



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 7th, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Action Required: Policy & Procedure Forms – due Friday!
2. WVSS APP: Sign up today for all School Opening details, schedules and more
3. WVSS Course Change Request for September 2023
4. Counselling Corner
5. Attendance: Email WVSS@wvschools.ca
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 8: It is a Regular class day! Day1 (1-2, 1-3, 1-1, 1-4)

Friday Sept 8: Grade 8 Teambuilding Day South Campus – all day

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!

October 2 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed!

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. 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 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

2. WVSS APP – sign in difficulties? Class not showing? Try again!

We are working on making sure the APP is up to date and getting closer every day! The bell schedule and class rotation can now be found on the home page. **Signing in Problems?** Some students have reported having difficulty signing into the APP with their school email (a Microsoft message comes up). We are working on fixing this issue and it may now be resolved. Please try again. In addition, we will be reloading all our courses to reflect updates to our timetable. Try again on Friday if you originally did not see the class you were trying to find! We hope to have the APP up and running with full accuracy by Friday or early next week. 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>. Thanks for your patience!

3. WVSS COURSE CHANGE REQUEST – Wednesday Sept 13, 2023 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

4. Counselling Corner

CUE-Canadian Universities Event will be hosted at WVSS on Wednesday, September 27th, 6pm-8pm in the North campus gym. This is an opportunity to connect with 50+ Post-Secondary Institutions from across Canada. Gr. 11 & 12 students and their parents are welcome.

5. 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.

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).

- **Senior Girls Volleyball – tryouts will be running next week! Tuesday – Thursday from 7:00-9:00pm in the old gym**

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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