



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 19, 2024

NEW UPDATES:

1. D-Day & Liberation Tour of Europe 2025
2. Grade 9 Immunization Forms
3. Grade 8 Rugby
4. Terry Fox Run 2024
5. Memorial Library News

REMINDERS:

6. Meet the Teacher Evening: Thursday, September 19
7. Clubs Registration
8. Safe Drop off at South Campus
9. Policy & Procedures
10. Personal Digital Devices

Calendar Reminders

Thursday Sept 19: Meet the Teacher Evening

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

Wednesday Sept 25: PAC Coffee Morning – North Campus Cafeteria at 9am

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 – Classes not in session



1. D-Day and Liberation Tour of Europe 2025

The WVSS Social Studies department has planned an exciting learning opportunity for students in Grade 10-12 from April 24-May 5, 2025, and **there are still a few spots remaining!**

May 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian forces in WWII. The trip will follow in the footsteps of Canadian soldiers who were instrumental in the success of the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation. The tour begins in London, followed by travel by sea from Portsmouth to Normandy, France, where students will visit significant historical sites such as Dieppe, Juno beach, and Dunkirk, while staying in the coastal town of Honfleur. They will then travel to Bruges, Belgium and finish in the Netherlands, visiting sites such as the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and the Airborne Museum in Arnhem. Students will take part in a ceremony recognizing the Canadian contribution to Dutch liberation on May 4th, 2025. The tour also includes visits to popular sites such as Buckingham Palace, Camden Market and the canals of Amsterdam.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact Dr. Christine Paget at cpaget@wvschools.ca or Trevor Stead at tstead@wvschools.ca. You can also have your child join our Google Classroom using classroom code: nsrt6a7

2. Grade 9 Immunization

Grade 9 students were sent home with forms that were due on September 18. If you have not returned your form to the office, please do so asap. Grade 9 Immunization is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9. Thank you!

3. Grade 8 Rugby

Calling all grade 8 athletes!

West Vancouver Highlanders would like to invite your child to join the school rugby team for a fun season of rugby this fall. **No experience is necessary** and for those who have never played a contact sport, we will ease them into developing contact skills. We believe that participating in school sports like rugby is such a good way to involve students in the West Vancouver community and make new friends. More and more universities are looking for students who are willing to set themselves apart from other applicants by developing skills like leadership, perseverance, and commitment in school sports like rugby.

Our practices will be Monday - Thursday from 3:00-4:10pm. Please join the Google class [aluqk4i](#) and meet us on the grass field in the south campus after school.



4. Terry Fox Run

WVSS will be participating in the annual Terry fox run in PHE classes Sept 24/25. Please encourage your child to **bring a toonie for Terry** towards cancer research on these dates to the appropriate class. If you have a Senior student or if you would like to donate please donate on our school site. Thank you for supporting a great cause!

West Vancouver Secondary fundraising page:
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/WestVancouverSecondary>

5. Memorial Library News

The WVML September/October e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We have lots to offer after school, weekends and on School's Out days (including around the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – we're open September 30!) As usual, storytimes are all still drop-in (and we currently have French storytime running on Saturdays!)

[West Van Schools Update September + October 2024 \(patronpoint.com\)](#)

6. Meet the Teacher Evening: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Reminder of our Meet the Teacher event tonight.

- 5:30pm: Parent Social (Cafeteria)
- 6:00-6:15pm: Principal Rauh Address (Old Gym)
- 6:22pm-8:30pm: Classroom rotations begin.
- Detailed information was emailed to families on September 17, 2024.

7. Clubs:

Are you interested in taking a lead and forming a club? If so, fill out this google form [CLUBS](#) by **Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 3pm** or scan the QR codes on the posters on the walls at school. Any questions? Please email Ms. Frith: sfrith@wvschools.ca



8. South Campus Drop Off / Pick Up:

Attention Parents: We have seen many families doing 10 point turns at the “top” of 17th where the construction fence stops access to parking/lower campus. This is very unsafe and not permitted! Please drop your child off safely along Inglewood between 17th and Sinclair Street. **Do not** enter the school property from Inglewood. Thank you for your consideration.

9. Policy & Procedure Form:

ACTION ITEM: Due ASAP - District Policies & Procedures Form - All Parents **MUST** complete a West Vancouver District Policy and Procedures online release form for each of their children within the district: [Policies and Procedures Form | West Vancouver Schools](#)

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

10. Personal Digital Devices:

Reminder: Cell phones are not permitted during instructional time. FIT is instructional time and therefore cell phones are not allowed FIT.

Parents, please refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office.

When can students use cell phones?	When can students NOT use cell phones?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Before school➤ Between classes➤ Lunch➤ After school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ FIT time❖ In class without permission❖ Washrooms❖ Changerooms❖ Assemblies/Presentations

GENERAL REMINDERS Stay Informed:

Keep Your Address & Contact Information Up to Date!