



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



May 29, 2025



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders

- **June 5:** “Let’s Talk Shop” | WVSS | 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
- **June 6:** “Rogue” Fashion & Choir Show Kay Meek Theatre | 7:00 pm
- **June 6 & 7:** West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest
- **June 11:** Music & Dance Year End Performing Arts Concert | Kay Meek Theatre | 7:00 pm
- **June 12:** Film/Media/Animation Evening | Kay Meek Theatre | 7:00pm
- **June 12:** WVSS PAC Annual General Meeting & open question night | 7:00pm | WVSS Library
- **June 13:** Food Truck Friday
- **June 15:** West Vancouver School Leaving Ceremony | Orpheum Theatre | 11:00 am
- **June 19:** Year End BBQ, Parade and Captoss – For Grads | 12:30 pm
- **June 19:** WVSS Rock Band Concert | Kay Meek Studio | 7:00 pm
- **June 23:** Last day of regular classes
- **June 26:** Summary of learning – Posted on-line
- **June 27:** Administration day – Staff Only

New Updates

Celebrating Student Success: Featured at the end of the bulletin

WVSS PAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & OPEN QUESTION NIGHT

 Thursday, June 12 | WVSS Library North Campus | 7:00 pm

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS: WVSS PAC Annual General Meeting followed by Open Question Night with Principal Mr. Rauh

AGM: Please join us to review the WVSS PAC Executive year and the proposed budget for next year. It's also an opportunity to find out more about the WVSS PAC Executive and volunteer to be part of the PAC Executive for the 2025/26 year. Or come along to meet other Parents.

OPEN QUESTION SESSION: After the AGM we will have an Open Questions Session where we can cover school and education related topics over the year and plans for the 2025/26 school year.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival, Ambleside Park, Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7: Featuring WVSS Music Groups!

Families visiting the [West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival](#) (formerly Community Day/Bridge Festival) on June 6 & 7 at Ambleside Park are encouraged to stop by the West Vancouver School District Performance Stage to enjoy and support music groups of WVSS.

On Friday, June 6 the **Intermediate Concert Band** (6:20 PM), Senior Concert Band (6:50 PM) and Jazz Band (7:20 PM) will perform.


On Saturday, June 7 starting at 5:00 PM, the WVSS **Rock Band** will perform to close out the show on the school district stage.

MUSIC & DANCE 25! The WVSS Performing Arts Year End Concert

 Wednesday, June 11 | Kay Meek Grosvenor Theatre | 7:00 pm

All parents and students are invited to MUSIC & DANCE '25!

The WVSS Performing Arts Year End Concert. This final performing arts concert of the school year on Wednesday, June 11 features performances by the Orchestra, The Grade 8 Band, the Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands and the Dance Program!

 **Tickets:** \$5 and will be available from teachers of those programs and at the north campus main office starting next week. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Mark your calendar now and see you there!

*(Special Note: The Jazz Band is hosting a Jazz Night **tonight** at the Kay Meek as their final performance of the year. The Choir program will be performing their year end show in conjunction with the WVSS Fashion Show on June 6 at the Kay Meek and the Rock Band has a separate final full rock concert on June 19 also at the Kay Meek.)*

ParticipACTION Community Challenge:

West Vancouver – Help us Become the Most Active Community in Canada!

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. In 2021, the community of West Vancouver placed second in Canada. It is our goal to be the **most active** community in Canada. West Vancouver Schools will be participating in this initiative. Individuals can pledge to 'get active' throughout June in support of the community's efforts without having to track any movement minutes. To support West Vancouver in this initiative, we hope you will take the pledge to get active: <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>

West Vancouver Community Cultural Festival: June 6 & 7

Attention students in Grades 7-12: Are you looking for volunteer opportunities and ways to connect with our community? Please consider volunteering at this year's Community Cultural Festival on June 6 & 7. See this link for more information and sign up: [Cultural Fest Volunteers](#)


"Rogue" Fashion & Choir show

 June 6 | Kay Meek Theatre | 7:00 pm

Our Choir, Textiles and Fashion Industry students have come together for a vibrant celebration of creativity and talent in this year's "Rogue" Fashion and Choir show.

★ We will showcase student-designed outfits and creations down the runway.

- ★ We will also feature performances by our Concert and Chamber Choirs, as well as members of the Dance Crew.

 **Tickets:** \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. Tickets will be available at the door, or sold in front of the cafeteria the first week of June. Come and support the diverse talents of our students.

Food Truck Friday

 **June 13 | North Campus | Lunchtime**

There will be 3 Food Trucks for students to purchase their lunch.

 **Tickets:** Meal prices will vary from \$5 to \$20:

- REEL Mac and Cheese and Gourmet Hot Dogs
 - Cravings Kettle Corn
 - Moms Grilled Cheese
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Parent's Guide to Snapchat

As part of a new series on **digital citizenship**, we will be sharing best practices for parents/caregivers on popular social media platforms.

First up: Snapchat. Check out the following link [Parent-guide-to-snapchat-1](#) to learn how to help your child stay safe and informed online.

West Vancouver Early Childhood Education Centre Update – Opening Early 2026

West Vancouver Schools is pleased to share an update on our upcoming **Early Childhood Education Centre** announced in August 2024. Construction is underway, and the new facility is expected to open in early 2026. Once complete, it will offer high-quality childcare for children ages 0–5, operating at market value rates. We look forward to welcoming families into this purpose-built, modern space designed to support early learning and child care in our community.

For more information and to join the waitlist [please click here](#)

Reminders:

Summer vacation plans

Families: Please be reminded that our last day of classes is **Monday, June 23**. As a general school policy, we are unable to offer alternative dates for exams or assignments to accommodate travel plans made before the official end of the school year.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Let's Talk Shop Event

"Let's Talk Shop" is a facilitated evening event that brings volunteer parents of teens from one community together with volunteer teens from another community in a confidential, respectful, and safe environment. Through guided exercises and workshops, parents and teens are prepared for the event which seeks to: provide parent education; empower teenagers; and strengthen connections between the teen and adult populations.

*****This event is for Parents/Caregivers/Guardians of West Vancouver/Rockridge/Sentinel Secondary students - please do NOT bring your youth with you. We will have youth coming from other areas of North Vancouver***** <https://WVSS-LTS2025.eventbrite.com>

Attention Graduates and Families

See [WVSS SPECIAL GRAD INFO](#) for information on the following:

- Valedictorian selection
 - WVSS Graduation Banquet and Dance
 - WVSS Leaving Ceremony
 - Year End BBQ, Parade and Captoss – For Grads
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Construction notice: June 2-7 from 8am to 5:30pm

Families: Please be advised to find an alternate spot for pick up or drop as there will be road constructions, from BC Hydro, on **19th Street from Mathers Avenue to Kings Avenue** from June 2-7, 8am-5:30pm.

Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessments: June 9-12, 2025

Graduation Assessments: June 9–12

Grade 10 students will write the *Numeracy 10* assessment during the week of June 9–12. This is a graduation requirement. To prepare, students should try the sample assessments below. Grade 11 students who have not yet completed *Literacy 10* or *Numeracy 10* will also write during this week.

Parents: Please avoid booking appointments during school hours June 9–12, as assessments must be completed during designated ministry time slots. Student schedules have been distributed. Please ask your child for their assigned time, date, and room number.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Frith at sfrith@wvschools.ca

Numeracy 10 sample exams and info can be found here:

[Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum](#)

Literacy 10 sample exams and info can be found here:

[Grade 10 Literacy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum](#)

Planning ahead for 2025-26

This is a friendly reminder to please inform the office at **West Vancouver Secondary School** if your family is planning to withdraw from the school for the 2025-26 school year. Thank you for your consideration.

2025 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs are now open. More information can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers (elementary or secondary) or at [Summer Learning | West Vancouver Schools](#)

Extended Absence Forms

This is a reminder to families that if a student is missing 4 or more days due to an extended absence, they must have this [Extended Absence Form](#) completed and signed by all their teachers and an administrator. Copies are available for pick up at the north campus and south campus offices. Thank you for your attention to this.


SMS for Parents/Guardians

Option to receive text message for school emergencies or other important alerts: Part of the SD45 communication system allows families to opt into receiving important information additionally by text. For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS **please text a “Y” or “Yes” to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.**

Additional Notices

- **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** 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

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

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

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

 **West Vancouver School District:** [West Vancouver Schools](#)

 **Follow Us:**  @wearewvss

Please keep your contact information up to date to receive important school updates.

Celebrating WVSS Highlander Success

Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence Program:

CONGRATULATIONS to WVSS students **Dylan Woods** & **Benjamin Kerr** (2nd and 3rd from left respectively in picture below) from the *Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence* Program ([Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence](#)) at West Vancouver Schools. They competed earlier this month in the Canadian CyberTitan Cybersecurity National Finals ([ICTC CyberTitan: 13 Student Teams Progress to National Cybersecurity Finals](#)).

The students did exceptionally well....they ranked **FIRST** amongst all teams from Western Canada, and **SECOND** amongst all Canadian teams. This is the **first time, EVER, that a BC team has ranked in the top 5.**

Press release: [ICTC's National Cybersecurity Competition for Youth | ICTC](#)

North Shore News article:

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/west-vancouver-high-school-cybersecurity-team-lands-second-in-national-competition-10714840>



Grade 8 Math Challengers placed 2nd in BC!

In nearly 30 years of Math Challengers, this marks WVSS's second-best finish—a remarkable achievement. While many teams prepare for months in advance, this group relied primarily on their natural talent and sharp thinking.

Special thank you to **Mr. Kozak** for leading the team: *"I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you for your outstanding performance. Next year, we will make sure to keep up our crushing performance."*

#2 in the Province for the Grade 8 Team.

#2 individually for **Eric Zhao** in Grade 8 provincially

#7 individually for **Evan Choi** in Grade 8 provincially

#10 individually for **Arnav Keshwani** in Grade 9 provincially



Senior Boys Rugby Team is off to Provincials

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Rugby Team who **won the Sea to Sky Zone Championship and is ranked #1 in the province** as they head to Provincials this weekend. We're wishing our Highlanders all the best! Thank you to **Coach Harvey** for his time and dedication to coaching this group of talented players.



Financial Literacy Competition

Congratulations to **Amirhesam Kardar** and **Mohammadreza Kardar** for placing 9th and 11th in the province for a financial literacy competition.

Students across the province competed in the **COIN Competition**, organized by the **Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia**, to show off their understanding of financial literacy. Mohammadreza and Amirhesam and were recognized for being **9th and 11th respectively**, out of over 200 participants across BC to show off their accounting, economics, and general business knowledge. Congratulations to both students!

Provincially ranked musicians

Honour Choir

The following WVSS students auditioned for and participated in the **Provincial Honour Choir** this year:

Dana del Castillo
Daniel Lee
Ethan Kim
Fraser Chen
Fumi Okotchi
Kennedy McKenzie
Louw Verwey
Oliver Huang
Takae Mori

Provincial Honour Orchestra

The following WVSS students auditioned for and participated in the **Provincial Honour Orchestra** this year:

Sidney Hufton
Arshia Sorourian

WVSS Robotics Team at World's VEX Robotics 2025 Championships

West Vancouver's Ten Ton Robotics top eight teams, or 16%, finish in the top 5% (conservatively) in the World's VEX Robotics 2025 Championships from a field of 9333 teams globally. Congratulations to the following students:

Ryan Agnew
Eric Horte
Kobe Sam
Simon Han
Alex Teale
Even Ming
Matthias Ip
Caelen Redekop
Martin Chen
Brandon Greenough
Edward Liu
Sean Chan-Sato
Lucan Chugani
Safeer Lalji



Parv Mathur
Rian Cavers
Ben Hutchings
Lisa Dobkin-Wong
Andy Zheng
Max Gao
Ethan Liu
Kai Lund-Chow
Kia Boedker
Alex Bayless

