



# WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

**October 26th, 2023**

*This information bulletin includes several updates for families:*

1. School Fees
2. Student Learning Updates
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12. **Action Required:** Policy & Procedure Forms – now overdue!
13. Community Events and Information

## **Important Calendar Reminders**

Friday Oct 27: Learning Updates on MyEdBc

Saturday, Oct. 28: VIQRC Robotics Tournament

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Scholarship Information Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Take Our Kids to Work day – Grade 9s

Friday, Nov. 3: Grade 9 Immunizations – 9:30 – 12:00

Friday, Nov. 3: Language Challenge Exams Applications Due

Friday, Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Class Observance

Friday, Nov. 11: Remembrance Day – ‘Lest we Forget’

Monday, Nov. 13: Remembrance Day Observance – 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. School Fees 2023-2024

The 2023/2024 School Course Fees are now available for payment on School Cash Online as of **Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All school fees and field trips are added to this site and can be paid easily online with this website: <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/>. If you have not signed in before, you will need your child’s Student Pupil number which can be found on MyEd or on a previous report card. You can find [Registration Instructions here](#). Please contact Taryn Patterson ([tpatterson@wvschools.ca](mailto:tpatterson@wvschools.ca)) in the main office if you have any questions or assistance with logging in.

## 2. Student Learning Updates and Family Portal Access

Parents will be able to access **Student Learning Updates** (formally report cards) on the MyEd family portal starting tomorrow afternoon, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. This informal Learning Updates will provide a summary of each student’s behavior, attendance, work habits, learning habits and/or engagement in each of their courses up to this point.

**Family Portal Important Notes:** Please be sure to log on to your MyEd Family Portal account as soon as you can so that you can access your child’s report card when it is posted.

- **Family Portal Link:** <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
  - **Portal Help page:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal/#1582137227642-38c8a1cb-8ca3>
  - [Video](#) instructions (4 min)
  - [Logging-In Quick Guide](#)
- **Username/Password/Password Recovery** – Please record your username and password. Furthermore, confirm you have set up your ‘password recovery’ function to allow you to reset your own password. **New: See below (#3) for the option to sign in using your BC service card.**
- If you need support with your family portal account, please email us at [wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca](mailto:wvssportalhelp@wvschools.ca).

### 3. MyEd: Parent Student Login - BC Services card Login Option

There is now a new option for MyEd Logins. This change will give parents and students the option to login to their MyEd accounts using their BC Services Card. The hope is that this will remove the need for updating or resetting forgotten passwords for those who choose this option. Please note that this is not available for staff who are also parents. Please see these attachments for more information: [BC Service Card Login Parents](#) and [BC Service Card Login Students](#)

### 4. Appropriate Halloween Costumes and Reminders for October 31<sup>st</sup>

WVSS students are welcome and encouraged to wear costumes to school for Halloween! Our staff have been impressed by the creativity shown by our students over the years. We are asking that students be thoughtful about their costume selection. Costumes based on race, culture, gender, trauma or those with full masks or replica weapons would not be appropriate. If students are unsure, they are welcome to check with their counsellor or administrator. Student council will again host a popular costume contest and pumpkin eating contest at lunch in the old gym and we want to make sure all students enjoy the festivities!

### 5. WVSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### Optional PAC Donation - School Cash Online

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School parents who make the annual contribution to WVSS PAC to support your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2023/2024 Optional PAC Contribution is available on **School Cash Online**. **You have the option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75. You can contribute more than once and at anytime throughout the year!** Please see the [PAC optional Donation attachment](#) for all the details. See [Mandarin translation](#) and [Farsi Translation](#). To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

### 6. Scholarship Information Workshop Virtual – November 1<sup>st</sup>

There will be a Scholarship Information Workshop on November 1st, starting at 6:00PM. Please see [Rockridge Invitation](#) , [Rockridge Poster](#) and [UYF Handout](#) . Students in all grades and parents are invited to join **Brittany Palmer of Unlock Your Future** for this seminar as she teaches a step-by-step program for navigating the scholarship process. Using this program, Brittany and her younger brother collectively won 35 scholarships totaling over \$125,000. This session is online via MS Teams through the link: <https://bit.ly/3tyN6As> Meeting ID: 210 867 575 389 Passcode: dN6ekX

## 7. Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

### Attention Parents of Grade 9 Students - TOKW DAY!!

*Wednesday, November 1st is Take Our Kids to Work Day.* Students all across Canada will be spending the day at a workplace. Participation is required as there are assignments that students will need to complete based on their experiences that day. There will be no classes at school that day. If you cannot bring your child to work, please ask a relative or friend, or you can approach a business in your community. Please sign the blue form sent home with your child and have them return it to their English teacher, or complete the digital form emailed home. Please complete and return the form no later than Wednesday, Oct 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Campagnolo at 604-981-1171, or you can email him at [ccampagnolo@wvschools.ca](mailto:ccampagnolo@wvschools.ca)

## 8. Grade 9 Immunization Forms & Clinic on November 3rd

An immunization consent form was recently sent home via the student. If your child does not have an immunization consent package, please contact your public health nurse at:

Name: Sophia Knowles Ph #: 778-984-4913 Email: [Sophia.knowles@vch.ca](mailto:Sophia.knowles@vch.ca)

**The school clinic is scheduled for: November 3, 2023.** Please sign the consent form and return to the school office as soon as possible. Please complete the consent form with a YES or NO by each vaccine. If the immunization record that we have for your child is incomplete please include a complete history when you return the consent form or email to [NorthShoreVaccineRecord@vch.ca](mailto:NorthShoreVaccineRecord@vch.ca)

We will be offering the following routine Grade 9 vaccines to students this year:

- **Meningococcal vaccine:** A 4-strain meningococcal vaccine will be provided that protects against strains A, C, Y and W-135.
- **Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine:** One dose boosts childhood immunity.

- **Catch up vaccines:** If needed for those missed at younger ages.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by email or phone, or visit: [www.immunizeBC.ca](http://www.immunizeBC.ca) for more information on immunization.

## 9. COUNSELLING CORNER

### Language Challenge Exams

This is for students wishing to write a language challenge exam for level 11 or 12 credit in Farsi, French, Japanese Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, or Spanish. The exam is administered through the Delta School District. The application is below, along with detailed information on the process. <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/09/Challenge-Exam-Application-Package-2024v3.pdf> **Applications are due to the WVSS counselling office by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.** Please contact Linda Caruth, [lcaruth@wvschools.ca](mailto:lcaruth@wvschools.ca) if you have any questions.

## 10. WVSS Athletics

### COACHES NEEDED:

**We are looking for Basketball coaches for the upcoming Winter season! The following teams need a coach by the dates listed. A great opportunity to be a part Highlander Athletics.**

SR Girls Basketball by Monday, Oct 30 by 3pm

JR Boys Basketball by Tuesday, Nov 14th by 12pm

Grade 8 Boys Basketball by Wednesday, Nov 15th by 3pm

**Please email Jo-Anne McKee at [jmckee@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmckee@wvschools.ca) or Cam MacGillivray at [cmacgillivray@wvschools.ca](mailto:cmacgillivray@wvschools.ca)**

### WINTER TEAMS (to date):

Grade 8 Girls Basketball

JR Girls Basketball

Grade 9 Boys Basketball

SR Boys Basketball

Wrestling all level, co-ed

Ski/Snowboarding all levels, co-ed

**Follow us on [@wvss\\_athletics](https://www.instagram.com/wvss_athletics)! Please check out the bulletin boards by the north gyms.**

## 11. 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!

## **12. PARENT ACTION ITEM: District Policies & Procedures Form – PAST DUE !**

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](mailto:wvss@wvschools.ca)

## **13. COMMUNITY EVENTS SECTION**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

## **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!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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