



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

## WVSS is an IB World School



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### October 9, 2025


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## Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September

- **Mond. Oct. 13:** Thanksgiving Holiday - Classes not in session
  - **Wed. Oct 15:** Admissions open for K-12 in catchment students
  - **Wed. Oct. 15:** Parents as Education and Career Coaches Webinar | 6:30-7:45pm
  - **Tues. Oct. 21:** School Photo Re-Takes (8am-10am)
  - **Thurs. Oct. 23:** Learning Update #1 posted on MyEd
  - **Frid. Oct. 24:** Professional Development Day (School not in session)
  - **Tues. Oct. 28:** WVSS Fall Concert | Kay Meek Theatre | 6:00pm
  - **Tues. Oct. 28:** Scholarship Information Webinar | 6:00 - 7:30pm
  - **Thurs. Oct. 30:** Collaboration Day (School begins at 9:30am)
  - **Frid. Oct. 31:** Halloween - Wear a costume if you wish!
  - **Wed. Nov. 5:** Grade 9 - Take our Kids to Work Day
  - **Tues. Nov. 11:** Remembrance Day (School closed)
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## **New Updates:**

### **2026/2027 Admissions**

 October 15, 2025 | 8:00am

Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year begins on Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and information, please visit [Admissions | West Vancouver Schools](#). Please carefully read the information regarding documentation procedures before starting the application process.

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### **Parents as Education and Career Coaches Webinar**

 October 15 | Webinar | 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

Did you know there are 25 public post-secondary institutions with over 4,000 programs across the province? Come explore all your opportunities at EducationPlannerBC. We'll show you how to use EducationPlannerBC's website to search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths.

Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C. [Register HERE](#)

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### **Scholarship Information Webinar**

 October 28 | Webinar | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Don't miss this very informative [Key to Scholarships Session](#) offered virtually on Oct.28th at 6:00PM.

Students in all grades and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is never too early to get started. This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building

your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships.

Through this seminar, we will debunk common scholarship myths and break down the complex process into a manageable form. Please see details on how to join this session on the link provided above. This session will not be recorded.

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## **DPAC Parent Night with Dr. Molly Lawlor**

Please see the following link for information and for registration. [DPAC Parent Night Molly Lawlor October 2025 \(1\).png](#)

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## **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.

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## **REMINDERS:**

### **Attention Grade 12s!**

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

- Order form closes on October 19, 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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## WVSS PAC Update



## Optional PAC Donation - School Cash Online

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to thank West Vancouver Secondary School parents who make the annual contribution to WVSS PAC to support their children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities.

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, [PDF PAC Optional Donation 2025-26.pdf](#), which highlights some of the things the PAC supported last year, as well as some further details. To allow us to continue with this support this year, please include the PAC Optional Donation on your School Cash Online fee payment. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year.

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## Clubs 2025-2026

There are 66 clubs to choose from! Sign up in the coming weeks and join a group of students with similar interests to yours! [CLUBS 2025-26](#)

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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 by 3pm**

Please contact Linda Caruth, [lcaruth@wvschools.ca](mailto:lcaruth@wvschools.ca) if you have any questions.

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## 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 MacGillivary and Jo-Anne McKee [Jo-Anne McKee](#)

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## Policy & Procedure Form and Student Verification Form

**ATTENTION FAMILIES! These items are due ASAP!** [Policy and Procedures Form](#)

Also due **ASAP** is the **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](#)

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## 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 October 30, 2025.**

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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!

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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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## **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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