



WVSS Information Bulletin

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

November 2, 2023

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. 2024 Provincial Scholarship Awards
2. School Fees
3. Remembrance Day & Reading Break
4. PAC – Optional Donation
5. Grade 9 Immunization forms & clinic
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7. WVSS Athletics – Winter Sports Teams
8. Documentary at Kay Meek – Complementary Tickets
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Important Calendar Reminders

Friday, Nov. 3: Grade 9 Immunizations – 9:30 – 12:00
Friday, Nov. 3: Language Challenge Exams Applications Due
Thursday Nov. 9: Remembrance Day Class Observance
Saturday Nov. 11: Remembrance Day – ‘Lest we Forget’
Monday, Nov. 13: Remembrance Day Observance – School Closed
Tuesday Nov 14: District Wide Reading Break – School closed
Saturday Nov 25: VIQRC Robotics Tournament South Gym
Thursday Nov 30: Collaboration Day – Class starts at 8:30am
Friday Dec 1: Learning Update 1 Published - End of day
Monday Dec 4: Professional Development Day

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. November 13th & 14th - Remembrance Day Observance & Reading Break

A reminder that our school will be closed on Monday November 13, for Remembrance Day observance, and on Tuesday November 14th for our District Reading break. Please note that while other districts may be open on November 14th, WVSS students are not to be on any other school campus without administrative permission.

2. 2024 Provincial Scholarship Awards (Secondary)

Grade 12 (and grade 11) WVSS students should be looking into obtain scholarships and now is the time to start your research! The Ministry of Education and Child Care awards 13,500 scholarships to eligible graduating students annually. Please review this [Scholarships Program infographic](#) to understand the variety of scholarships offered by the Ministry. More information can be found on the [BC Achievement](#), [District/Authority](#), [BC Excellence](#), or [Pathway to Teacher Education](#) scholarship web pages. Contact scholarships@gov.bc.ca if you have questions.

3. School Fees 2023-2024

The 2023/2024 School Course Fees are now available for payment on School Cash Online as of Monday, October 23rd. 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) in the main office if you have any questions or assistance with logging in.

4. 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 any time 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.

5. 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

The school clinic is scheduled for: this Friday 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

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 Sophia Knowles either by email or phone, or visit: www.immunizeBC.ca for more information on immunization.

6. COUNSELLING CORNER

Language Challenge Exams – Due Friday November 3rd * No late applications accepted!!

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 Language challenge student application form is found [HERE](#).

Applications are due to the WVSS counselling office by November 3rd, 2023. Please contact Linda Caruth, lcaruth@wvschools.ca if you have any questions.

7. WVSS Athletics

Please check the Athletics Bulletin Board (between New and Old Gym) for try out information for all Winter Sports in the next two weeks.

Basketball:

Grade 8 Boys Coach: Mr. Hunter

Grade 9 Boys Coach: Mr. Meldrum

JR Boys: No Coach as of yet. Deadline to find a coach is November 14th

SR Boys Coach: Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Panah

Grade 8 Girls Coach: Mr. Daudlin

JR Girls Coach: Mr. Mathers, Ms. Towers (teacher sponsor)

SR Girls: No team this year

Skiing/Snowboarding: Ms. Lambe, Ms. Lawson (information will come out in December)

Wrestling: Mr.Huh, Ms. Walton (teacher sponsor) Google Classroom Code [yp3mqz2](#)

8. Kay Meek Documentary “Twice Colonized” - Complimentary Tickets

Kay Meek has an inspiring Indigenous peoples documentary playing next week, and they have kindly offered our WVSS staff and students complimentary tickets for the Monday November 6th film, Twice Colonized: <https://kaymeek.com/events/film2-1106>. You can book on the Kay Meek website using the promo code "TWICE". Kay Meek is offering tickets to WVSS parents/guardians for only \$5.00 using the code: TC5 Enjoy Highlanders!

9. COMMUNITY EVENTS SECTION

Education Series: POST SECONDARY OPTIONS

Please join us on Tuesday evening November 7th at 6:30 – 8:00 pm for a learning session on Post Secondary Education Options for students with diversabilities. Steps Forward will be with us to explain their program. We have also invited Fiona Whittington-Walsh of KPU and Kyla Ashman of OKC to speak about their innovative programming. [Register HERE](#). Please see this [Post Secondary Poster](#) for all the details.

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](#)

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.

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 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. Finally, our teaching staff love it when students arrive on-time or early! Classes start every day, except for Collaboration days, at 8:30am.

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

District Policies & Procedures Form – Please complete

All parents/guardians 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*. For assistance, please contact Ms. Naomi Fraser at 604-981-1100 or wvss@wvschools.ca

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.

Useful Links

[WVSS website:](#)

[WVSS Counselling Page:](#)

[WVSS Athletics Website:](#)

[West Vancouver Schools District Website](#)

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