



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

**May 25, 2023**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

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## **Important Calendar Reminders**

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

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

**Wednesday, May 31** – Galapagos Trip Information night – 7pm

**Thursday, June 8** – Indigenous Student Graduation – WVSS – 4 – 6:00 pm

**Thursday, June 15**– Athletic Awards – Old Gym – 11:00 am

**Thursday, June 15** – 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

**June 19 to June 23** - Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10.

**Friday June 23** – Last day of regular classes (**attendance taken**)

**Monday June 26** - Last day of class rotation (attendance optional)

**June 27 to June 29** - Review and completion days

**Thursday June 29** – Report Cards posted online

## **1. Graduation Banquet – Westin Bayshore Parking**

We are pleased to create a special code for guests attending this event. This code is valid only for self-parking during the event, and NOT valid for overnight parking. Parking lot is located on 1620 Bayshore Drive Vancouver (Indigo Lot 088). Pay Stations are conveniently located on each level as well as at the Hotel Main Entrance.

### **Pay Station Instructions:**

After parking your vehicle, please go to a pay station in order to obtain a receipt for parking. The License Plate of your vehicle is required to vend a valid receipt.

1. At the meter, scroll through choices by choosing “More Choices” until you see “Special Event”.
2. Select this option.
3. Enter your license plate number
4. Enter the special code 8802302
5. Insert payment. Charge is \$22 per vehicle
6. Wait for receipt to print. No need to display on dashboard of your vehicle.

## **2. Graduation 2023 Group/Buddy photo day – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Edge Imaging is hosting a graduate group/buddy photo day at West Vancouver Secondary School on June 5th in the cafeteria, starting at 2pm. More sessions will be added if needed.

The photos are \$15 per person, per group. Payments will be taken at the school before your appointment time. Edge 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 10 minutes early for your appointment time. We are looking forward to seeing you and your friend groups for some fun and memorable photos. Book your sessions here: [Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment \(link\)](#)

## **3. Tickets for School Leaving Ceremony at the Orpheum –June 7<sup>th</sup>**

A reminder families and friends to purchase your tickets soon. Our School Leaving Ceremony will take place Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Orpheum Theatre. Grads arrive at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 per

person. Tickets for family and friends are unlimited and available on [School Cash Online](#). Grads do not need a ticket. Any additional tickets (day of event) will be sold at the Orpheum (Cash only please!).

- Students are required to write a citation that will be read as they cross the stage. Link to Google form is posted in CLC Google Classroom
- Grads arrive in Cap and Gown at 6pm
- Cap and Gowns will be available for pickup at school on June 8 and 9
- Grads do not need to buy a ticket
- Tickets are unlimited and available on School Cash online
- Tickets can be picked up in Counselling office with School Cash Online receipt

Please ensure that your student's Commencement Fee is paid using [School Cash Online](#). This fee covers the cost of the student at the Orpheum, their cap and gown which they get to keep, as well as a few other graduation related items. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kerr in the office or at [ukerr@wvschools.ca](mailto:ukerr@wvschools.ca)

#### **4. Galapagos and Amazon Biology Trip – Spring 2024**

Our Biology teachers are planning a two-week "Ultimate Biology" field trip in the spring of 2024. We will be travelling to Ecuador to learn about Biology in both the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon rainforest. Students that will be in Grade 11 or 12 in the 2023/24 school year are eligible to apply. An information meeting for parents will be held on **Wednesday, May 31, 7:00pm in the school library**. We have also set up a Google Classroom to share the itinerary, cost, and other information with interested families. Your student can access using the Classroom code is **l6pehu7**. If you have any questions, please contact either Eran Earland ([earland@wvschools.ca](mailto:earland@wvschools.ca)) or Mike Richardson ([mrichardson@wvschools.ca](mailto:mrichardson@wvschools.ca))

#### **5. Graduates and Address updates – inform the office**

Any Grade 12 students with a new address after June 30th will need to notify Ms. Kong (database clerk) in the office as soon as possible. Graduation diplomas and scholarship program awards will be sent out in the summer so updated address are important!

#### **6. K-12 Student Reporting Policy Support Materials for Families**

Information for parents and caregivers regarding the changes to K-12 Student Reporting Policy are now available in 8 languages. The documents aim to help parents and caregivers understand the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, which will be implemented this fall for the 2023/24 school year. The complete information package can be found on the [K-12 Student Reporting Policy Information for Families](#) web page. We encourage

you to look through the webpage and share the resources which are most appropriate for your community.

## 7. 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>

## 8. 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/>

## 9. Graduation Assessments: June 19 -23

**Grade 10 students with math this semester** will write the **Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessment** the week of June 19 – 23. This assessment is required for graduation purposes. Students should prepare for this assessment by trying the sample assessments below. Grade 10 - 12 students who have not written Literacy 10 or 12 will write June 19-23 as well.

Students will receive a memo and email in June indicating the exact time, date, and room for the exam. Please see or email Crystal Tanfara ([ctanfara@wvschools.ca](mailto:ctanfara@wvschools.ca)) with any questions.

**Numeracy 10** sample exams and info can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

**Literacy 10** sample exams and info can be found here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

**Literacy 12** sample exams and info can be found here <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>.

**The following is an overview of our Graduation Assessment Schedule :**

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

## 10. PAC UPDATES

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.

## 11. Student Volunteers Needed for WV Cultural Festival

West Vancouver schools is looking for Grade 7 – 12 volunteers for the community cultural Fest June 2 and June 3rd. See this [Cultural Festival Volunteer Poster](#) for all the details!

## 12. ParticipACTION Community Challenge: Let's do this Highlanders!

Help us become the most active community in Canada. June 1- 30<sup>th</sup> Join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge. For more information: see attached - [Participaction Instructions for Schools and Families](#) AND [Participaction Poster](#)

## 12. School Supplies Drive @ WVSS - May 10- June 5

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.

### **13. 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. Guest Speaker: Eli Neptune, Community Liaison Officer, ACT – Autism Community Training. Location: Mountainside Secondary School Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

### **14. 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](#)

### **15. 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 secondary Summer Learning programs is still open. More information about can be found on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

## **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

### **KidSport North Shore Sports Equipment Sale**

KidSport North Shore will be hosting a Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, June 24 in the Carson Graham Secondary School gymnasium in North Vancouver. All items will be sold at incredibly low prices to support recycling of sports equipment in our equipment, increase access to sports equipment for all North Shore families and residents, and to raise funds for our community charity! Please see this [June 24 Equipment sale Flyer](#) for all the details.

### **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, sportsmanship, and inclusivity. For more information, please see the [attached flyer](#). 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 [this poster](#) for 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 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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