



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 28th, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Reporting
2. Meet the Teacher Night: Wednesday October 4
3. Student Drop off, Parking and Punctuality
4. Clubs Application Forms / Clubs Day – Due Sept 28th
5. WVSS APP: Sign up today for schedules and more!
6. WVSS Athletics
7. **Action Required:** Policy & Procedure Forms – now overdue!
8. Community Events and Information

Important Calendar Reminders

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. Reporting

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth. The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the four-point proficiency scale and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided [reporting information for parents and caregivers](#) in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#). Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me directly at srauh@wvschools.ca. Sincerely, Steve Rauh, Principal.

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 the [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. Student Drop off, Parking and Punctuality

A reminder to our highlander families to kindly not park in the staff parking lots when dropping off students. We encourage students to use public transit, bike, or to walk to school to reduce traffic congestion and environmental impact. When needed, students can be dropped off on Mathers or Inglewood. As we anticipate darker and rainy mornings, please make sure students are crossing carefully, and have reflective tape on their outerwear or school backpacks. Finally, our teaching staff love it when students arrive on-time or early! Classes start every day at 8:30 am and having students arrive by 8:15am in the morning ensures that they are making the most of their classes and not disrupting instruction. Thank you, Highlanders!

4. 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) DUE: Thursday Sept 28th. You will receive an email back letting you know if your club was approved this week, by Friday Clubs can only start to advertise after approval. WVSS Clubs Day Extravaganza will be coming soon - likely October 13th. Stay tuned. See Ms. Tanfara with questions or a late application.



5. 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!

6. WVSS Athletics

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:

7. 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

8. 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=RUOK8HIWWd8>

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 \(patronpoint.com\)](#). 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 2023.pdf](#) Moving to Adulthood Information Fair [Moving to Adulthood Fair October 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

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](#) 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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