



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardian

June 22, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

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Important Calendar Reminders

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 – Administration Day

Friday July 1: Happy **CANADA** Day Everyone. Have a wonderful and safe summer Highlanders!

1. Retirement of Staff – thank you!

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to the following retiring staff members for your many contributions to WVSS and our school district. You will be missed: **Bill Keary (with an exceptional 50 years of teaching!), Kathy Finch, Michelle Passant, Todd Ablett, Jennifer Shin and Jackie Wong** are this year's Highlander retirees. We wish you all the best and will miss you all dearly!

2. Congratulations to the Grad Class of 2023!

On behalf of WVSS staff, we are wishing the Grad class of 2023 all the best in their future endeavours. We congratulate for your hard work, perseverance, school spirit, and for making us proud! You will always be a Highlander. All the best Grads!

3. Graduates: Important Information to know!

Graduation Diplomas: Your Graduation Diplomas will be mailed to you in August. Please make sure you inform Ms. Kerr (ukerr@wvschools.ca) in the office if you need your diploma sent to a different mailing address than what is on file. Congrats Grads and stay in touch!

Archiving Google Drive: Your Google Drives will disappear soon!! 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.

Final PSI Selections: Final transcripts will be released by July 31. To ensure timely delivery to their selected PSIs, students should make their selections in the Student Transcripts Service (STS) by July 7. See this [Student Post-Secondary Institution \(PSI\) Selections document](#) for more information.

4. Next School Year and Opening Week Information

Prior to classes starting on Tuesday, September 5th, parents/guardians, and students can expect an e-bulletin outlining the opening schedule for school start up. This email will be sent the last week of August or September 1st. We are looking forward to meeting our newest, Grade 8 highlanders and seeing our returning students rested and ready for another great year!

School Supplies: Incoming students do not need to purchase any specific school supplies. Teachers will discuss any specific supplies needed the first week of school. We do recommend that students have their own laptop or Chromebook, 2 D Ring Binders, loose leaf papers, and pens and pencils.

5. Headed Back to Linear – 2023-2024 Schedule

Next year we will be back in a linear system which means that all students will have 8 classes in their timetable that run all year. There will be 4 periods (classes) each day. Day 1 classes take place on one day and then Day 2 classes take place the following day.

Academies will take place either in the morning before school, during 1-4 and 2-4 (the afternoon classes/periods) or after school. Your academy will let you know.

There will be 50 mins of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT). FIT will usually take place on **Mondays and Thursdays**. FIT will be from **11:00 – 11:50 a.m.** and is replacing X-Block.

Students have been given a comprehensive presentation in their classes on next year's schedule. See this [Linear Overview attachment](#) for a sample rotation and calendar month. Please ask your student if you require more information or contact Vice-Principal dmoroz@wvschools.ca.

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. 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. 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@wvsschools.ca or Mr. Stead at tstead@wvsschools.ca to RSVP, and use the West Mathers entrance to access the meeting.

8. Highlanders: Please Return your Library books and Textbooks

Students have been getting weekly notices about overdue Library books and the time is now to bring them back! We have 350 students with Library books signed out and the grad class of 2023 has over \$1000 worth of books signed out. Parents – if you can look at home for WVSS library books and textbooks, it would be immensely appreciated by our librarians and staff. Thank you!

9. PAC Thank you & Appreciation Lunch – June 28

THANK YOU: We want to give a quick thanks to the WVSS PAC Executive for their input this year. With special thanks to Lorna Zebedee, Carrie Haver, and Hoon Choi whose multiple years of dedication as Treasurer, Secretary and DPAC Rep, raising and managing funds, taking minutes and providing valuable information to the executive has allowed the WVSS PAC to run efficiently and achieve its goals. We wish them and their graduating children the best of luck and we will miss them as they move on to new phases and adventures. If you are interested in joining the PAC Executive for the 2023/24 year there are a few positions to fill - including Vice Chair, Website Manager or you can join as a Member at Large. Please get in touch with PAC Co-Chairs Morag Burke (moragburke@icloud.com) or Dana Sebal (dsebal@gmail.com) if you are interested.

LUNCH: 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/1r66-t19Qz7kCsfwTb35sCkKowHlvfizK5LIWcTIm9qk/edit?usp=sharing>

10. Graduation Assessment Updates

Students in grades 10 or 11 who missed a Graduation Assessment (Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10) will write next school year. Results from the April 2022 session are now available on the MyEd Portal under Assessments under the “Family Tab”. We anticipate the June results to be released during the summer. The Family Portal Link can be found here: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>.

11. 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.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

West Van Library Summer Reading Club:

The [WVML Summer e-newsletter](#) is here for WVS educators and families. Take a look to see what programs are available and keep the reading strong! As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.

Summer Enrichment Programs with District of West Van

Youth Services Team has put together some amazing opportunities for students looking to gain certifications and volunteer experience this summer. The Red Cross Babysitter’s Course is open to students 11-17 years old. The Youth Recreation Employment Readiness Program is geared towards 14-19 years old. This is the perfect way to gain employment training and work experience this summer. Please see [Youth Services Camps Attachment](#) and [Youth Rec Employment Readiness Attachment](#) for more details.

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 prices 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!

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>

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.

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