



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. Welcome Back! Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> and Attendance Confirmation
2. Student Photos: Tuesday September 5<sup>h</sup>
3. Action Required: Student Timetables and Portal Access
4. Action Required: Policy & Procedure Forms
5. WVSS APP: Sign up today for all School Opening details, schedules and more
6. First Week- School Opening Schedule
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## **Important Calendar Reminders**

Tuesday Sept 5: First day of school & School Photos  
Wednesday Sept 6: Highlander House Fest: Wear you House Shirt!  
Thursday Sept 7: Day 2 -Regular classes schedule (No FIT today)  
Friday Sept 8: Day 1 – Regular class schedule  
Friday Sept 8: Grade 8 Team Building Day - on Campus  
Wed Sept 13- 15: IB Retreat to Squamish  
Friday Sept 22: Professional Development Day – Classes not in session  
Saturday Sept 23: VIQRC Robotics Tournament – South Gym  
Wednesday Sept 27: Canadian Universities Event - 6PM, WVSS Old Gym  
Thursday September 28: Collaboration Day - Classes start at 9:30am  
Friday Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – Wear Orange!

Saturday Sept 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day

## Google Calendar Link

We have created a WVSS google calendar for students that includes the days (regular, FIT, Collab and the block rotation) plus significant student events. If you would like to subscribe to this calendar, please follow this [link](#) and add it to your google calendar.

## 1. School Opening Information – Welcome Highlanders!

The staff of WVSS look forward to welcoming new and returning students back to school on Tuesday September 5th! Day 1 Period 1 (1-1) teachers will be emailing students in grades 9-12 this week informing students of where to go (1-1 classroom) on Tuesday. Please note that some timetables may have been changed since your teacher's welcoming email. The timetable on the MyEd Portal (see item #3) is the most accurate. *Any grade 9-12 student who does **NOT** have a Day 1 Period 1 class will not receive an email but should come to the North Campus Cafeteria at the time listed for their grade.* Unsure of where to go? Please come to the main office! All grade 8s students will start at the South Campus Gym at 8:30AM. Opening week information, as well as school maps and more, can be found on our WVSS APP (see below for instructions on signing up to the App!)

**School Confirmation:** To confirm your child's spot at WVSS, we require that all students attend their classes no later than Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>. If there are extenuating circumstances whereby your child will not be in attendance the first week of school, we ask that a parent reach out directly to Ms. Kerr, our Admin Assistant, at [ukerr@wvschools.ca](mailto:ukerr@wvschools.ca) or 604-981-1100.

## 2. School Photo Day: Tuesday September 5

Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> is School Photo Day for staff and students. Teachers will lead students to the New Gym at the appropriate time. [Here](#) are some photo tips for students. Retakes will be on Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>. All dates can be found here <https://photoday.edgeimaging.ca/>. Any questions can be directly sent to Edge Photos <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/contact-us/> or you can contact our local school representative, Jordan Kirk who can be reached at [jkirk@edgeimaging.ca](mailto:jkirk@edgeimaging.ca). Smile everyone!

## 3. ACTION ITEM: Student Timetables & Portal Access

Friday September 1st, student and family MyEdBC portals will be re-activated and accessible by approximately 2pm. All students should have received an email with their login information on their school email. Any new students and new parents to the school should have received an email from MyEdBc with their login information. Please check your junk mail. **On Monday, Grade 9-12 Students should print out / take a picture of this most recent timetable via the portal.** This is the most accurate timetable. Grade 8 students will receive a printed timetable on Tuesday. Information for resetting passwords and other FAQs are posted on the web page. <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal/>.

#### Timetable Fillable schedules:

Students and Parents may find this September Fillable Timetable useful. Click [here](#)

Students and Parents may find this September Colour Timetable useful. Click [here](#)

Students and Parents may find this 6 day Rotation and Bell schedule useful. Click [here](#)

#### 4. ACTION ITEM: Due: Friday Sept 8 - District Policies & Procedures Form

All Parents MUST complete a [West Van District Policy and Procedures online release form](#) for each of their children within the district. This form covers many areas including use of school internet, use of devices on school networks, Google Apps for Education consent and media parental consent form. Due to privacy laws, **THIS FORM IS REQUIRED by FRIDAY SEPT 8<sup>th</sup> AND MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR. Parents and Guardians - Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this form.** Questions, please contact Ms. Naomi Fraser at [wvss@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvss@wvschools.ca)

#### 5. WVSS APP is back – Sign up today for School Start Up, Timetable and more!

School Start Up information can be found on the WVSS app! Students and families will be able to use our WVSS APP to create and see their daily schedule, see a map of the school, request a course change, obtain school announcements, see all calendar events, social media posts, staff and school contacts and so much more! Some class changes are still in progress. Teachers will also show students how to use the app in class. Details on how to sign up for the WVSS APP can be found here: <https://wvss.appazur.com/help/flyer>. Students and staff should sign up using their school email account! Parents may use their work or personal email accounts when signing up.

#### 6. Opening Week Schedule: (Also see the WVSS App)

##### Tuesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Opening Day

**\*\* Any grade 9-12 without a Day 1 -Period 1 (1-1) class should come to the North Cafeteria at the time listed below for their grade.**

Grade 8 students	8:30 am – 10:20 am 10:20 am dismissal	8:15 - 8:25 am - Arrive at South Campus Gym: South Campus Assembly School photos, Period 1 teachers for T shirts and Timetables and more
Grade 9 students	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Go to Period 1 class and School Photos Timetable distribution /forms
Grade 10 students	10:00 am – 10:50 am	Go to Period 1 class and School Photos Timetable distribution /forms
Grade 11 students	10:30 am – 11:00 am	Go to Period 1 class and School Photos Timetable distribution /forms

<b>Grade 12 students</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:20 pm</b>	<b>Go to Period 1 class and School Photos</b> Timetable distribution /forms
<b>Students without Timetable / Period 1</b>	<b>At the time listed above for your grade!</b>	<b>Come to the North Cafeteria /School Photos</b> Timetable distribution /forms

**Wednesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Grade 8 students</b>	8:30 - Go to your Period 1 class (homeroom) 9:35 – Activity (South Gym) 10:30 – Assembly (South Gym) 11:15 - House Events (see WVSS app for locations) 12:20 – Lunch 1:00 - 1:25 – Day 1 Period 1 class 1:31 – 1:56 – Day 1 Period 2 class 2:03 - 2:28 – Day 1 Period 3 class 2:35 - 3:00 – Day 1 Period 4 class
<b>Grade 9 students</b>	8:30 am - Go to your Period 1 class (homeroom) 9:15 am – Activities 11:00 am - House Events (see WVSS app for locations) 12:20 – Lunch (T shirts available for sale by Caf) 1:00 - 1:25 – Day 1 Period 1 class 1:31 – 1:56 – Day 1 Period 2 class 2:03 - 2:28 – Day 1 Period 3 class 2:35 - 3:00 – Day 1 Period 4 class
<b>Grade 10 students</b>	8:30 am - Go to your Period 1 class (homeroom) 9:00 am - Activity 10:00 am – Homeroom 11:00 - House Events (see WVSS app for locations) 12:20 – Lunch (T shirts available for sale by Caf) 1:00 - 1:25 – Day 1 Period 1 class 1:31 – 1:56 – Day 1 Period 2 class 2:03 - 2:28 – Day 1 Period 3 class 2:35 - 3:00 – Day 1 Period 4 class
<b>Grade 11 students</b>	8:30 am - Go to your Period 1 class (homeroom) 9:30 am – Activity 11:00am - House Events (see WVSS app for locations) 12:20 – Lunch (T shirts available for sale by Caf) 1:00 - 1:25 – Day 1 Period 1 class 1:31 – 1:56 – Day 1 Period 2 class 2:03 - 2:28 – Day 1 Period 3 class 2:35 - 3:00 – Day 1 Period 4 class
<b>Grade 12 students</b>	8:30 am - Go to your Period 1 class (homeroom) 9:10 am – Assembly ( location on WVSS app) 10:10 am – Activity 11:00 - House Events (see WVSS app for locations)

12:20 – Lunch (T shirts available for sale by Cafeteria)
1:00 - 1:25 – Day 1 Period 1 class
1:31 – 1:56 – Day 1 Period 2 class
2:03 - 2:28 – Day 1 Period 3 class
2:35 - 3:00 – Day 1 Period 4 class

**Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Regular Bell Schedule - Day 2 – 1 2 3 4 \*NO FIT today\***

Students will have a regular Bell schedule today. There will not be a FIT period today.

**Supplies:** Students should bring lined paper, pen/pencil and ideally a laptop or Chromebook. Teachers will inform students of what supplies will be required for their classes.

**Students with PE:** please be prepared to be active with athletic clothing and running shoes.

8:30 - 9:50	Day 2 - Period 1
10:00-11:20	Day 2- Period 2
11:35-12:55	Day 2- Period 3
1:55-1:40	Lunch
1:40 – 3:00	Day 2 - Period 4

**Friday Sept 9: Regular Bell Schedule (Day 1 – 2 3 1 4 )**

The bell schedule can also be found on our WVSS app’s main page. Note: Grade 8s will be participating in a team building event on campus all day on the main field. Bring a water bottle and dress for the weather!

**7. WVSS COURSE CHANGE REQUEST – Wednesday Sept 13, 2022 is deadline**

This Form **MUST** be completed if a student is requesting a course change

Course Change Google Form: <https://forms.gle/xid4gLmस्पuepVMDY8>

**DEADLINE: Wednesday September 13 by 3pm**

**Guidelines: PLEASE READ!!**

1. Grade 12s will be prioritized
2. Only 1 request form will be accepted
3. All students must have 8 classes at WVSS
4. Requests are subject to availability and students may be waitlisted
5. Requests may cause timetable changes that are final
6. Requests for teachers and/or blocks will NOT be accepted
7. New timetables will be emailed to student
8. You must be logged into your WVSS student account for the google form to work

**8. Attendance Notices email [wvss@svschoosl.ca](mailto:wvss@svschoosl.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.

## 9. WVSS Athletics

**Follow us on Instagram @wvss\_athletics! Please check out the bulletin boards by the north gyms**

**Football:** (all levels, 9-12) Contact [jmckee@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmckee@wvschools.ca) if interested. All are welcome!

**Volleyball:** (girls, all levels 8-12).

**Rugby:** (boys, grade 8). Check South Campus Bulletin board

**Cross Country:** (all levels, 8-12). check board outside New Gym for practice schedule. No try outs. All are welcome!

**Field Hockey:** Tryout information will be on the board outside the New Gym

**Swimming:** there will be no team this year

**Senior Boys Soccer:** No coach yet – any volunteers -please contact [jmckee@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmckee@wvschools.ca)

## 10. Student Lockers (Grade 9-12) – Google Form required

Grade 9 - 12 students wanting a locker must request by completing this [Locker Request 2023](http://bit.ly/WVSSlockers2023) Google form (<http://bit.ly/WVSSlockers2023>). You will be emailed your locker information once the request is processed. **Grade 8's do not need to complete this form as they will be assigned lockers.** Please see Ms. Patterson in the accounting office or email Ms. Taryn Patterson [tpatterson@wvschools.ca](mailto:tpatterson@wvschools.ca) with any questions.

## 11. 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. Patterson in the accounting office or email Ms. Taryn Patterson [tpatterson@wvschools.ca](mailto:tpatterson@wvschools.ca) with any questions.

## 12. Optional Accident Insurance for Families

Each year the school district reminds families that they have the option to purchase insurance coverage against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. There are many different voluntary plans that provide coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

**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 of 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.

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