



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

A Weekly Update of School Information for Parents and Guardians

January 23, 2025

NEW UPDATES:

- 1. YELL applications**
- 2. WVSS Yearbooks On Sale Now!**
- 3. 2025-2026 CARPENTRY: Youth Train in Trades Program Information**

REMINDERS:

4. Parent Conference Registration
5. WV Schools District Programs
6. Safe Driving around WVSS
7. Winter Weather
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Calendar Reminders

January 27: District Professional Development Day (School not in session)

January 29: Parent Teacher Interviews - 1:00-3:00pm & 3:30-5:00 pm

January 30: Collaboration Day – Late Start at 9:30am

February 4: Yoga Teacher Training Information Session - 5:30pm at WVSS

February 4: FAST Program information session - 6pm at Rockridge Secondary



February 11: Open House for PHE Outdoor Recreation Program - 7pm at West Vancouver Memorial Library

1. YELL APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!

Hosted at WVSS, the YELL program is offered to students entering Grades 11 and 12 from all three high schools in the district. The course is taught by WVSS teacher, Jo-Anne McKee, and runs outside the regular timetable with weekly 2.5 hour classes.

Throughout the program, students learn core concepts of lean entrepreneurship with topics covering design thinking, resiliency training, marketing, financial projections and more! A diverse selection of inspiring entrepreneurs and business leaders will join the class to share their stories and advice to our students. YELL emphasizes the importance of networking, teamwork and mentorship and students will form teams to come up with a business idea that they will need to validate. They will get matched with mentors from the community and work towards the year-end YELL Venture Challenge, where they will present their business idea and learnings.

For more information on the YELL program and the advantages for students, please contact Jo-Anne McKee at jmckee@wvschools.ca or visit www.yellcanada.org/students

2. WVSS Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Parents, don't miss out on the chance to give your child the perfect keepsake of their high school years! The WVSS 2024-2025 Yearbook is available for purchase through School Cash Online. High school is a time of self-discovery, friendships, and unforgettable moments. This year's yearbook is packed with photos and stories that capture these special memories, making it a must-have for every student. Order yours today and make sure your child has a lasting reminder of their time at WVSS!

The poster features a yellow background with stars and a white central box. At the top left is the WVSS logo. The word 'YEARBOOK' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it is a QR code with the text 'SCAN HERE' and a cursor icon. To the right of the QR code is a list of reasons to buy: 'Why should you buy?' followed by three bullet points: 'Relive unforgettable school moments', 'Celebrate friendships and achievements', and 'A keepsake to treasure forever'. At the bottom, it says 'Scan the QR code' and 'Don't wait – Secure your copy today!'. A small cartoon cat is at the bottom right.



3. 2025-2026 CARPENTRY: YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAM INFORMATION

Applications OPEN - due Friday March 14th, 2025

Offered by West Vancouver Schools, this hands-on program is perfect for students passionate about learning practical skills in carpentry and construction. Whether you're exploring a future career or simply gaining a skill that lasts a lifetime, this program delivers. Learn from a Red Seal-certified instructor, earn 16 high school credits, achieve Level 1 Carpentry Training certification, and master essentials like blueprint reading and advanced tool use. Applications are OPEN until March 14, 2025. Learn more [here](#) and apply [here](#), or email pkashani@wvschools.ca!

4. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – Virtual - January 29th, 2025

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, January 29th from 1:00 – 3:00pm and 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

There will be an early dismissal and the schedule will be as follows:

Day 2 – 1 2 3 4

Period 1	8:30-9:15
Period 2	9:20- 10:05
Break	10:05-10:20
Period 3	10:25-11:10 (Bowen Student Dismissal 11:10)
Period 4	11:15-12:00

Parent/Teacher Conferences start – 1:00 pm

You may create an account and register for appointments using School Appointments Online starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17th.

<https://westvan.schoolappointments.com>

Please note:

- 4 bookings per student per family may be made at this time.
- **More bookings can be made after January 23rd.** Bookings will close at 10:00 pm on January 27th.
- Student's lists of courses and teachers can be found under the Family tab on the MyEducation BC portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> or by asking your student.
- If using MyEd, remember to have the schedule set to LIST VIEW not MATRIX VIEW.



- [HERE](#) are the instructions for how to book appointments
- [HERE](#) are the instructions for how to take part in the google meet interviews on January 29th. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on January 29th.

5. WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS

West Vancouver Schools has created a richly woven learning experience designed to educate the 'whole child' through academics, athletics, citizenship, and the arts. Click here to view **WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

Applications from students registered in any one of the school district's secondary schools are now being accepted. Click on the links listed below for further information about the following Premier programs.

- Computer Information Systems 12 – Cybersecurity & Artificial Intelligence **Apply**
- FAST (First Aid Swim Training) Program - **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY NOW!**
Program Information Night - Tuesday, February 4th 6:00 pm – Rockridge Secondary School
- Yoga Teacher Training Information Session – Tues Feb 4th 5:30 p.m. WVSS Library - **Apply**
- YELL Entrepreneurship 12 - **APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!**
- PHE Outdoor Recreation program - Click **here** for more information and Apply now

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. 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.

8. 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/>.

9. 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/2025/01/2425-Community-Connections-Ebulletins-Jan-15.pdf>

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