



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

December 5, 2024

NEW UPDATES:

- 1. WVSS TRACK & FIELD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**
- 2. Christmas Toy Drive and Charitable events**

REMINDERS:

3. Grad Assessments: January 13-24, 2025
4. IB Information Night: January 20, 2025
6. Safe Driving around WVSS
8. Grad Photos: Book your session!
9. Winter Weather
9. Homestay families needed
10. Community Connections and Events

Calendar Reminders

December 10: Grand opening of the new track and field

December 11: Jingle Bell run at WVSS track

December 18: WVSS Performing Arts Concert - 6pm

December 19: Wonderville at WVSS



December 23- January 5: School Closed for Winter Holidays

January 8: Open House for incoming Grade 8 families - WVSS Gym - 6:30pm

January 20: IB Open House for Grade 8-10 families - Kay Meek Theater - 7:00pm

January 13-24: Graduation Assessments - Literacy 12

1.WVSS OFFICIAL TRACK & FIELD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

1 p.m. Opening Remarks & Welcome:

- Mayor Mark Sager
- Squamish Nation Council Spokesperson Syexwáliya
- MLA Susie Chant Board of Education
- Chair Carolyn Brody
- West Vancouver Students

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Mayor & Council

1:20 p.m. Donor Wall Unveiling - Donor Thank you: Geoff Jobson & Valerie Jerome

1:30 p.m. Reception for all donors and invited guests at the Kay Meek Lobby.

1:30 p.m. Inaugural Soccer Game: Senior Boys' WVSS vs. Sentinel Secondary



2. Toy/Gift Card Drive:

Each year, WVSS partners with the Family Services North Shore and donates items to help those less fortunate in our neighbouring community. If your family is able to contribute to this toy/gift card drive, please consider doing so. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

What can families donate?

- New, unwrapped toys
- Tween/teen gift cards (please indicate amount of gift card)
- Grocery gift cards (please indicate amount of gift card)
- New, full-sized, unopened personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant

Where do students bring donations?

- To their Day 1-2 class, which has a box specially wrapped for donations.

3. Jingle Bell Run:

The WVSS Jingle bell run is a school wide event to promote giving to charity during the holidays as well as building school community.

Please dress festive and **donate** to the Harvest Project on School Cash Online or bring a toy for the toy drive boxes that will be provided in your 1-2 classes. Square Tap Payment will also be available at the event for donations as well as purchasing cookies for charity.

When: Wednesday Dec 11, 2024

Where : WVSS track

4. Grad Assessments: Jan. 13-24, 2025

From January 13-24th, **ALL grade 12 students** will write the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment. Grade 12 Students will receive information via their **school email** indicating the **date and time of their assessment**.

Please note that this Graduation Assessments **is required for graduation purposes**. Students should prepare for this Literacy 12 assessment and attempt the sample



assessments. Sample assessment and more information on Graduation Assessments can be found [HERE](#).

If students have questions, they can see Ms. Frith in the office or email at sfrith@wvschools.ca.

5. IB Information Meeting Monday, January 20, 7pm

Students in grade 8-10 and their families are invited to the **Kay Meek Theatre** to learn more about the IB Programme at WVSS. We offer a Pre-Diploma year for grade 10s, as well as the IB Diploma and IB Course (Certificate) Programmes in grade 11 & 12.

See our website for information: [Welcome to the IB Diploma Programme at WVSS!](#)

6. SAFE DRIVING AROUND WVSS:

Parents/Guardians/Student Drivers: This is an important reminder to practice safe and legal driving on Mathers and Inglewood Avenue. **U-turns, speeding, stopping in the middle of the road to drop off a student are illegal.** We have seen far too many people not follow the proper driving rules and we are very concerned an accident will take place.

7. Grad Photos - Just a few days left to book your session!

Graduation photos for WVSS **end on December 7, 2024** at the Edge Imaging Studio at **15 Victoria Drive, Vancouver.**

Students are encouraged to book and attend a free sitting to have portraits taken, which will be used in the yearbook and school composite. There is **no obligation** to buy. [Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

NOTE: If it is not possible for your graduate to go to the studio, Edge Imaging will be at **WVSS on Dec. 12 from 3:30-8:30pm.**

In-School Grad Booking Link: [Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

All portraits need to be completed **before March 1st** to make it into the yearbook.



8. Winter Weather

With the temps dropping and possible winter conditions upon us - Please check the [school district website](#) for the most current information on school closures.

9. Homestay Families Needed!

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our Homestay Coordinators at homestay@wvschools.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on our website at <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/>.

10. Community Connections and Events

To stay updated with community events in West Vancouver, please check out this link:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2425-Community-Connections-Ebulletins-November-14.pdf>

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