



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

August 28, 2024

This information bulletin includes several updates for families:

1. Welcome Back! Tuesday September 3rd and Attendance Confirmation
2. Action Required: Student Timetables and Portal Access
3. Action Required: Policy & Procedure Forms
4. First Week- School Opening Schedule
5. WVSS APP: Sign up today for all School Opening details, schedules and more.
6. WVSS Course Change Request for September 2024
7. Attendance: Email WVSS@wvschools.ca
8. WVSS Athletics
9. Lockers: Grades 9-12 Online Locker Form required
10. Student parking – Form required.
11. Optional Insurance
12. PAC Invitation

Important Calendar Reminders

Tuesday Sept 3: First day of school & School Photos

Wednesday Sept 4: Day 1 - Regular classes schedule

Thursday Sept 5: Day 2 - Regular classes schedule (No FIT today)

Friday Sept 6: Day 1 – Gr. 9-12 Regular class schedule/ Gr.8 Team Building Day

Wednesday Sept 11-13: IB Diploma Retreat to Squamish

Friday Sept 20: Professional Development Day – Classes not in session

Wednesday Sept 25: PAC Coffee Morning – North Campus Cafeteria

September 26: Collaboration Day - Classes start at 9:30am

Friday Sept 27: Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – Wear Orange!

Monday Sept 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day

1.School Opening Information:

Welcome Highlanders! The staff of WVSS look forward to welcoming new and returning students back to school on Tuesday September 3rd!

Opening week information, as well as school maps and more, can be found on our WVSS APP (see below for instructions on signing up to the App!)

School Confirmation: To confirm your child's spot at WVSS, we require that all students attend their classes no later than Thursday September 5th. If there are extenuating circumstances whereby your child will not be in attendance the first week of school, we ask that a parent reach out directly to Ms. Kerr, our Admin Assistant, at ukerr@wvschools.ca or 604-981-1100.

2.Student Timetables and Portal Access:

ACTION ITEM: Student Timetables & Portal Access Friday August 30 after 3:30pm.

- All students should have received an email with their login information on their school email.
- New students and new parents to the school should have received an email from MyEdBc with their login information. Please check your junk mail.
- On Monday, Sept. 2, Grade 9-12 Students should print out / take a picture of this most recent timetable via the portal. This is the most accurate timetable.
- Grade 8 students will receive a printed timetable on Tuesday.
- Information for resetting passwords and other FAQs are posted on the web page: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal/>

3.Policy & Procedure Form:

ACTION ITEM: Due: Friday Sept 6 - 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. [Policy & Procedure Form](#)

Questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Avotins at wvss@wvschools.ca

4.First Week School Opening Schedule:

Friday, August 30, 2024:

- Day 1 Period 2 (1-2) teachers will be emailing students in grades 9-12 by Friday, Aug. 30 informing students of where to go (Day 1-2 classroom) on Tuesday Sept. 3.
- Any grade 9-12 student who does NOT have a Day 1-2 class will not receive an email but should come to the North Campus Cafeteria at the time listed for their grade.

Tuesday Sept 3rd:

Grade 8 students	8:30 am-10:20 am	Arrival and dismissal from South Campus (separate email will have detailed breakdown for gr.8s)
Grade 9 students	9:20 am-10:10 am	Go to Day 1-2 class, attendance, information presentation, distribution of forms, then photos.
Grade 10 students	10:00 am-10:50 am	Go to Day 1-2 class, attendance, information presentation, distribution of forms, then photos.
Grade 11 students	10:40 am-11:30 am	Go to Day 1-2 class, attendance, information presentation, distribution of forms, then photos.
Grade 12 students	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Meet at the Kay Meek Theatre for a Welcome Assembly with Mr. Rauh and Counsellors. Distribution of T-shirts, then photos.

Tues. Sept. 3 is also School Photo Day:

Teachers will lead students to the New Gym at the appropriate time.

- ★ Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 22 with Edge Imaging.
- ★ Any questions can be directly sent to Edge Photo
<https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/contact-us/> or you can contact our local school representative, Jordan Kirk who can be reached at jkirk@edgeimaging.ca
- ★ Smile everyone! 😊

Wednesday - Friday: Regular schedule (No FIT on Thursday)

- **Supplies:** Students should bring lined paper, pen/pencil and ideally a laptop or Chromebook. Teachers will inform students of what supplies will be required.
- **Students with PHE:** arrive prepared to be active with athletic clothing and running shoes.

Wednesday Sept 4	Thursday (no FIT) Sept 5	Friday Sept 6
DAY 1 - 2314	DAY 2 - 2314	DAY 1 - 3124
Block 2 8:30-9:50	Block 2 8:30-9:50	Block 3 8:30-9:50
Break 9:50-10:00	Break 9:50-10:10	Break 9:50-10:00
Block 3 10:00-11:20	Block 3 10:00-11:20	Block 1 10:00-11:20
Break 11:20-11:35	Break 11:20-11:35	Break 11:20-11:35
Block 1 11:35-12:55	Block 1 11:35-12:55	Block 2 11:35-12:55
Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40
Block 4 1:40-3:00	Block 4 1:40-3:00	Block 4 1:40-3:00

Note: On Friday, Grade 8s will be participating in a team building event at Ambleside all day. Bring a water bottle, lunch, dress with your house shirt and be prepared for the weather!

5. WVSS APP

Students and families will be able to use our WVSS APP to create and see their daily schedule, see a map of the school, request a course change, obtain school announcements, see all calendar events, social media posts, staff and school contacts and so much more! Some class changes are still in progress. Teachers will show students how to use the app in class on Tuesday.

Google Calendar Link

The WVSS google calendar for students 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 - [WVSS Student Calendar](#) and add it to your Google calendar. If you'd like to open it in Outlook or other applications, use [WVSS Student Calendar](#)

6. WVSS Course Change Request for September 2024

DEADLINE: Wednesday September 11

Course Change Google Form: <https://forms.gle/jcE7SvTXz4npWKN68> or scan QR code at Counselling office door:

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 google form to work.

7. Attendance Notices :

Student absences should be communicated through email at 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.
- If students are unwell during the day, they must report to the office before leaving the school.

8. WVSS Athletics: All athletic tryout information will be posted on the North Campus Athletic Board (between the two gyms) or check the Instagram account **@wvss_athletics** for updates.

Volleyball (girls, gr. 8-12)

Field Hockey (girls, gr. 8-10)

Rugby (boys, gr. 8)

Boys Soccer (boys, gr.9-12)

Junior Football (boys, gr.8-10)

Cross Country (co-ed, gr. 8-12) No try outs. All are welcome!

Swimming: No coach yet – any volunteers – please contact jmckee@wvshool.ca

9. Student Lockers (Grade 9-12)

Grade 9 - 12 students wanting a locker must scan the QR form located outside of the office to request a locker. You will be emailed your locker information once the request is processed. Any questions? Please email Ms. Bornea at jbornea@wvschools.ca

Grade 8s will be assigned lockers and do not need to sign up for one.

10. Student Parking: Students wishing to park in the WVSS student parking lot (when it opens) 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 \$20.00. Please see Ms. Bornea in the accounting office or email Ms. Bornea at jbornea@wvschools.ca with any questions.

11. 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.

12. WVSS PAC: Welcome to the new school year!

Parent Coffee Morning – Open to all parents and caregivers.

Date: Wednesday, September 25th

Place: WVSS School Cafeteria (North campus – middle floor – central)

Time: 9:00am

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 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.

GENERAL REMINDERS Stay Informed:

Keep Your Address & Contact Information Up to Date!

