



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

**WVSS is an IB World School**



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**February 6, 2025**



## **Important Dates & Calendar Reminders**

- **February 11:** Outdoor Recreation Open House (7:00 PM, WVSS Library)
- **February 14:** District Reading Break (No School)
- **February 17:** BC Family Day Holiday (No School)
- **February 26:** Pink Shirt Day
- **February 27:** Collaboration Day (Late Start – 9:30 AM)
- **February 27:** Last PDP/IB entrance test
- **February 28:** Deadline to submit online application for PDP and IB
- **March 5-7:** WVSS Theatre: *COVEN* (7:00 PM, Kay Meek Theatre)
- **March 11:** WVSS Spring Music Concert (6:00 PM, Kay Meek Theatre)
- **March 17-28:** Spring Break (No School)
- **April 7-11:** Graduation Assessments - Literacy 10

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## **New Updates**

**IB information:**



**Thursday, February 27 | 3:00 pm in W346**

Last PDP/IB entrance test session. For those who have not yet written the critical thinking test (PDP and IB applicants) and/or writing test (IB applicants only).

**17 PDP and IB Application Deadline: February 28, 2025**

Deadline to submit online application for PDP and IB. See website for information: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/ib/> . Please note: current WVSS students do NOT need to upload report cards or teacher contacts.

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**Core Competency #4:**

**17 Friday, February 7, 2025**

All students will work on their Core Competency Lesson #4 during their 1-3 class. Students with spares report to Ms. Towers and Ms. Frith in the cafeteria at 9:40am with their laptops.

Time	What is happening	FEB 7 ONLY
8:30-9:40	Period 1 (70 min)	Block 1-3
9:40-10:10	Core competency time (with Period 1 class)	Complete with block 1-3 class
10:10-10:20	10 min Break	
10:20-11:30	Period 2 (70 min)	Block 1-1
11:30-11:45	15 min Break	
11:45-12:55	Period 3 (70 min)	Block 1-2
12:55-1:40	Lunch	
1:40-3:00	Period 4 (80 min)	Block 1-4

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**Graduation Portraits:**

**17 Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

Any Grade 12 student (international students included) who has **not yet** had their graduation portrait taken, may come to the **cafeteria between 8am and 10am on Wednesday February 12**. Edge Imaging will be there to take your photo for the yearbook and composite.

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## Graduation Assessments - Literacy 10:

 **Monday, April 7 - Friday, April 11, 2025**

All Grade 10 students must be present and available from April 7-11, 2025 for their Literacy 10 assessment, which is a **mandatory graduation requirement**. Kindly **avoid scheduling appointments** during the school day this week. Schedules will be posted before spring break. For more information with sample assessments, please see [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum](#)

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## Reminders

### Graduation Winter Prom – February 28

 **Friday, February 28 | 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

 **The Stanley Park Pavilion**

WVSS graduates are invited to a memorable evening featuring:

- Catering
- Professional DJ
- Photo Booth

 **Tickets: \$95 (Available until February 21)**


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## WV School 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:

[WV School District Programs](#)

Applications are now being accepted. Click on the links listed below for further information about the following Premier programs:

- **Carpentry: Youth Train in Trades Program:** WVSS offers a hands-on Carpentry & Trades Program for students passionate about construction and skilled trades. Learn from a Red Seal-certified instructor, earn 16 high school credits, and receive Level 1 Carpentry Training Certification. [Youth Train in Trades Carpentry Program](#)
  -  **For more details, email Parnaz Kashani**

- **Computer Information Systems 12 - Cybersecurity & Artificial Intelligence: [Application](#)**
- **Early Childhood Education Assistant Certificate:**
  - Offered by North Vancouver School District in partnership with Langara College, and open to students entering grade 11 or 12. This program is perfect for students passionate about working with young children.
  - Learn more and apply [here](#), or email [jkinakin@sd44.ca](mailto:jkinakin@sd44.ca). [Click here for the application package.](#)
- **FAST (First Aid Swim Training) Program: [Application](#)**
- **PHE Outdoor Recreation Program: [Application](#)**
- **YELL (Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad) Program:** Open to students entering Grades 11 & 12. [YELL Entrepreneurship 12 Program | West Vancouver Schools](#)  
 Contact **Jo-Anne McKee** at [jmckee@wvschools.ca](mailto:jmckee@wvschools.ca) or visit [www.yellcanada.org/students](http://www.yellcanada.org/students) for more details.
- **Yoga Teacher Training: [Application](#)**

## WVSS Theatre Company Presents: COVEN

 **March 5-7 | 7:00 PM | Kay Meek Theatre**

WVSS Theatre Company proudly presents **COVEN**, an original production by Julianne Hoyak.



In a fairytale village, a group of bold and creative youth fight back against an authoritarian judge as he tries to enforce severe rules upon the community. But the powerful judge will stop at nothing to get what he really wants: a good old-fashioned witch burning. Things quickly spiral out of control and lives are at stake.

This original production features a student-led cast and crew, comedic moments, heart-wrenching tragedy, **AND live music by the WVSS Rockband!**


**COVEN is Recommended for ages 12+.**

 **Tickets: \$15** (Advance sales start **February 26** – available at lunch in front of the WVSS cafeteria or at the door before each show.)

## WVSS Yearbooks – Secure Yours Today

WVSS Yearbooks are available for purchase!. Order your yearbook today at [School Cash Online](#). If your yearbook **does not appear** on School Cash Online, it means you have




already purchased one. Don't miss out on this keepsake filled with memories, events, and achievements.  **Order Deadline: April 1, 2025**

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## **Additional Notices**

- **Winter Weather Advisory:**
    - In the event of severe weather, please check the [school district website](#) for updates on school closures.
  - **Safe Driving Around WVSS:**
    - Parents and students are reminded to drive **safely and legally** around campus. Please avoid U-turns, speeding, and stopping in the middle of the road for drop-offs.
  - **WVSS PAC**
    - **Donations:** Please see [Optional PAC Donation](#) You can contribute more than once and at any time throughout the year! Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Thank you!
    - Year round **fundraiser** with **Tru Earth:**  
<https://tru-earth.sjv.io/westvancouversecondaryschoolpac>
  - **Homestay Families Needed:**
    - WVSS is looking for families to host international students. If interested, contact **Homestay Coordinator** or visit [West Vancouver Schools International](#)
  - **Community Connections and Events:**
    - Stay engaged with the community by visiting [Community Connections and Events](#)
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## **Useful Links**

 **Reporting Absences/Lates:** [West Vancouver Secondary School](#)

 **Website:** [West Vancouver Secondary School](#)

 **Counselling Page:** [West Vancouver Counselling](#)

 **Athletics Website:** [Athletics](#)

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