WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School

April 16, 2026

Important Dates & Calendar Reminders

- **Mon. April 27 - May 20**: I.B. Exams
- **Wed. May 6**: Grade 9 Immunization Catch Up
- **Frid. May 15**: Professional Development Day (School not in session)
- **Mon. May 18**: Victoria Day Holiday (School not in session)
- **Sat. May 23:** WVSS Graduation Banquet | Westin Bayshore Hotel | 6:00pm
- **Thurs. May 28:** Collaboration Day: Classes begin at 9:30am
- **Mon. June 8 - Frid. June 12**: Graduation Assessments - Numeracy 10
- **Thurs. June 11:** WVSS Year End Concert | Kay Meek Theatre | Time TBD
- **Frid. June 12:** WVSS Commencement 2026 | The Centre | 7:00pm
- **Wed. June 17:** Film & Animation Night | Kay Meek Theatre | 7:00pm
- **Thur. June 18:** WVSS Rock Band Concert | Kay Meek Theatre | 7:00pm
- **Mon. June 22**: Last day of regular classes
- **Tues. June 23 - Thurs. June 25**: Completion Days
- **Thurs. June 25:** Summary of Learning - posted online on MyEd
- **Frid. June 26:** Administration Day - Staff only at school

NEW UPDATES

📅 Graduation Assessment

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

Please note that these Graduation Assessments are **required for graduation purposes. Students will receive the exact day and time of their assessment in early May.**

Parents/Guardians: Please avoid booking appointments during school hours during these assessment dates as they can only be completed during designated ministry time slots. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Frith at Sofia Frith

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WVSS Sailing Club

Hollyburn Sailing, Ambleside Beach

Tuesdays 3:45 - 6:45 PM | April 28th to June 16th

No sailing experience necessary

Work towards your CanSail Certification

Come to the information meeting on Friday, April 17th at lunch in Room W348

Google Classroom: ykqfcqn

REMINDERS

Summer Learning Update

West Vancouver Schools is pleased to offer a rich and engaging Summer Learning Program for July 2026, available for both elementary and secondary students.
Programs are offered at:

- Ridgeview Elementary
- Irwin Park Elementary
- West Vancouver Secondary School

Registration Update
Summer Learning registration opened April 8–10 and many courses are full with active waitlists.

- If a course is visible in your School Cash Online account, space is still available.
- If a course is no longer visible, it is currently full.

Families may join waitlists through the Summer Learning webpage:
👉 https://westvancouverschools.ca/summer-learning/

Important Reminders

- Registration is completed online through School Cash Online.
- Students may register for one course only. Registering for more than one course may result in cancellation and loss of deposit.
- A $100 deposit is required and is refunded with attendance for the duration of the course.
- Placement is confirmed based on the order of completed registration and payment.

Non-WVS Students

Registration for students not currently enrolled in West Vancouver Schools will take place in person:

- May 13, 2026: Students living within the district but attending elsewhere
- May 20, 2026: Students living and attending outside the district

For full course descriptions, schedules, and policies, please visit:
👉 https://westvancouverschools.ca/summer-learning/

Junior Ignite District Choir – Registration Now Open!

Do you know a child in Grades 5–7 who loves to sing? The Junior Ignite District Choir offers students a wonderful opportunity to expand their vocal skills, explore diverse choral music, and grow as young musicians in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Led by Mrs. Suzanne Fulton, West Vancouver Schools' Choir Program Director, students receive high-quality instruction in:

- Healthy vocal technique
- Musicianship and ear training
- Singing in harmony
- Exposure to a wide range of choral repertoire

This district program is ideal for young singers who are motivated, cooperative learners and eager to deepen their musical experience beyond their school choir.

Program Details

- Who: Students in Grades 5–7
- When: Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00 PM
- Where: West Vancouver Secondary School – South Campus, Cafeteria Building, Room 64
- Cost: $70/month for 10 months ($700/year)
- Includes: Professional instruction, accompaniment, high-quality repertoire, uniforms, and team-building activities

How to Register

Applications for the 2026–2027 school year are now open!
👉 Register here: Junior Ignite District Choir | West Vancouver Schools

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Summer Learning - Student Worker International Program

Each year, West Vancouver Schools' International Programs offers a New Student Orientation program to elementary and secondary-level international students who have just arrived to begin their studies in our schools. Student Leaders form an important part of New Student Orientation. Student Leaders are mature, senior students (currently in grade 10 and 11) at our secondary schools who provide leadership to our international students to be successful. They help the international students become familiar with our local schools, community, and culture. Successful candidates should be available from August 25, 2026, to September 2, 2026. There may be additional opportunities to work with International Programs during the school year.

For more information and application processes, please see:
SS2026-04 Summer Learning - Student Worker (IP).pdf

Academy Program Registrations Grades 8 to 12 – Closing Soon!

If you are interested in registering for the Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Robotics (Grades 9-12), Soccer, Tennis or Volleyball Academy please complete a student registration form as soon as possible as space is limited and the 2026-2027 rosters are being set. Please click Academies to access more information and to submit a registration form. For further questions, please contact Tara Ledingham at tledingham@wvschools.ca .

HPV Vaccine available to Grade 10-12 students

The province is offering HPV vaccine to Gr 10-12 students who have not yet had a dose. Please see the brochure for more information: HPV Grade 10-12 Newletter insert (1).pdf

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Personal Digital Devices

West Vancouver Schools continues to focus on keeping learning spaces calm, focused, and supportive for students. Clear and consistent expectations around cell phones and other personal digital devices help reduce distractions and support student well-being throughout the school day.

- Cell phones and personal digital devices are used during instructional time only when explicitly permitted by staff
- Any device use is purposeful, supervised, and directly connected to learning

How families can support consistency:

- Avoid texting or calling students during school hours
- Model limited cell phone use when on school grounds
- Reinforce expectations at home so students receive the same message from school and family

A one-page Parent & Guardian Personal Digital Device Infographic is available for a clear summary of expectations.

2026-2027 West Vancouver Schools Admissions

K-12 admission applications are open. 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!

WVSS – Student Lunch Account Program

We have 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

West Vancouver Highlander Athletics

We have a YouTube network with all of our basketball games archived: West Van Highlanders Athletics - YouTube
In the Fall, you will be able to watch Highlander football home games on our livestream by going to: hudl.fan.com and type in "**West Vancouver Secondary**" in the search bar.

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

SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER - GROWING SMILES PLANTS

The fundraiser is *sold out!* Thank you for your support!
Pick-up all items at the South Campus Cafeteria on **Wednesday May 6th from 2:30pm-4pm.**

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:

Parents Guide to Social Media and Digital Devices

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 & 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