



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

## WVSS is an IB World School



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### September 4, 2025






### Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September:

- **Thurs. Sept. 4:** Parent Meeting for IB Diploma Students
  - **Frid. Sept. 5:** Gr. 8-12 Regular class schedule (Day 1)
  - **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
  - **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 | 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:

### 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!

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### Clubs 2025/26

Are you interested in leading a club? If so, fill out this [CLUB APPLICATION 25/26](#) by **Friday, September 19, 2025** OR you may scan the following QR code:



Posters with details and a QR code will be posted around the school. **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 the September 19 deadline. You will be notified by email if your club is approved. Any questions? Please email Ms. Frith: [Sofia Frith](#)

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## Reminders

### Schedule for Sept. 5-11, 2025:

**Friday, Sept. 5: Regular Schedule for ALL grades - Day 1 - 3, 1, 2, 4**

- Grade 8s: We have rescheduled our team building event to **Friday Sept. 19, 2025**.
- **Action Item:** Grade 8 Parents/Guardians - Please ensure the permission forms are **completed correctly** (all forms signed and filled in) and returned to the south campus office. Students cannot participate without the form and waiver signed

### Monday, Sept. 8: Regular Schedule and first day of FIT - Day 2 - 3, 1, F, 2, 4

- Grade 8s will go with their Day 2-1 class to an assembly during FIT
- Grade 9-12 students will spend their FIT in their Day 2-1 classroom.
- ★ **NEW THIS YEAR:** For the first 3 weeks of school, students will be required to remain in the class prior to FIT for the duration of the FIT period, unless attending a grade level assembly. If you have a spare during the class before FIT, please sign in at the cafeteria at 11:00am.

### Tuesday, Sept. 9: Day 1 - 1, 2, 3, 4

### Wednesday, Sept. 10: Day 2 - 1, 2, 3, 4

### Thursday, Sept. 11: Day 1 - 2, 3, FIT, 1, 4

- Grade 9s will go with their Day 1-3 class to an assembly during FIT
- All other grades will spend their FIT in their Day 1-3 classroom.

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## Policy & Procedure Form and Student Verification Form

- **Action Item: Due: Friday Sept 5**
  - **District Policies & Procedures Form (online)** - all parents/guardians MUST complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online release form for each of their children within the district. [Policy and Procedures Form](#)
  - **Student Verification Form (paper copy)** - must be reviewed, updated (if necessary) and signed. Please return to the north or south campus office.

Questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Avotins at **West Vancouver Secondary School**

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## IB Update

There is a **parent meeting** scheduled for **parents of current IB Diploma students**. The evening meetings are for parents only as the students will receive the same information in class.

**Parents of gr. 11 students:**  Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025  6:30-7:15pm  WVSS Library

**Parents of gr. 12 students:**  Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025  7:30-8:15pm  WVSS Library

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

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## 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.
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## 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  LUNCHTIME  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](mailto:earland@wvschools.ca) or [mrichardson@wvschools.ca](mailto:mrichardson@wvschools.ca).

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## 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](https://highlandersathletics.ca) or our Instagram account - @wvss\_athletics.

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

Volleyball	Girls Boys	Grade 8-12 Boys Senior team but Gr. 8/9 invited to try out
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 <a href="mailto:jmckee@wvshool.ca">jmckee@wvshool.ca</a>

**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.schoolcashonline.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](https://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](#)

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

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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 2, January 29, March 5, April 23, May 28

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## 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](mailto:jbornea@wvschools.ca)

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## School Supplies:

- 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](#)

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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.

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## WVSS APP

The WVSS APP is currently being updated. Thank you for your patience. Students and families will be able to use our WVSS APP to create and see their daily schedule, see a map of the school, obtain school announcements, see all calendar events, staff and school contacts and so much more!

Please note that some class changes are still in progress.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## 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.**

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## 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


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## **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 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](#)

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

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