



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

June 1, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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Important Calendar Reminders

June 2 & 3 – West Van Community Cultural Festival – Come & support our WVSS students!

Monday, June 5 – Grad Group photos – Cafeteria (prior sign up required)

Wednesday, June 7 – Trip to Spain Info night – Room W154 – 7pm

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

Thurs & Fri June 8/9 – Cap and Gown pick up at school
Friday, June 9 – WVSS Fashion Show - Kay Meek, 7pm
Friday, June 9 – Deadline for Pursuit applications
Sunday, June 11 – Valedictory & Closing Ceremony 2023 – Orpheum Theatre, 7pm
Wednesday, June 14 – WVSS Rock Band Concert – Kay Meek, 7pm
Thursday, June 15 – Athletic Awards – Old Gym, 11am
Thursday, June 15 – WVSS Film & Animation Night – Kay Meek, 7pm
June 19 to June 23 - Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10
Thursday, June 22 – WVSS Rock Band Concert - Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 7 PM
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. West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival, Ambleside Park, Friday & Saturday, June 2 & 3: Featuring WVSS Music Groups!

Families visiting and visiting the [West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival](#) (formerly Community Day/Bridge Festival) this weekend at Ambleside Park are encouraged to stop by the West Vancouver School District music performance stage to enjoy and support music groups of WVSS. On Friday, June 2 the WVSS Orchestra will perform at 6:15 PM followed by the WVSS Rock Band at 6:45 PM. On Saturday, June 3 the WVSS Junior Concert Band will perform at 1:15 PM followed by the WVSS Senior Concert Band at 1:35 PM. Please see the attached documents for more information: [WVCC Festival Guide](#) and [WVCC Festival Poster](#)

2. Graduation 2023 Group/Buddy photo day – June 5th, 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](#)

3. Tickets for School Leaving Ceremony at the Orpheum – June 11th

A reminder families and friends to purchase your tickets soon. Our School Leaving Ceremony will take place Sunday June 11th 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

4. Spanish Trip to Spain Spring Break 2024 - June 7th at 7pm

There will be a Parent Information Meeting for parents or guardians of students who are interested in learning about the Spanish Department trip to Spain during Spring Break 2024.

The meeting will be held in Ms. Metcalfe's classroom, W 154 on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in learning more, please email Ms. Metcalfe at mmetcalfe@wvschools.ca. Students are also welcome to attend!

5. MUSIC & DANCE! - The WVSS Performing Arts Year End Concert: Wednesday, June 14, 7 PM, Kay Meek Grosvenor Theatre

All parents and students are invited to MUSIC & DANCE!: The WVSS Performing Arts Year End Concert. This final performing arts concert of the school year features performances by the Orchestra, the Junior Concert Band, the Senior Concert Bands and the Dance Program. Tickets are \$5 and available from teachers of those programs starting next week and at the north campus main office. Tickets will also be available at the door. Mark your calendar now and see you there. (Special Note: The Choir program will be performing their year end show in conjunction with the WVSS Fashion Show on Friday, June 9 at the Kay Meek. Families of choir students will receive more information.)

6. MELT YOUR FACE OFF! WVSS Rock Band Concert: Thursday, June 22, 7 PM, Kay Meek McEwen Theatre

Get ready to ROCK! The WVSS Rock Band will be headlining their own rock music concert on Thursday, June 22, 7 PM at the Kay Meek McEwen (Studio) Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold directly by the students in the Rock Band to family and friends starting next week. Tickets will also be available at main

office and sold to students in front of the cafeteria at lunch on June 19 and 21 (if there are any remaining). Come on out for a great mix of rock music from oldies to new – and hold on to your face!

7. 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) 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)

8. West Vancouver Schools Pursuit Applications - Due by June 9th

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 9th. Information and the online application can be found at: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/pursuit/>

9. 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!

10. 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.

11. Athletics Update: Spring Football & Athletic Awards

Spring Football starts next week! This two week camp and game is available to anyone interested in playing football next year - Grades 8-11. Email Alex Kozak if you have any further questions at alexkozak@wvschools.ca

The Athletic Awards will be held June 15th at 10:45 in the Old Gym. It is a celebration of our teams, coaches and athletes. All parents are welcome; however space may be limited. We look forward to celebrating another year of Highlander Athletics! A description of the Awards can be found here: http://www.highlandersathletics.ca/leagues/custom_page.cfm?leagueID=0&clientID=5626&pageID=14766

12. 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. 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) or Mike Richardson (mrichardson@wvschools.ca)

13. 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!

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

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

15. School Supplies Drive @ WVSS - May 10- June 5

The Youth Philanthropy Council (part of the West Vancouver Foundation), is 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 and more. We will be setting up donation boxes at various schools including WVSS, from May 10 to June 5.

16. Neurodivergent & Thriving – June 7th, 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.

17. 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](#)

18. 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!

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.

School Calendars – Now available

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>

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 Ursula Kerr at 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 and let us know if you change your email, phone numbers 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 with any questions.

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