



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

June 15, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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Important Calendar Reminders

Thursday, June 15 – Athletic Awards – Old Gym, 11am

Thursday, June 15 – WVSS Film & Animation Night – Kay Meek, 7pm

Monday, June 19 – Yearbook Pick up - Career Resource Centre (CRC) – Lunch

June 19 to June 22 - Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10

June 19 to June 23 – Highlander Hut (school store) open in the CRC at Lunch

Thursday, June 22 – WVSS Rock Band Concert - Kay Meek Studio Theatre, 7 PM

Thursday, June 22 – Europe 2024 Trip – Information Night, Room W341, 7pm

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

Monday June 26 - Last day of class rotation (attendance not taken)

June 27, June 28 & June 29 - Review and completion days (attendance not taken)

Wednesday June 28 -Staff Appreciation Lunch @11am

Thursday June 29 – Report Cards posted online

Friday June 30 – Admin Day. Last day before summer holidays (staff only)

1. WVSS Film and Animation Showcase – June 15, 7pm – Kay Meek Theatre

Join us for the 6th annual WVSS Film and Animation Showcase on Thursday, June 15th (tonight!!) at the Kay Meek Theatre. There will be a red carpet and some amazing films and animations from the year. Doors open at 6:00 and the films start at 7:00. Admission is free, so invite your friends!

2. 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!

3. Social Studies Trip to Europe 2024 – Info Night – Thurs June 22, 7 PM

The Social Studies department is planning a trip to Europe between May 17-27, 2024 to examine the Rise and Consequences of Fascism before WWII. The trip will begin in Munich Germany where students will experience sites such as Nuremberg and the Dachau concentration camp, then move to Vienna, Austria to track the events of Anschluss and the Holocaust before flying to Rome, Italy to learn about the Rise of Mussolini. In addition, to the thematic content, students will have ample time for experiencing the general culture, history and food of Europe by visiting sites such as the Vatican, the Hofburg Palace and St. Stephen's Cathedral, and will participate in museum visits and city tours. Students will travel with Social Studies Department staff, and the tour will be organized by local tour company STS Tours, who prioritize authentic experiences and have worked closely with school staff to ensure a memorable educational experience. All students from Grade 10-12 are eligible to attend, though students with a keen interest in historical themes are especially welcome. Students are able to pick up more information from Mr. Stead or Dr. Paget at the school, but all interested students and parents are invited to an information night on Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm in room W341. Please email Dr. Paget at cpaget@wvschools.ca or Mr. Stead at tstead@wvscschools.ca to RSVP, and use the West Mathers entrance to access the meeting.

4. Graduation Assessments: June 19 - 22

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, 11, 12 students who have not yet written Literacy 10 or 12 or Numeracy 10 will write June 19-22 as well.

Students and parents have been emailed a memo indicating the exact time, date, and room for the exam. Students will also receive a paper copy this week in their 2-3 period class. 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 19-22	Numeracy 10		Math 10 classes (Semester 2) and any missed writes
June 19-22	Literacy 10, Literacy 12		Grade 10s, 11s and 12s (missed or requested rewrites)

5. Graduation Assessment Results - April 2023

WVSS students who wrote Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, or Literacy 12 in April 2023 can now see their results in the family portal. Students and families can access the results of all grad assessments written in the portal under the "Family Tab". The Family Portal Link can be found here: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>. If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca

6. Athletic Awards

If your student-athlete was unable to attend the Athletic Awards today, and should have received an award, please have them come to the office to collect. The list of award winners can be found on the Athletics Board, or in the Old Gym. A description of the Awards can be found here: http://www.highlandersathletics.ca/leagues/custom_page.cfm?leagueID=0&clientID=5626&pageID=14766 Congratulations to all our teams and athletes for another successful year as a Highlander athlete! Stay active this summer!

Provincial Participating Teams/Athletes:

SR Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, SR Boys Basketball, Wrestling
Snowboarding, SR Tennis, Golf, Track & Field

7. Yearbook

Yearbooks will be available for Pick-Up next **Monday, June 19th in the CRC** (across from the Counselling office) at lunch. They are almost sold out! Purchase your child's keepsake on School Cash On-Line.

"Graduating in the 90's (I won't say which year...), I have all of my five impressionable high school years recorded in this valuable keepsake. As we went retro this year with our concept, my students had particular fun referring to my old Yearbooks (and my 90's hair/fashion/awkwardness). Your child will one day look back at their Yearbook keepsake, that will outlast the current social media and digital iPhone photos, too" - Ms. Jo-Anne McKee, Yearbook teacher

8. Highlander Hut - The School Store

The School Store Pop Up Store will be open next week June 19-23 at lunch! We will be setting up in the CRC (across from the Counselling Office) next to the Yearbooks. We accept cash, cheque and credit/debit. New for sale will be brand new hoodies, sweats and athletic tees as well as tanks, water bottles and t-shirts. Get your swag for the summer and get ready for next year before the limited quantities sell-out. Lunch time will be the only time the pop-up store will be open.

9. Spain Trip 2024 – Registration form and Deposit

Students who are planning to participate in the Spanish Department's trip to Spain during Spring Break 2024 must bring their signed registration form and deposit to Ms. Metcalfe by Monday, June 19th at the latest. Please contact Ms. Metcalfe at mmetcalfe@wvschools.ca for more information.

10. PAC: Staff Appreciation Lunch – Wednesday June 28 - Help requested

WVSS PAC along with WVSS Parents are co-ordinating the Annual Appreciation Lunch on June 28th! Parents, please drop off a delicious plate of food or treats at school for our hardworking teachers, support staff and custodians. They love the variety of food our families bring on the day. Please see the following [Appreciation Lunch Flyer](#) for all the details! If you can contribute, let us know what you can bring by entering the details on the google docs link below **OR** Email your PAC Co-chair Morag Burke @ morag@tria.com.au. Google Doc Link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r66t19Qz7kCsfwTb35sCkKowHlvfizK5LIWcTIm9qk/edit?usp=sharing>

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

We are halfway there! West Vancouver is currently standing in **4th place out of 294 communities** in British Columbia. We need everyone's help to get us to #1! If we win the \$100,000, the funds will be going to the Physical Literacy Table! This would be absolutely incredible for the entire community of West Vancouver to Make Movement Matter in all kinds of creative ways! Please find the attached [Participaction 2023 document](#) for all the details. For some incentive, there are individual prizes such as Sport Chek gift cards, which are up for grabs to those who participate!! And finally, anyone who has a watch with a built-in fitness tracker, this automatically connects to the app, which makes tracking super easy as you don't need to physically enter in your minutes. Thank you again for your support!

12. Graduates: Archiving Google Drive & Address updates

Grade 12 students - please know that your Google Drives will disappear soon, likely sometime in August. The easiest way to archive your Google Drive is to use something called [Google Takeout](#) or [Google Transfer](#), which we have now enabled for people within the SD45 G Suite for Education domain.

Also: 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!

13. 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.

14. 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. 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.

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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