WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School

February 12, 2026

Important Dates & Calendar Reminders

- **Frid. Feb. 13:** District Reading Break (School closed)
- **Mon. Feb. 16:** BC Family Day Holiday (School closed)
- **Thurs. Feb. 19:** Yoga Teacher Training Information Session | WVSS | 5:45pm
- **Tues. Feb. 24:** Critical thinking tests for admission to IB 11 or PDP 10 | WVSS Library | 3:00pm
- **Wed. Feb. 25**: Pink Shirt Day
- **Frid. Feb. 27**: Course Planning Requests deadline
- **Wed. March 4**: Lockdown Drill - 10:05am
- **Wed. March 4:** Parent Meeting for Through the Iron Curtain Trip | WVSS Library | 6:00pm
- **Thurs. March 5**: Collaboration Day - Classes begin at 9:30am
- **Frid. March 6**: Learning Update #2 Posted Online
- **Tues. March 10 - Thurs. March 12:** Theatre Production | Kay Meek Studio | 7:00pm
- **Mon. March 16 - Frid. March 27:** Spring Break (School not in session)

NEW UPDATES:

IB UPDATE

There is one last opportunity to take the critical thinking/writing tests for admission to IB 11 or PDP 10:

📅February 24, 2026 🕒 3:00pm | WVSS Library

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is a two-year, globally-recognized university preparatory programme for students in grade 11&12. We also offer a Pre-Diploma 10 Programme. Students can take the full Diploma or 1-3 standalone courses.
Information about IB and PDP, as well as the application form, can be found on our website: https://westvancouverschools.ca/ib/

Applications are due February 27.

Any questions? Please email Ms. Colhoun, IB Coordinator, at Nicola Colhoun

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Capilano University Access programs information session — March 5

Capilano University is hosting a virtual information session on Thursday, March 5 at 4 p.m. for students and their families to learn more about two Access programs designed to support students with learning differences: Discover Employability and Education and Employment Access. Both programs are full-time at the Capilano University North Vancouver main campus and start in September 2026.

Fashion Industry: WVS Premier Program

If you want to develop your design skills, create your own fashion projects, build a fashion portfolio, be a part of a fashion show, and explore your creativity, then join our class for 2026/27 school year.

For more information see Fashion Industry 12 poster or contact Ms. Peterson Vanessa Peterson

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Volunteers Needed: Challenger Baseball Buddy Recruitment

REMINDERS

WVSS Theatre Company Presents…

NOT ANOTHER MURDER PODCAST

A new play by **Julianne Hoyak**

📅March 10 - 12, 2026 🕖 7:00pm | KMC Studio Theatre

They say the past never really dies… it lingers… in old, stained letters, in dusty antique vases, in awkward internet takes we wish we never posted. They all have a story…

What starts as an excuse for not finishing a school project turns into a twisty-turny murder mystery involving a hometown hero... and a terrifying ghost. One podcast episode at a time, a team of meddling kids peel back the chilling layers of secrets until the shocking truth is revealed! This original production features a student-led cast and crew, comedic moments, spine-tingling costumes and special effects, AND live music by the WVSS Rockband!

🎟️ $15 advance tickets go on sale **March 2 during lunch in front of the WVSS cafeteria or at the door before each show.**

Content warning: flashing lights, haze, discussion of murder, and a super creepy ghost.

Grad Information

Grad 2026 Prom: Grads! This is a great way to celebrate your upcoming graduation! Don't miss out on ticket sales!

📅Friday, February 27, 2026 🕘 7pm - 11pm at the Stanley Park Pavilion

- DJ hosted dancing, Photobooth, Food Stations and passed canapés
- Tickets: $100 - **on sale** on School Cash Online from **Monday, February 2 to Friday, February 20.**
- Guest Applications (non WVSS grade 12s only) available in the counselling office.

Through the Iron Curtain European Tour

Parent Meeting

📅Wed. March 4, 2026 🕘 6:00pm | WVSS Library

The WVSS Social Studies department is planning an exciting international learning opportunity for students in **Grade 10-12 from April 14th-25th, 2027**, to Austria, Czechia, Slovakia and Germany:

> *Step into history on an unforgettable European tour. Students will explore key sites such as the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, Bunker BS-8, the Museum of Communism, and Mauthausen Concentration Camp, while also experiencing cultural highlights including St. Stephen's Cathedral, a Danube River cruise, Mount Kleť, and the Brandenburg Gate. The journey begins in Vienna, continues through Bratislava, Český Krumlov, Prague, and Dresden, and concludes in Berlin.*

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact **Dr. Christine Paget at cpaget@wvschools.ca** or **Mr. Trevor Stead at tstead@wvschools.ca.** You can also have your child join our **Google Classroom** using classroom code: **wkmajbv5**

West Vancouver Schools Premier Academy

The 2026-2027 **Premier Academies and District Programs** are open for registration! Please visit District Programs | West Vancouver Schools for further information.

Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Mechatronic Robotics

Premier Programs: Carpentry, Cybersecurity (AI and Quantum Computing), Early Childhood Education, Fashion Industry, FAST, Illuminate Choral Ensembles, Outdoor Recreation, Professional Cook 1, Yoga Teacher Training, YELL Entrepreneurship 12

2026-2027 West Vancouver Schools Admissions

K-12 admission applications for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on **January 15!** If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date. To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: West Vancouver Schools Admissions

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

West Van Run! March 7th and 8th

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for $45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for $15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools. **Register here - Schools**

WVSS – New Student Lunch Account Program

We're introducing an optional **Student Lunch Account Program** designed to make cafeteria purchases easier for families and faster for students. Parents can load funds online, and students pay using a secure QR code.

If you have questions, please contact Tony at Tony@geminifoods.ca or Geoff at Geoff@geminifoods.ca

Here are the full instructions: Student Account Program - SD45 - Gemini Foods.pdf
Support: accounts@geminifoods.ca

Feeding Futures Initiative

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare Feeding Futures initiative, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Collaboration Time 2025-26

Please note that classes begin at **9:30am** on Collaboration Days. **Next Collaboration date** is **March 5, 2026**

West Vancouver Highlander Athletics

You can now watch all of the Highlander basketball teams home games on our livestream by going to: hudl.fan.com and just type in "**West Vancouver Secondary**" in the search bar. We also have a YouTube network with all of our basketball games archived: West Van Highlanders Athletics - YouTube

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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

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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.

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.**

PAC News and Parent Education

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.

Parents guide to Social Media and Digital Devices:

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

For detailed information, please see the link HERE

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.