



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



October 30, 2025



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September

- **Frid. Oct. 31:** Halloween - Wear a costume if you wish!
 - **Wed. Nov. 5:** Grade 9 - Take our Kids to Work Day
 - **Wed. Nov. 5:** Duke of Edinburgh Parent Info. Session | 6:00pm | WVSS Library
 - **Tues. Nov. 11:** Remembrance Day (School closed)
 - **Mon. Nov. 24:** Professional Development Day (School not in session)
 - **Tues. Nov. 25 - Dec. 6th:** Grad Photos - stay tuned for updates
 - **Thurs. Nov. 27:** Collaboration Day (School begins at 9:25am)
 - **Frid. Nov. 28:** Learning Update #1 posted online
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NEW UPDATES:

Celebrating Student Success: Featured at the end of the bulletin

Every last Thursday of the month, we will highlight Highlanders who shine in our school programs. Check out our first **Highlander Success** stories of 2025-2026 below!

Athletics:

Winter Sports season is around the corner! Sports offered are:

- Grade 8 Girls Basketball (Ms. Taylor & Mr. Daudlin)
- Grade 8 Boys Basketball (TBD)
- Grade 9 & 10 Boys Basketball (Mr. Meldrum)
- Grade 9 Girls Basketball (Mr. MacGivallary & Ms. Cameron)
- SR Boys Basketball (Mr. Eberhardt)
- SR Girls Basketball (gr. 10-12) (Ms. Muskee & Ms. Towers)
- Wrestling (Ms. Walton & Mr. Huh)
- Ski/Snowboarding (gr. 9-12) (Ms. Lambie & Ms. Lawson)
- Gymnastics - (TBD)

Grade 8 Girls basketball tryouts:

 Monday, November 10, 2025 | 3:00pm | Old Gym

 Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 3:00pm | Old Gym

Grade 9 Girls basketball tryouts:

 Wednesday, November 12, 2025 | 3:00pm | Old Gym

 Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 3:00pm | Old Gym

All other try out information will be posted in the Main Athletics Board between the New and Old Gyms. Student athletes should check it regularly. Information may also be found in the school announcements and @wvss_athletics Insta

[Congratulations](#) to our Fall teams ! The Cross Country team heads to Provincials this weekend and several other teams are still on their Play Off hunts !

Physical Activity and Physical Literacy: Children and Youth Ages 5-17

For detailed information, please see the link [HERE](#)

Student Council 2025-2026

This year's student council has been formed. The group is looking forward to planning events for the student body and has already been hard at work planning a festive week of Halloween activities.

Here is the list of names of this year's Student Council:  Student Council 2025-26.pdf

REMINDERS:

Grad Gear 2026

Attention Grade 12 students!

Get your order in for Grad Gear! This is for grade 12 students only!

- **Order deadline has been extended and will close on Sunday, November 2, 2025.**
Gear will be delivered to the school in November. **Don't miss out!**
<https://urstore.ca/group/west-vancouver-secondary-grad>
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Duke of Edinburgh Award at WVSS

Attention Grade 11 Students!

Are you somebody who would like to participate in an international programme that challenges students to develop new skills, improve their physical fitness, volunteer in their community, and complete an adventurous expedition? If so, check out the information that your CLC teacher is posting today in your Careers Classroom.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a non-competitive program that aims to empower young people, build confidence, and provide skills valued by employers and universities. For more information, please see  D of E at WVSS

If you'd like to join, please join the Duke of Edinburgh Google Classroom **7mzerkts**

Deadline to join google classroom:  Monday, November 3, 2025 | 9:00pm

Parents - are you interested in learning more about this? If so, please fill out this [FORM](#) indicating your availability to attend a parent information evening.

 Wednesday, November 5, 2025 | 6:00pm | WVSS Library

Policy & Procedure Form and Student Verification Form

ATTENTION FAMILIES! These items are due ASAP! [Policy and Procedures Form](#) and **Student Verification Forms (paper copy)**.

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

2026-2027 Admissions

Admissions for the 2026-2027 school year are open for all Kindergarten students and all Grade 1 –12 In-catchment students. Admissions for Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students opens at 8:00am on Thursday, January 15th, 2026. For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit [Admissions | West Vancouver Schools](#)

School Fees 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 School Course Fees are now available for payment on **School Cash Online** as of **Monday, October 6th**.

All school fees and field trips are added to this site and can be paid easily with this website: [School Cash Online](#)

If you have not signed in before, **you will need your child's Student Pupil number** which can be found on MyEd or on a previous report card. You can find School Cash Online - Registration Instructions here: [School Cash Online - Registration Instructions.docx](#)

Please contact [Jacqueline Bornea](#) in the main office if you have any questions or assistance with logging in.

Clubs 2025-2026

There are 65 clubs to choose from! Sign up in the coming weeks and join a group of students with similar interests to yours! [CLUBS 2025-26](#)

WVSS PAC Update

Growing Smiles Fundraiser



WVSS PAC is fundraising with the sale of a beautiful selection of winter holiday plants: Poinsettias, festive wreaths, elegant outdoor greenery and more! Fundraising will help the PAC to support scholarships, curricular purchases in support of the school, staff appreciation events, meet the teacher nights and more. Please visit the following link to place your order:

<https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

The deadline to order is **Sunday November 16th at 5:00 p.m.**

Order pick up is **Tuesday December 2nd between 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the South Campus Cafeteria.**

PAC Donation - School Cash Online

The 2025/2026 **Optional PAC Contribution** is available on School Cash Online. You have the option to choose one of three donation amounts: \$25, \$50, or \$75. You can contribute more than once and at any time throughout the year!

Please see this link,  PAC Optional Donation 2025-26.pdf , which highlights some of the things the PAC supported last year, as well as some further details.

Collaboration Time 2025-26

Please note that classes begin at **9:30am** 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 November 27, 2025.**

Graduation Assessment Dates

Please note that these Graduation Assessments are **required for graduation purposes.**

Parents/Guardians: Please avoid booking appointments during school hours during these assessment dates as they can only be completed during designated ministry time slots. Students will receive the exact day/time of their assessment before school closes for winter break.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Frith at Sofia Frith

January 12-16, 2026: Grade 10 students write the *Literacy 10* assessment.

January 19-23, 2026: Grade 12 students write the *Literacy 12* assessment.

June 8–12, 2026: Grade 10 students write the *Numeracy 10* assessment.

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:** be prepared with athletic clothing and running shoes.

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.**

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](#)

Useful Links

 **Reporting Absences/Lates:** West Vancouver Secondary School

 **WVSS Website:** [West Vancouver Secondary School](https://www.wvss.bc.ca)

 **Counselling Page:** [West Vancouver Counselling](https://www.wvss.bc.ca/counselling)

 **Athletics Website:** [Athletics](https://www.wvss.bc.ca/athletics)

 **West Vancouver School District:** [West Vancouver Schools](https://www.wvss.bc.ca)

 **Follow Us:**  @wearewvss

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

Celebrating WVSS Highlander Success

Provincial Honour Choir Members

Congratulations to our choir students who were selected from an audition across the province to perform in the **Provincial Honour Choir**. They performed at the Provincial Professional Day on October 24, 2025.

Eleah Church, Ethan Kim, Takae Mori, Annie Park



ROBOTICS

Students from WVSS and Sentinel participated in the **Young Defenders of the North Hackathon** at the SFU Wosk Centre in downtown Vancouver last Thursday, October 23. They competed against 22 other teams from the Vancouver area.

Second Place (from left to right): Ethan Wang (Gr 11, SE, CSAI), Ryn Mac (Gr 11, SE, CSAI), Michael Choi (Gr 11, SE, CSAI), **Sogand Emami (Gr 11, WVSS, CP11)**

- CSAI = Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence district program
- CP11 = Computer Programming 11



Below is the description of the **Young Defenders of the North Hackathon - Operation: Supply Chain Storm**

Description: It's a chaotic Monday morning at SiberTown Grocers, one of the nation's biggest distributors. Overnight, orders disappeared, delivery routes broke, and stores across the country are demanding answers.

The Situation: Warehouses are buzzing, vendors are panicking, and management has no idea what triggered the collapse. Your team has just been pulled in to make sense of the chaos armed with fragments of data, messages, and reports.

Your Mission - Analyze the evidence, uncover the source, and build a plan before the shelves go empty. Time is running out! Students were tasked to analyze the data, and build an incident response timeline - where it started, how it happened, and to provide suggestions on how to respond.