

WVSS is an IB World School

September 17, 2026



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September:

- **Frid. Sept. 18:** Gr. 8 Team Building Day at Fred Jopson Field, Ambleside
- **Thurs. Sept. 24:** Collaboration Day | **9:25am start**
- **Frid. Sept. 25:** Professional Development Day – Classes not in session
- **Tues. Sept. 29:** Meet the Teacher Evening | 5:30pm | WVSS
- **Tues. Sept. 29:** Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – **Wear Orange!**
- **Wed. Sept. 30:** Truth and Reconciliation Day - School Closed
- **Thurs. Oct 1st:** CUE - Canadian Universities Event | 6pm-8pm | WVSS Gym
- **Mon. Oct. 12:** Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed

NEW UPDATES:

Meet the Teacher Evening



Tuesday, September 29, 2026



5:00 - 5:30pm - Parent Social (Cafeteria)



5:30-5:50pm - Principal's Address (Old Gym)



5:50 pm: Parents to classrooms

We invite all parents/guardians to visit their child's classes, meet the teachers, and learn about classroom expectations and the year's curriculum. The evening will begin with an address from Principal Rauh and then parents will follow the schedule for day 1 and day 2 followed by a session for outside of the timetable classes.

ACTION ITEM:

- Please bring the [FILLABLE SCHEDULE](#) that your child will fill out.
- * **South campus teachers (rooms 51-64)** will meet you in the North campus cafeteria and new gym during the class rotation. The south campus will remain open from 5:00-8:30pm if you wish to walk through it at your own pace, before or after the event.
- We will have volunteers (in red shirts) on site to send you in the right direction but here is a [school map](#) so that you can plan out your route.

SCHEDULE FOR MEET THE TEACHER: [BELL SCHEDULE FOR meet the teacher](#)

PumpkinFest Student Volunteer Opportunity

Are you interested in volunteering at this year's PumpkinFest event? Here's what you need to know:

1. Date & Time: Sunday, October 4, from 10:00am–2:00pm
2. Volunteer Roles: We have a variety of positions to fill—sign up here: [PumpkinFest Volunteer Sign-Up](#)
3. When signing up for volunteering **please do not use your school email address** or you may not receive our messages and updates. **Please use your personal email address.**

Important: All volunteers must attend a short Zoom Orientation on Thursday, October 1 at 5:00pm (approx. 30 minutes).

Zoom link: [Join the Orientation](#)

For questions, please contact Sandy Sull at sandy.sullbains@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us spread the word—we're excited to welcome West Vancouver student volunteers to PumpkinFest again this year!

REMINDERS

Policy & Procedure Form AND Student Verification Form

- **Action Item:** District Policies & Procedures Form is **ONLINE**. All Parents **MUST** complete a West Van District Policy and Procedures online release form for each child every year: [2026–2027 Online Policies & Procedures Form](#).

- **Action Item:** Student Verification Form is **PAPER COPY**. Students will receive a Student Verification Form on Tuesday, Sept. 8. It is imperative this form is filled out, checked for errors, and returned to the **school office**.
- **Due date** for both forms: **Due Friday, Sep 11, 2026**
- Questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Avotins at
West Vancouver Secondary School

WVSS PAC 2026-2027

PAC Coffee Morning

All parents and caregivers are welcomed!

 Wednesday, September 23, 2026

 9:00 a.m.

 WVSS Cafeteria

North Campus, middle floor, central wing

Join the WVSS PAC Executive and Principal Mr. Rauh for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation, and community connection.

Mr. Rauh will share updates about plans and activities taking place during the first term, as well as some of the exciting opportunities available to students. Members of the PAC Executive will also be available to answer your questions and tell you more about how you can get involved. School branded merchandise will also be available.

If you are new to West Vancouver Secondary School, we especially encourage you to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers, connect with the school community, and start the year feeling informed and involved.

We look forward to welcoming you for coffee as we continue building a strong and connected school community.

CLUBS

Are you interested in leading a club? If so, fill out this [CLUBS APPLICATION FORM](#)



OR you may scan the following QR code:

Deadline to apply: Friday, September 25, 2026

All clubs require approval, so even returning club leaders must re-apply. You will be notified by email if your club is approved. Any questions? Please email Ms. Frith at

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CLUBS DAY is on Thursday, October 8, 2026

CUE-Canadian Universities Event

Thursday, October 1st, 6pm-8pm in the North Campus Gym at WVSS.

*Over 50 Post Secondary Institutions from across Canada will be represented.

WVSS – Student Lunch Account Program

We offer 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.

Benefits for families:

- One-minute setup
- Easy reloads anytime
- Balance and purchase visibility
- No cash or cards needed
- Secure and privacy-protected

This program reduces lineups and keeps lunch payments simple and predictable.

Here are the full instructions: [Student Account Program - SD45 - Gemini Foods.pdf](#)

Support: accounts@geminifoods.ca. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email: accounts@geminifoods.ca. If you would like to connect with us, please email

Tony@geminifoods.ca and Geoff@geminifoods.ca

Parent Code of Conduct

Parent/Guardians - please review the following Parent Code of Conduct

Student Lockers

Grade 8 students wanting a locker must ask Ms. Krieger in the south campus office and she will assign the student a locker with a lock to use for the school year. Lockers are assigned first come first served.

Grade 9 - 12 students who would like a locker in the North Campus must scan the QR code/form located outside the office to request one. You will be emailed your locker information once your request has been processed on **September 11, 2026**. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Bornea at jbornea@wvschools.ca.

WVSS Athletics

FALL 2026 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.schoolcashonline.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: Mr. MacGivillary
Cam MacGillivary and Ms. Taylor Patricia Taylor

Personal Digital Devices

As we start a new school year, we want to remind everyone of the Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations.

- **Secondary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations are in place during instructional time. Instructional time is during classes, assemblies and all school related learning activities. These guidelines are key to creating focused and engaging learning environments. [Parent PDD Infographic \(US Letter\)](#)

Our goal is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and

communication. However, they should not interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment.

What Families Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- **Encourage Balanced Screen Time:** Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
 - **Model Consistency:** Show your support by modeling mindful and appropriate device use.
 - **Support School Communication:** Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
 - **Stay Engaged:** Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.
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Student Parking

Students wishing to park in the WVSS student parking south lot, located below the track and along the fence leading up to the back of the school, must complete a **registration form and obtain a parking decal**. Both are available in the main office. Please note that there is a **\$20.00 fee**. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Bornea in the accounting office or email Ms. Bornea at jbornea@wvsschools.ca.

School Essentials

School Supplies

- ☐ Here is a recommended list of supplies for students:

 [WVSS SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST 26_27.pdf](#)

Bell Schedules

- For our updated schedules (***FIT schedule has changed**) please refer to [BELL SCHEDULES](#)
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2026-2027 Calendar

- Here is our [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)
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WVSS APP

Students and families will be able to use our WVSS APP to create and see their daily schedule, see a map of the school, request a course change, obtain school announcements, see all calendar events, social media posts, staff and school contacts and so much more!

Some class changes are still in progress. Teachers will show students how to use the app in class on Tuesday.

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 and late arrival to class 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 Text Messaging for Parents/Guardians

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.

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.

North Shore Settlement Workers In School (SWIS) Team

The Impact North Shore SWIS team offers many events and workshops for families across the community who are new to the BC School system. For more information, please see [Link for Info](#)

Additional Notices

- **E-Transport: Know Before you Buy or Ride - WVPD**
 - Please review this important information from the West Vancouver Police Department regarding e-transport: [e-Transport Infographic](#)
- **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](#)

 **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.
