarships, curricular purchases in support of the school, and much more. Please see Verdant website to place your order: <https://verdantskincare.ca/> Deadline to order is **May 4th** (please choose "pick-up" when placing order, to join fundraiser).

Growing Smiles: Our Growing Smiles fundraiser is now closed. Thank you to everyone who ordered spring plants. Pick-up all items at the South Campus Cafeteria on **Thursday May 11th** from 12:30-3. The PAC thanks you for your support of our fundraisers.

Save the Date: WVSS PAC Guest Speakers & Annual General Meeting - Thursday May 11th

GUEST SPEAKERS: Join West Vancouver Schools District Director's of Instruction, Ian Kennedy and Liz Hill as they present the New Reporting Order for BC and how it will be implemented in our school district. Learn what this means for you as parents, and your students. This is an opportunity to ask questions and obtain an understanding of the new reporting order for 2023/24 school year onwards. Times: 6.30 pm WVSS PAC AGM followed by 7.00 pm Guest Speakers, Liz Hill and Ian Kennedy Location: WVSS Library (North Campus, Top Floor, West Block)

Graduation 2023 Yard Signs

Congrats 2023 Graduates Yard Sign - order today! Parents and supporters of WVSS 2023 Graduates: WVSS Custom Grad yard signs are ready to be ordered. Please see [the WVSS GRAD 2023 flyer](#) for further information. The cost is \$15. To place your order please follow these steps:
Step 1. Email Lorna Zebedee (PAC Treasurer) at wvsspactreasurer@gmail.com with your name, phone number, quantity, and name on e-transfer payment.
Step 2. Send a bank e-transfer to: wvsspactreasurer@gmail.com. Security question: What is our Principal's last name? Answer: Rauh
Step 3. Pick up your sign. Signs will be ready by the end of May. Details on pick-up procedure will be emailed. Last day to order is May 1st before 5pm. Questions? Email or call Lorna at 236-985-5020

5. Last Chance! 2023 Student Learning Survey – Gr 10 & 12 Parents

APRIL 30th deadline! 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 Learning Survey 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** for sharing your insights!

6. Counselling Corner

Youth Train in Trades 2023/2024 The Carpentry program at our school, still has some spots available for the September 2023/2024 intake. If your child is currently in grade 10 or 11 and has an interest in obtaining a Level 1 Carpentry Certification, they can talk to their counsellor about including it in their course selections for next year. It would be offered on alternate days throughout the school year. For more information, contact Linda Caruth, Careers & Counselling Assistant, lcaruth@wvschools.ca

Vancouver Post Secondary Fair – Saturday, April 29th, 2023 Vancouver's Largest Post Secondary Fair, Saturday, April 29th, 1pm-4pm at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Over 130 Institutions represented from across Canada and the world. Seminars being offered: Myths and Truths about Canadian Universities, Financing your Education, Essay Writing, US Admissions, Becoming a Dr. In Canada, Creative Careers and more. It is free but you need to register. See the **VIUL info session attachment** for more information.

7. First Responders Club - May 3 - Information meeting

Are you interested in medicine, healthcare or emergency response? Do you want to have a positive impact on our school community while earning volunteer hours? The First Responders Club is a 12-person team of motivated and committed students who provide first aid services at WVSS, sporting and other special events. Learn valuable skills while building meaningful experiences to include on your resume and post-secondary applications. Learn more and apply at our information meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at lunch in room W252. See Mr. Campagnolo, Ms. Tanfara, Mr. Richardson or Mr. Kozak for more details.

8. National Mental Health Week: Free Workshop May 4

Next week is National Mental Health week. Family Smart is offering a free online workshop for families on May 4th with Dr. Ross Greene. Please see the [FamilySmart Flyer](#) for more details.

9. WVS Premier Sports Academies Registrations

2023-2024 ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The West Van Schools Baseball, Field Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Academies are open for registration! Please visit the below links for further information on these exciting programs: [Baseball](#), [Field Hockey](#), [Rugby](#), [Soccer](#)

10. Sing Project 3.0 Video – enjoy!

A big thank to everyone for participating in the Sing Project 3.0 on March 30. We are excited to share the [final video](#) with you! Enjoy seeing students from across our district come together in song!

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Gleneagles Spring Fest West - Saturday, May 6th, 2023 - Celebrate Spring with the Western Community!

Gleneagles Spring Fest West – All ages welcome – See [this Gleneagles flyer](#) for details!

Youth Week Celebrations: May 1-6

Youth Week will kick off on Monday May 1st, with the Youth Achievement Awards and the Youth Council Meeting being held at West Vancouver Municipal Hall. The week is full of activities and will culminate in a fantastic and free Youth Recreation Day on Saturday May 6th. This day has several activities planned from fitness classes to a drum “jam” workshop and even Karaoke! Pre-registration is suggested to avoid disappointment. Please see [The Youth Week Flyer](#) and the [Rec Day Schedule](#) for all the details.

Student Volunteers Needed: Highlands Challenger Baseball

The Highlands Little League Challenger Baseball Division is seeking volunteers over 13 years of age to help fill the role of “Buddy” for our upcoming 2023 season. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone seeking a fun, rewarding experience working with youth and adults with disabilities, in an outdoor sports setting! One hour commitment on Saturdays (10-11 am) at Norgate Field starting April 15-June 17. Please see [this attachment](#) and [poster](#) . Contact Sophie Mariano at challengerbuddies@gmail.com for more information.

Camp Ignite Opportunity – closes May 1st

Become a Camp Ignite Participant. Girls in Grades 11 & 12 are invited to apply for this opportunity to train at the Vancouver Fire Rescue Centre for 3 days - apply <https://campignite.com/join-us>

Capilano University Offering Summer Camps and Summer Sports Camps

Capilano University will be offering Summer Camp and Summer Intensive Series opportunities for Youth ages 7-17 years old. Please see the posters: [Summer Series](#) and [Blues Sport Camp](#).

Youth Climate Activism Award - closes May 18th

This award honours students who are taking meaningful steps towards improving the outlook for our planet with respect to climate change. Prize of up to \$1,000. See [this Poster](#) for all the details

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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