



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

**May 11, 2023**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. School Calendars
2. Pursuit Applications
3. PAC Updates: Spring Fundraisers, AGM & Grad 2023 Yard Signs
4. Highlanders Elementary School Volleyball Camp
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## **Important Calendar Reminders**

**Monday, May 1 – 19:** I.B. Exams

**Thursday May 11** – PAC AGM & New Reporting Order Presentation @ WVSS 6:30pm (Library)

**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. School Calendars – Now available for 2023 – 2024

The school calendars for the next 3 school years are now available on the West Vancouver school website should families be thinking of making long term plans. Please see: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/annual-school-calendars>

## 2. West Vancouver Schools Pursuit Applications

WVS Pursuit is a program that is designed for students, Grades 10-12, who are provincially and/or nationally ranked athletes or performing artists competing at the highest level or category for their specific age group. Applications are now open and the deadline to apply is June 9<sup>th</sup>. Information and the online application can be found at: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/pursuit/>

## 3. PAC UPDATES

### WVSS PAC Guest Speakers & Annual General Meeting -Thursday May 11th

Guest Speaker: West Vancouver School District's Director of Instruction Ian Kennedy will provide us with an overview of the New BC Reporting Policy. The new Student Reporting Policy aligns with the redesigned curriculum (Know, Do & Understand) and creates consistency across the province. Updated reporting practices also ensures alignment with B.C.'s provincial assessment system. The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done. It also maintains high standards for students by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning. This is an opportunity to ask questions and obtain an understanding of the new reporting order for the 2023/2024 school year and onwards.

Date: Thursday 11 May 2023

Times: 6.30 pm WVSS PAC AGM followed by 7.00 pm Guest Speaker Ian Kennedy

Location: WVSS Library (North Campus, Top Floor, West Block)

### Thank you From PAC:

The PAC would like to thank everyone who supported our Growing Smiles and Verdant Skincare Spring Fundraisers. Our fundraisers were very successful, and with your help we were able to raise funds that will help the PAC to support: scholarships, curricular purchases in support of the school, staff appreciation lunch, meet the teacher events, and more. The PAC thanks you for your support of our fundraisers.

### PAC Optional Donation - School Cash Online

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School parents who make the annual contribution to WVSS PAC to support your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2022/2023 PAC voluntary contribution is available on **School Cash Online**. **NEW THIS YEAR: there will now be the option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75.** Please see the [WVSS Optional attachment](#) for a list of some of the things the PAC supported last

year, as well as some further details. [Mandarin attachment](#) and [Farsi Attachment](#) . To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

#### **4. Highlanders Elementary School Volleyball Camp**

The West Van Senior Girls Volleyball team (North Shore Champions and Silver Medalists in the 2022 BC Championships) are excited to offer a 5-day Elementary school CAMP to grade 5,6 and 7 students. Learn the skills and tactics of volleyball with us. Please see this [Volleyball Camp brochure](#) for all the details!

#### **5. School Supplies Drive @ WVSS**

The Youth Philanthropy Council (part of the West Vancouver Foundation), are working on an end of year school supplies drive in partnership with the North Shore Neighborhood House and we are looking for new or gently used pencils, papers, binders, notebooks, etc.. We will be setting up donation boxes at various schools including WVSS, from May 10 to June 5. Please see this [School supplies poster](#) for details.

#### **6. Neurodivergent & Thriving – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Please join us for a free community conversation focused on supporting neurodivergent youth. Understanding Neurodiversity, a Youth Perspective. Please see [this poster](#) for details.  
Guest Speaker: Eli Neptune, Community Liason Officer, ACT – Autism Community Training  
Location: Mountainside Secondary School  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

#### **7. 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](mailto:lcaruth@wvschools.ca)

#### **8. 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](#)

#### **9. 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. **Elementary registration ends Friday May 12.** More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Looking for Summer Camps? Try ULTIMATE Frisbee!

If you are looking for an outdoor, physically active, and FUN [summer camp](#) for your students, check out Elevate Ultimate's Ultimate Frisbee summer camps! The camps are running at Confederation Turf throughout the month of July, 2023.

Ultimate frisbee is a great sport for everyone of all genders and skill levels. Elevate Ultimate's professional staff promote values such as open-mindedness, sportspersonship, and inclusivity. Elevate Ultimate is owned by former Team Canada Ultimate Frisbee representatives, Ari Nitikman and Danie Proby. Both Ari and Danie have played the sport at an elite level and currently coach at all levels. Please use code Westvan50 for \$50 off any summer camp!

### North Vancouver Camp – All of July 2023 – Safe, Inclusive, Fun!

Frisbee Freeze Tag, Capture the Flag Ultimate, Scrimmage, Bench Ball Ultimate and more! Please see [North Van Camp Flyer](#) for 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](mailto:challengerbuddies@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>

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](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 Ursula Kerr at [ukerr@wvschools.ca](mailto:ukerr@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. Kerr in the office or at [ukerr@wvschools.ca](mailto:ukerr@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](#)