



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

September 5, 2024

NEW UPDATES:

1. PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES
2. S.A.L.T.S. trip
3. CUE-Canadian Universities Event
4. Recommended general school supply list

REMINDERS:

5. **Action Required**: Policy & Procedure Forms – due Friday!
6. WVSS APP: Sign up today for all School Opening details, schedules and more
7. WVSS Course Change Request for September 2024
8. Attendance: Email WVSS@wvschools.ca
9. WVSS Athletics
10. Lockers: Grades 9-12 Online Locker Form required
11. Student parking – Form required
12. Optional Insurance
13. PAC Invitation.

Calendar Reminders

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

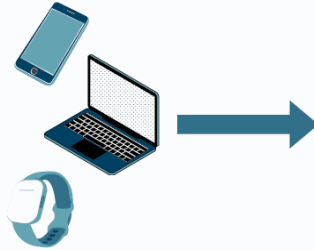
1. PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES:

Please note: Cell phones are not permitted during instructional time

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Parent & Guardian's Guide to Personal Digital Devices

Personal Digital Devices include any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as cell phones, phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches and any other portable technology device.



Laptops are the preferred device for school use.

While digital devices can enhance learning in many ways, allowing students to collaborate, create and communicate, it is important that they are used in a mindful and meaningful way.

Personal digital devices should only be used with the permission of a teacher or administrator. Additional considerations will be made to provide for student's health and accessibility needs, and accommodation requirements.



Secondary

Cell phones should only be used in class if specifically required for a learning task

- Understand the digital device expectations at your child's school
- Support and encourage your child's appropriate use of digital devices
- Refrain from contacting your child during the school day. If it's an emergency, contact the school office
- Personally model and encourage digital device limitations (boundaries?)

2. S.A.L.T.S. TRIP:

Ahoy! We are pleased to share that WVSD is organizing a sailing and experiential learning opportunity aboard a tall ship with S.A.L.T.S. in May 2025! This adventure will be available to all grade 9-12 students across the district. Students will enjoy challenging and rewarding activities, from plotting navigational routes to exploring the biology of our coastal inter-tidal zone. An informational meeting will be held on September 10th in the C303
Join the Google Classroom for more information (code: **ym4riq2**). See you there!

3. CUE-Canadian Universities Event:

CUE-Canadian Universities Event is being hosted at WVSS on **Wednesday, September 18th from 6pm-8pm** in the main north gym.

Over 50 Post-Secondary Institutions from across Canada will be represented. Gr. 12's and their Parents are invited to attend.

4. Supplies: Please see the attached guideline for school supplies: [WVSS School Supplies List.docx](#) Teachers will inform students if there are specific supplies that they need for their course.

5. 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: [Policies and Procedures Form | West Vancouver Schools](#)

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

6. WVSS APP

Students /families: Login with your email to use our WVSS APP for updates and schedules.

7. Google Calendar Link

The WVSS google calendar for students includes the days (regular, FIT, Collab and the block rotation) plus significant student events. Please follow this - [WVSS Student Calendar](#) or if you'd like to open it in Outlook or other applications, use [WVSS Student Calendar](#)

8. 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:

9. Attendance Notices :

Student absences -please email at wvss@wvschools.ca. If this is not possible, please call the school office at 604-981-1100. Student absences must be excused by parents/guardians.

10. 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.

11. Student Lockers (Grade 9-12)

Grade 9 - 12 students: Please scan the QR form located outside of the office to request a locker. Any questions? Please email Ms. Bornea at jbornea@wvschools.ca

12. 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 at the main office (cost of \$20.00).

13. 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. Families are encouraged to do their due diligence when choosing a provider.

14. 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.

GENERAL REMINDERS Stay Informed:

Keep Your Address & Contact Information Up to Date!

