



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



November 13, 2025



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders

- **Mon. Nov. 24:** Professional Development Day (School not in session)
 - **Tues. Nov. 25 - Dec. 6th:** Grad Photos - see below for more information
 - **Thurs. Nov. 27:** Collaboration Day (School begins at 9:25am)
 - **Frid. Nov. 28:** Learning Update #1 posted online
 - **Wed. Dec. 3:** Lockdown Drill (10:05am)
 - **Mon. Dec. 15:** Wonderville Evening Show | 6:00pm | Kay Meek Theatre
 - **Tues. Dec. 16:** Wonderville at WVSS
 - **Mon. Dec. 22 - Jan. 2nd:** School closed for Winter Break
 - **Mon. Jan. 5:** School opens (Regular Day 1- 1,2,3,4)
 - **Tues. Jan. 6:** Grade 7-8 Parent Information Night | 6:30pm | Kay Meek Theatre
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NEW UPDATES:

Parents guide to Social Media and Digital Devices:

[Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices](#)

REMINDERS:

Grad Photos:

Edge Imaging team is excited to be photographing the grads at West Vancouver Secondary this year. Limited appointments are available so please book your appointment early to get the best possible time for you.

Please arrive 10 minutes early for your appointment time. Formal Portraits ---Personal lifestyle photos will be available if you wish in addition to the traditional grad portraits. Edge Imaging offers a multitude of backgrounds, posing, and props in our custom Vancouver studio.

Please wear your favorite outfit. We encourage you to bring any personal accessories such as sporting equipment, musical instruments, etc. to commemorate this special milestone. Traditional Portraits --- For the traditional grad portrait sittings Edge Imaging will provide the gowns, sash, and cap. Gentlemen, please wear a dress shirt and tie. Ladies, please wear a mandarin collar or a V-neck. Please take note that the gown colour is black, and the sash colour is red.

Here is the link for the in-studio days: November 25th - December 6th.

[Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

Please note that the address of the studio is 15 Victoria Dr, Vancouver. Due to a recent increase in crime in the downtown area, students are advised not to travel there alone.

Here is the link for the two in school (WVSS Cafeteria) photo days: December 9th & 10th.

[Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

Athletics:

Winter Sports season is approaching! **All try out information and updated team lists are 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

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>

Deadline to order: Sunday, November 16th at 5:00 p.m

Pick up is Tuesday, Dec. 2nd between 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the South Campus Cafeteria.

Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser

If you prefer chocolates to foliage, we are also offering delicious **Purdys chocolates** to support our fundraising efforts. Please visit the following link to place your order:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/673156-130212>

Deadline to order: Wednesday, November 19th at 5:00pm

Pick up is on Tuesday Dec. 2nd between 2:00pm - 4:00pm at the South Campus Cafeteria.

The WVSS PAC thanks you for your support!

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, [PDF PAC Optional Donation 2025-26.pdf](#), which highlights some of the things the PAC supported last year, as well as some further details.

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.

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

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

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](#)

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](#)

Student Council 2025-2026

Here is the list of names of this year's Student Council: [PDF Student Council 2025-26.pdf](#)

Collaboration Time 2025-26

Please note that classes begin at **9:30am** on Collaboration Days. **Next Collaboration date is November 27, 2025.**

School Supplies

→ Students should bring lined paper, pen/pencil and ideally a laptop or Chromebook..

[PDF 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

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 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](#)

 **Follow Us:**  @wearewvss

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