



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 14th, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. **Action Required:** Policy & Procedure Forms – due today!
2. WVSS APP: Sign up today!
3. Counselling Corner
4. Attendance: Email WVSS@wvschools.ca
5. PAC Update: Welcome Parent Coffee Morning
6. WVSS Athletics
7. Lockers: Grades 9-12 Online Locker Form required
8. Looking for a Class 2 Commercial Bus driver
9. Student parking – Form required
10. Optional Insurance

Important Calendar Reminders

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
Wednesday, Sept 27: PAC Welcome Coffee – North Cafeteria at 9am
Thursday, Sept 28: Collaboration Day - Classes start at 9:30am
Friday Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – Wear Orange!
Monday, Oct 2 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed!
Monday, Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed!
Wednesday, Oct 11- PSAT Exams – 8:30 – 12:00pm
Tuesday Oct 17 - School Photo Retakes

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. PARENT ACTION ITEM: District Policies & Procedures Form – DUE NOW!

WVSS Highlander parents! Please assist us in this important step so that students can use our educational resources! It should only take a few minutes of your time! 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!** Parents and Guardians - Please **CLICK HERE** to access this form. we thank you in advance! Questions, technical problems, please contact Ms. Naomi Fraser at 604-981-1100 or wvss@wvschools.ca

2. WVSS APP – Timetable, and more!

We are working on making sure the APP is up to date! It's getting better everyday! **Signing in Problems?** Please refresh the app. Students should use their school email to sign in. If you can't find your classes, please let the office know. You can subscribe to your classes in the "CLASSES TAB" at the bottom of the screen and the daily class rotation will show up in the calendar! No more wondering what class is next! We will soon be updating our clubs list! Stay tuned! We know that the APP is an important tool to keep students and families up to date and headed to the right class. Details on how to sign up for the WVSS APP can be found here: <https://wvss.appazur.com/help/flyer>. Let us know if you are having issues with signing in at wvss@wvschools.ca

3. Counselling Corner

Canadian University Event (CUE), Sep.27, 6:00 to 8:00PM @ West Vancouver Secondary School in the North Gym

Interested in attending University in Canada? Gr. 11 & 12's and their parents are welcome to attend the largest fair our school district hosts this year. There will be 50 Universities coming from all over Canada to give information on what their institutions have to offer. If you are unsure of what questions to ask please see this [Link](#). For more information about CUE see this [Link](#).

US Admissions Workshop, Sep.26, 6:30PM @ Sentinel Secondary Learning Commons

Learn about the US university application process. A presentation on the “behind-the-scenes” review process of an undergraduate application to a selective US university: what we look for in coursework and academic achievement, on your résumé and experiences outside of the classroom, on recommendation letters, and the all-important admissions essays. Discussion of these topics delivered with a case study by Boston University. Registration Code is [HERE](#).

4. Attendance Notice: email wvss@svschools.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.

5. PAC Updates: Welcome Back Coffee Morning: September, 27th at 9am (North Campus Cafeteria)

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR PARENT COFFEE MORNING:

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

ON: WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023, TIME: 9.00 AM

AT: WVSS SCHOOL CAFETERIA (NORTH CAMPUS – MIDDLE FLOOR – CENTRAL)

All parents are invited to join the WVSS PAC and Principal, Mr. Rauh for a casual meet and greet coffee morning. Hear from Mr. Rauh about the plans and activities taking place in the first term, how your students are adjusting to the new timetable, and learn about some of the great opportunities available to your children. Mr. Rauh and the WVSS PAC Executive will also be available to answer questions you may have. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and feel connected to the school. We look forward to you joining us for coffee as we build our school community and hope you have had a good start to the new school year.

6. 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 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

7. 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 with any questions.

8. Looking for a Class 2 Commercial driver for our school bus

We are currently looking for an additional driver for our school bus. The schedule is part-time, most often during the school day hours, and never overnight. If you have a clean Class 2 Commercial driver's license or better, and are interested in more details, please contact Steve Rauh at srauh@wvschools.ca or 604--981-1100 to discuss further. Air brake endorsement is not required.

9. 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 tpatterson@wvschools.ca with any questions.

10. 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 and let us know if you change your email, phone contact information or move to a new address.

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