



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 21st, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Friday is ProD Day: No classes in session
2. Meet the Teacher Night: Wednesday October 4
3. **Action Required: Policy & Procedure Forms – now overdue!**
4. WVSS APP: Sign up today for schedules and more!
5. Clubs Application Forms / Clubs Day – Due Sept 28th
6. Counselling Corner
7. PAC Update: Welcome Parent Coffee Morning
8. WVSS Athletics
9. Looking for a Class 2 Commercial Bus driver
10. Community Events and Information

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
Thursday, Sept 28: Clubs applications due
Friday, Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – Wear Orange!
Monday, Oct 2: National Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed!
Wednesday Oct 4: Meet the teacher night – coffee at 5:30pm/ 6pm start
Thursday, Oct 5: Terry Fox Run – wear your runners!
Monday, Oct 9: Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed!
Tuesday Oct 17: School Photo retake day
Friday, Oct 20: Professional Development Day – Classes not in session

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. Friday September 23rd - Pro D day- no classes

A reminder to our Highlander families that there will be no classes this Friday as it is a professional Development Day. In addition, Monday October 2nd the school will be closed for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. On Monday October 9th, the school will be closed for Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful weekend Highlanders!

2. Meet the Teacher Night: Wednesday October 4th 6pm – 8:30pm

On Wednesday October 4th all parents will have the opportunity to walk in their child's footsteps at WVSS Meet the Teacher Night! Mr. Rauh and the admin team will welcome and speak to all parents in the cafeteria promptly at 6 PM. Parents will then rotate through their child's schedule and meet all the teachers in classrooms between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. In preparation for this event, all parents should print and complete this [Instructions for Parents form](#) with the help of their child(ren). This will provide classroom/teacher information with the time schedule for each rotation that night. Coffee and refreshments will be available beginning at 5:30 PM outside the North Campus cafeteria! We look forward to seeing you then!

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

WVSS Highlander parents! Please provide us with your assistance in completing this important step so that students can use our educational resources! 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**

4. WVSS APP – Timetable, schedules and more!

We are working on making sure the APP is up to date! **Signing in Problems?** Let the office know or see Ms. Tanfara or Ms. Fraser. 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>. Thanks for signing up Highlander students and families!

5. Clubs Application and Clubs Day

WVSS Clubs Application is live! Any students wishing to start a new or returning WVSS club must apply by filling out **google form** is : <https://bit.ly/WVSSCLUBS> or use the **QR code below** and as in posters around the school. **DUE: Thursday Sept 28th!!** You will receive an email back letting you know if your club was approved. Clubs can only start to advertise after approval. WVSS Clubs Day Extravaganza will be coming early October! Stay tuned. See Ms. Tanfara with questions.



6. 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](#).

7. PAC: Welcome Back Coffee Morning: Sept, 27th 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.

8. WVSS Athletics

Friday Football: Come watch the Sr Football Homecoming game this Friday Sept 22 at 3:30 - 5:30pm! Free admission. Wear red or black and support the team! WVSS vs Windsor at our home WVSS field. See you there!

Wed Sept 27: Junior Football: There will be a Concession After School on Wednesday, September 27th. Come buy some treats to support the Football Team. \$3 per item (Cas or Card) - Chips, Candy, Pop, etc.

We are excited to have 8 teams this Fall Season:

Cross Country

Sr Girls Field Hockey

Grade 8 (Bantam) Girls Volleyball

Grade 9 (Juvenile) Girls Volleyball

JR Girls Volleyball

SR Girls Volleyball

JR Football

SR Football

SR Boys Soccer

Follow us on @wvss_athletics! Please check out the bulletin boards by the north gyms:

9. 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.

10. COMMUNITY EVENTS SECTION

Game of Apps – is back to a Seventh Season!

Have you ever wondered how technology products are built, what skills and abilities are required, and what the various career options are available in technology? Join us at Game of Apps (season 07) where professional software developers and product designers teach and mentor students on a weekly basis. You will learn coding, design and entrepreneurship skills and more. GoA has made a number of changes for this season, most notably: Revamp our senior program (grades 10-12) and introducing a new program, Swift Student Challenge, for returning students.

General promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJOK8HIWWd8>

Complete curriculum pathways: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxwJ2kcXd6g>

Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

Early-bird pricing is available before September 30. See details at gameofapps.org. If you have questions, please email Roland Tecson (found of GoA) at: roland@gameofapps.org

West Vancouver Memorial Library Updates:

The WVML September / October 2023 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! [September/October 2023 Update from WVML \(patronpoint.com\)](https://www.wvml.ca/patronpoint.com). This issue features programs and resources related for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, an exciting Youth Department space planning project and so much more!

Family Smart Workshop Series and Information Sessions

The following events are being offered for families and community members. Please see the attachments below for all the details. [FamilySmart Monthly Online Events - Fall Series 2023.pdf](#) and [FamilySmart Workshop Open House for Professionals Fall](#) and Moving to Adulthood Information Fair: [Moving to Adulthood Fair October 2023](#)

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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