



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



August 28, 2025



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September:

- **Tues. Sept. 2:** First day of school & School Photos
 - **Wed. Sept. 3:** Regular classes schedule (Day 1)
 - **Thurs. Sept. 4:** Regular classes schedule (Day 2 - No FIT today)
 - **Thurs. Sept. 4:** Parent Meeting for IB Diploma Students | 7:00pm | WVSS Library
 - **Frid. Sept. 5:** Gr. 9-12 Regular class schedule (Day 1)
 - **Frid. Sept. 5:** Gr. 8 Team Building Day at Ambleside
 - **Wed. Sept. 10:** Grade 8 Parent Meeting | 7:00pm | WVSS Library
 - **Wed. Sept. 10 - Frid. Sept. 12:** IB Diploma Retreat to Squamish
 - **Thurs. Sept. 11** - Parent Meeting for FIJI trip 2026 | 7:00pm | C335
 - **Wed. Sept. 24:** PAC Coffee Morning – North Campus Cafeteria
 - **Thurs. Sept. 25:** Collaboration Day - Classes start at 9:30am
 - **Thurs. Sept. 25:** Meet the Teacher Evening | 6:00pm | WVSS
 - **Frid. Sept. 26:** Professional Development Day – Classes not in session
 - **Mon. Sept. 29:** Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – Wear Orange!
 - **Tues. Sept. 30:** Truth and Reconciliation Day - Classes not in session
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New Updates

School Opening Information

Welcome Highlanders! The staff of WVSS look forward to welcoming new and returning students back to school on Tuesday, September 2nd!

School Confirmation: To confirm your child's spot at WVSS, we require that all students attend their classes beginning on Tuesday, September 2 and no later than Thursday September 4th. If there are extenuating circumstances whereby your child will not be in attendance the first week of school, we ask that a parent reach out directly to Ms. Kerr, our Admin Assistant, at ukerr@wvsschools.ca or 604-981-1100.

NEW Students to WVSS

We invite any new student who **has not yet toured the school** to attend an **optional** student orientation on **Friday, August 29, 2025 at 10:30am**

This orientation will include a brief PowerPoint presentation, a tour of the school, and an opportunity for students to ask questions. If your child can't attend, do know that our first week of school (September 2-5) is set up to give all our students many opportunities to familiarize themselves with the school, their classes and to learn more about the opportunities ahead.

Optional New Student Orientation details:



Friday, August 29



10:30am to approximately 11:30-12:00pm



KAY MEEK THEATRE (1700 Mathers Avenue - Entrance is to the east of WVSS)

If you child plans on attending, **please complete this short [FORM](#) as soon as possible** as this will help us determine the number of tour guides and snacks needed.

Student Timetables and Portal Access

- **Action Item:** Student Timetables & Portal Access **Friday August 29 after 3:30pm.**
- All students should have received an email with their login information on their school email.
 - New students and new parents to the school should have received an email from MyEdBc with their login information. Please check your junk mail.
 - Prior to Monday, Sept. 1, Grade 9-12 Students should print out / take a picture of this most recent timetable via the portal. This is the most accurate timetable.
 - **Grade 8** students will receive a printed timetable on Tuesday but they should know the **name of their Day 1-2 Teacher** upon arrival to school on Tuesday.
 - Information for resetting passwords and other FAQs are posted on the web page: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/family-portal/>

First Week School Opening Schedule

Friday, August 29:

- Day 1 Period 2 (1-2) teachers will be emailing students by Friday, Aug. 29 informing students of where to go (Day 1-2 classroom) on Tuesday Sept. 2.
- Any student who does NOT have a Day 1-2 class will not receive an email but should come to the North Campus Cafeteria at the time listed for their grade.

Tuesday September 2nd:

Grade 8	8:30 am -10:20 am	Meet at South Campus Gym -1735 Inglewood Ave. You will be grouped in the gym according to your Day 1-2 teacher's last name
Grade 9	9:20 am -10:10 am	Go to Day 1-2 class , attendance, information presentation, distribution of forms, then photos.
Grade 10	10:00 am - 10:50 am	Go to Day 1-2 class , attendance, information presentation, distribution of forms, then photos.
Grade 11	10:40 am - 11:30 am	Go to Day 1-2 class , attendance, information presentation, distribution of forms, then photos.
Grade 12	11:30 am - 12:10 pm	Meet at the Kay Meek Theatre for a Welcome Assembly with Mr. Rauh and Counsellors. Distribution of T-shirts, then photos.


Tuesday is also School Photo Day - Smile everyone! 😊

Teachers will lead students to the New Gym at the appropriate time.

- Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 21 with Edge Imaging.

- Any questions can be directly sent to Edge Photo [Contact Us » Edge Imaging](#) or you can contact our local school representative, Jordan Kirk, who can be reached at jkirk@edgeimaging.ca

Wednesday September 3rd:

- **Regular Schedule: 8:30-3:00pm - Day 1 - 2, 3,1,4**
 - Students should bring lined paper, pen/pencil and ideally a laptop or Chromebook. Teachers will inform students of what specific supplies will be required for their course.
 - **Students with PHE:** arrive prepared to be active with athletic clothing and running shoes.
 - **Supplies:** Here is a list of recommended general school supplies:
 [WVSS SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST 25_26.pdf](#)

Thursday September 4th:

- **Regular Schedule: 8:30-3:00pm - Day 2 - 2, 3,1,4 (No FIT today)**
 - Students should bring lined paper, pen/pencil and ideally a laptop or Chromebook. Teachers will inform students of what specific supplies will be required for their course.

Friday September 5th:

- **Regular Schedule for gr. 9-12: 8:30-3:00pm - Day 1 - 3, 1, 2,4**
- **Grade 8s:** At Ambleside 8:45am-2:30 for a team building event
- **Action Item:** Grade 8 Parents/Guardians - Please ensure the permission forms that students will receive on Tuesday morning are returned asap to the south campus office. Students cannot participate without the form and waiver signed.
- Please bring a water bottle, lunch, dress with your house shirt and be prepared for the weather!

Policy & Procedure Form

- **Action Item: Due: Friday Sept 5** - 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. [Policy and Procedures Form](#)

Questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Avotins at [West Vancouver Secondary School](#)

IB Update



There is a **parent meeting** scheduled on September 4 **for parents of current IB Diploma students**. More details have been shared in an email sent to families.

Students interested in joining the IB Diploma programme in future years can see the information on the website [Welcome to the IB Diploma Programme at WVSS!](#) and attend the information session on January 19, 2026

IB Retreat:



September 10-12 | Squamish | Departure at 3:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 10

WVSS Course Change Request for September 2025

DEADLINE: Wednesday September 10

Course Change Google Form: [COURSE CHANGE REQUEST FORM 2025](#) or scan QR code at Counselling office door:

Guidelines: ***PLEASE READ!!***

1. Grade 12s will be prioritized.
2. Only 1 request form will be accepted.
3. All students must have 8 classes at WVSS.
4. Requests are subject to availability and students may be waitlisted.
5. Requests may cause timetable changes that are final.
6. Requests for teachers and/or blocks will NOT be accepted.
7. Student will be emailed when the timetable is ready.
8. You must be logged into your WVSS student account for google form to work.


FIJI 2026

Biology teachers Ms. Earland and Mr. Richardson are organizing a field trip to Fiji in spring 2026. The trip will focus on marine biology, reef ecology and conservation. The trip is open to Grade 11 and 12 students. If your child is interested, please have them join our Google Classroom using the code: 63vcfrm3. As well, a presentation can be found here: [WVSS FIJI 2026](#)

FIJI Student info meeting:

 Monday, Sept. 8 2025  FIT  C335 (Ms. Earland's room)

FIJI Parent info meeting:

 Thursday, Sept. 11 2025  7:00pm  C335 (Ms. Earland's room)

Note: for parents who attended the trip information meeting in June, no new information will be presented. For more information, please email earland@wvschools.ca or mrichardson@wvschools.ca.

WVSS Athletics

Try Out Information: Check the notice boards outside the North Campus Gyms for all try-out information! Tryouts begin during the first days of school so please check daily and stay informed. You may also check highlandersathletics.ca or our Instagram account - @wvss_athletics.

Here is a list of the fall sports available at WVSS:

Volleyball	Girls	Grade 8-12
Field Hockey	Girls	Senior team but Gr. 8/9 invited to try out
Rugby	Boys	Grade 8
Soccer	Boys	Grade 9-12
Junior Football	Boys	Grade 8-10
Cross Country	Co-Ed	Grade 8-12 *No try outs. All are welcome!
Swimming	TBD	No coach yet - if you can volunteer, please contact jmckee@wvshool.ca

NEW Registration Process - FALL 2025 Sport Registration: 2 Step Process for non-high risk sports (3 steps for football):

- 1) Register your student athlete at <https://forms.office.com/r/DBW7pupAEX>
- 2) Go to School Cash On-Line <https://westvancouver.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Index>
- 3) Only those players in football will also need to complete a paper copy for additional liability that can be found under 'Downloads' on highlandersathletics.ca and submitted to Mr. Kozak, the Football Head Coach: Football (link here):

[FOOTBALL - Parent Informed Consent Form for High Risk School Sport1 - Copy.pdf](#)

Any questions or concerns? Please contact your Athletic Directors Cam MacGivillary
Cam MacGillivary and Jo-Anne McKee Jo-Anne Mckee

Have a great season! We are very excited for our new field this year!

Student Lockers

Grade 8 students wanting a locker must ask Ms. Krieger in the south campus office and she will assign the student a locker with a lock to use for the school year.

Grade 9 - 12 students wanting a locker must scan the QR form located outside of the office to request a locker. You will be emailed your locker information once the request is processed. Any questions? Please email Ms. Bornea at jbornea@wvschools.ca

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

WVSS APP

Students and families will be able to use our WVSS APP to create and see their daily schedule, see a map of the school, request a course change, obtain school announcements, see all calendar events, social media posts, staff and school contacts and so much more!

Some class changes are still in progress. Teachers will show students how to use the app in class on Tuesday.

Google Calendar Link

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

Attendance Notices

Student absences should be communicated through email at

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- ★ If this is not possible, please call the school office at 604-981-1100.
- ★ All student absences must be excused by a parent or guardian.
- ★ If students are unwell during the day, they must report to the office before leaving the school.

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.**

WVSS PAC UPDATE



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

PAC Coffee Morning: Open to all parents and caregivers!

 Wednesday, September 24, 2025

 9.00AM

 WVSS School Cafeteria (North Campus, middle floor, central wing)

All parents are invited to join the WVSS PAC and Principal, Mr Rauh for a casual meet and greet coffee morning. Hear from Mr Rauh about the plans and activities taking place in the first term and learn about some of the great opportunities available to your children.

Mr Rauh and the WVSS PAC Executive will also be available to answer questions you may have. . If you are new to the school we highly encourage you to come out and join us. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and feel connected to the school.

We look forward to you joining us for coffee as we build our school community.


Please see these links for translations in Farsi and Mandarin:

 PAC Welcome Persian Sept_25.docx  PAC Welcome Chinese Sept_25.docx

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.
- **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 **UPDATE**

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](#)

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