



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



September 25, 2025



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September:

- **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
- **Tues. Oct. 7:** Terry Fox Run
- **Mond. Oct. 13:** Thanksgiving Holiday - Classes not in session

Meet the Teacher Evening Tonight

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

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

5:55 - 7:46pm: Parents to classrooms - rotating through Day 1 and Day 2 schedules

We invite all parents/guardians to visit their child's classes, meet the teachers, and learn about classroom expectations and the year's curriculum.

- Please bring the **FILLABLE SCHEDULE** that your child filled out.

- South campus teachers (rooms 51-64) will meet you in the **North campus gyms**
- The south campus will be 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 student 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.
- **Teachers not able to attend** (and will email their classes directly): Mr. Cormier, Ms. Fulton, Ms. George, Ms. Gray, Mr. Plant, Mr. Rispin, Ms. Schwartz

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


New Updates

Monday, September 29: Truth and Reconciliation Schedule

Day 2 - 3, 1, F, 2, 4 (sync day)

Time	What is happening
8:30-9:20	2-3
9:20-9:30	10 min break
9:30-10:20	2-1
10:20-11:15	With 2-1 class, go to the gym for a presentation, followed by a school-wide walk.
11:15-12:05	FIT - bannock and local indigenous tea in the cafeteria - fundraiser for Residential School Survivors Society
12:05-12:55	2-2
12:55-1:40	Lunch
1:40-3:00	2-4

WVSS Terry Fox run

 Tuesday October 7,, 2025

 Period 2.

Here is the fundraiser link <https://schools.terryfox.ca/WestVancouverSecondary>

Counselling Corner: Language Challenge Exams

Students in grade 10-12, who are eligible, can write an exam for level 11 or 12 credit for the following languages: Farsi, French, Japanese Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish and American Sign Language.

- For the application and information on the requirements [Click here](#)
- Applications are due to the WVSS counselling office on **October 23rd, 2025 by 3pm**

Please contact Linda Caruth, lcaruth@wvsschools.ca if you have any questions.

Reminders:

Clubs 2025/26

 **CLUBS DAY - Thursday, October 2, 2025.**

Students will receive a list next week of all the clubs that will be offered so they will have a chance to browse it ahead of time. Stay tuned for upcoming information.

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

Cam MacGivillary and Jo-Anne McKee Jo-Anne McKee

Policy & Procedure Form and Student Verification Form

Action Item: Due: **ASAP:** [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

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.

Collaboration Time 2025-26

Please note that classes begin at **9:30am** and end at 2:45pm on Collaboration Days. 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.

Next Collaboration date is **October 30, 2025.**

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

West Vancouver Secondary School

- ★ 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.**

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](#)

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