



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY ☰ E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



September 18, 2025



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September:

- **Frid. Sept. 19:** Gr. 8 Team Building Day at Ambleside (re-scheduled date)
 - **Wed. Sept. 24:** PAC Coffee Morning – North Campus Cafeteria
 - **Wed. Sept. 24:** CUE-Canadian Universities Event | 6:00pm | WVSS Gym
 - **Thurs. Sept. 25:** Collaboration Day - Classes start at 9:30am
 - **Thurs. Sept. 25:** Meet the Teacher Evening | Detailed schedule below
 - **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
 - **Mond. Oct. 13:** Thanksgiving Holiday - Classes not in session
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New Updates:


Parent Guide to Discord

What is 'discord'? Discord is a communication platform that allows users to interact via text, voice and video. It was initially used by gamers but now has spread to many other groups. Please see [Parent Guide to Discord](#) for important information regarding the risks and dangers of using Discord.


Reminders:

Meet the Teacher Evening

 Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025

 5:00 - 5:30pm - Parent Social (Cafeteria)

 5:30-5:50pm - Principal's Address (Old Gym)

 5:50 pm: Parents to classrooms

We invite all parents/guardians to visit their child's classes, meet the teachers, and learn about classroom expectations and the year's curriculum. The evening will begin with an address from Principal Rauh and then parents will follow the schedule for day 1 and day 2 followed by a session for outside of the timetable classes.

ACTION ITEM:

- Please bring the **FILLABLE SCHEDULE** that your child will fill out.
- ***New this year*** South campus teachers (rooms 51-64) will meet you in the North campus gym during the class rotation. The south campus will remain open from 5:00-8:30pm if you wish to walk through it at your own pace, before or after the event.
- We will have volunteers (in red shirts) on site to send you in the right direction but here is a [school map](#) so that you can plan out your route.

SCHEDULE FOR MEET THE TEACHER: [BELL SCHEDULE FOR meet the teacher](#)

Policy & Procedure Form and Student Verification Form

Action Item: Due: **ASAP:** District Policies & Procedures Form (online) - all parents/guardians MUST complete this release form for each of their children within the district. [Policy and Procedures Form](#)

Due **ASAP:** Student Verification Form (paper copy) - must be reviewed, updated and signed. Please return to the north or south campus office.

IF families need to update their address, please note that the required documents are as follows:

1. One Primary Proof of Residence: Property tax notice (current year), BC Assessment (current year), Tenancy agreement, Property purchase agreement

AND

2. One Utility Bill showing the new service address on: BC Hydro, Fortis, Cable, or other metered utility

OR

Three Supplemental Documents: Tenant insurance, Mobile phone bill, ICBC registration/insurance certificate, BC Driver's License, BCID, or BC Services Card, Credit card or bank statement, Community membership card

How to submit:


- Parents must use the secure upload link:
<https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/StudentDocuments>.
Please do not send documents by email due to privacy policy.

Important: Given the volume of submissions, the office will not send reminders for incomplete submissions. Only complete submissions will be reviewed and updated in MyEd. Incomplete submissions will be deleted.

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

Clubs 2025/26

The deadline is approaching for students hoping to lead a club this year. Please fill out this [CLUB APPLICATION 25/26](#) by **Friday, September 19, 2025** OR you may scan the following

QR code: 

All clubs require approval, so even returning club leaders must re-apply this year.

CLUBS DAY is on Thursday, October 2, 2025 so it's important that your application is received by tomorrow. You will be notified by email if your club is approved. Any questions? Please email Ms. Frith: [Sofia Frith](#)

CUE-Canadian Universities Event

 Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025  6:00-8:00pm  WVSS north campus gym

This is a valuable opportunity for Grade 11 and 12 students and their parents to explore a wide range of University programs, ask questions to reps, and gather important information for post-secondary planning.

Don't miss this chance to connect with over 50 Institutions from coast to coast!



PumpkinFest: Volunteers needed!

Are you interested in volunteering at this year's PumpkinFest event?

Volunteer Roles: We have a variety of positions to fill—sign up here: [PumpkinFest Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Important: All volunteers must attend a short Zoom Orientation on Thursday, October 2 at 5:00pm (approx. 30 minutes).

Zoom link: [Join the Orientation](#)

Date/Time of PumpkinFest:  Sunday, October 5 2025  10:00am-5:00pm

For questions, please contact Sandy Sull at sandy.sullbains@gmail.com

WVSS Athletics

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

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Collaboration Time 2025-26

Please note the following days are a **late start** for students. Classes begin at **9:30am** and end at 2:45pm. For students arriving earlier to school, the school will be open for quiet study in the halls and cafeteria but the library will be closed.

Collaboration dates:


September 25, October 30, November 27, January 29, March 5, April 23, May 28

Student Lockers

Grade 8 students wanting a locker in **South campus** 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 8-12 students wanting a locker in **North campus** must scan the QR form located outside of the North campus 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"

School Supplies

- Students should bring lined paper, pen/pencil and ideally a laptop or Chromebook..
 [WVSS SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST 25_26.pdf](#)
 - **Students with PHE:** arrive prepared to be active with athletic clothing and running shoes.
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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 can use our WVSS APP to see their daily schedule, see a map of the school, obtain school announcements, see all calendar events and so much more!

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.
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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 [Community Connections & Event](#)
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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.
