



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY  E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School



October 8, 2026



Important Dates & Calendar Reminders for September:

- **Mon. Oct 12:** Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed
 - **Thurs. Oct 15:** Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Meeting for Grade 11 families | 7-8pm | WVSS Library
 - **Tues. Oct 20:** Photo Re-Takes
 - **Frid. Oct 23:** Professional Day (Classes not in session)
 - **Tues. Oct. 27:** WVSS Fall Concert | Kay Meek Theatre | 6:00pm
 - **Thurs. Oct 29:** Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:25am)
 - **Frid. Oct 30:** Interim Reports Published on MyEd
 - **Sat. Oct 31:** Happy Halloween!
 - **Wed. Nov. 4:** Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
 - **Wed. Nov. 11:** Remembrance Day - School Closed
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NEW UPDATES:

Admissions 2027/28

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the **2027/2028 school year** begin on **Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** for:

- All Kindergarten students
- All Grade 1-12 in-catchment students

Admissions for **Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students** open at **8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2027.**

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and requirements, families should visit the [West Vancouver Schools admissions webpage](#). Families are encouraged to carefully review the documentation requirements before beginning the application process.

School Fees 2026-2027

The 2026-2027 School Course Fees are now available for payment on School Cash Online as of **Monday, October 5th.**

- 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.pdf](#) here.

Please contact Ms. Bornea (jbornea@wvschools.ca) in the main office if you have any questions or assistance with logging in.

DPAC Parent Series: Future Ready - Growing Up in a Digital World

Please see the series below. Note that tickets can be purchased on **School Cash Online**

DPAC PARENT SERIES
FUTURE READY: GROWING UP IN A DIGITAL WORLD
Technology is shaping how children learn, communicate, create and engage with the world around them. Join West Vancouver Schools, the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and community and educational experts for a three-part series exploring the opportunities and challenges of growing up in a digital world. Through practical conversations, expert perspectives and useful strategies, families will learn how to support their children in an increasingly connected world.



SESSION #1 SCREEN TIME: FINDING BALANCE IN A DIGITAL WORLD
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the library at West Vancouver Secondary

Technology is an important part of how children learn, connect, and play. Join us as we explore healthy technology habits, the difference between productive and distracted screen use, and practical strategies for supporting balance at home.

Featuring Dr. Alex Choi together with West Vancouver Schools educational leaders.

Dr. Choi is the Chief Medical Officer with Vancouver Coastal Health and is dual-certified as a family physician and public health specialist. She holds an MD and a Master of Health Science, as well as CCFP and FRCPC designations. In her role, Dr. Choi provides health guidance to West Vancouver Schools and works with the VCH medical team to support practical approaches to managing the effects of heavy technology use on young people's sleep, physical activity and social-emotional development.

Tickets: \$10 each

SESSION #2 RAISING THINKERS IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)
Thursday, January 28, 2027 at 6:30 pm in the Kay Meek Main Theatre

Raising Thinkers in an Age of AI explores how artificial intelligence is changing the way children learn, create, and solve problems. Learn about opportunities and risks, practical strategies to support learning at home, and confidence in nurturing the critical thinking, creativity, and resilience that matter most for their child's future.

Featuring Future Design School Presenters

Tickets: \$20 each

SESSION #3 NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA, GAMING AND ONLINE LIFE
Wednesday, April 14, 2027 at 6:30 pm in the Kay Meek Studio Theatre

From social media to online gaming, today's digital world presents both opportunities and challenges. Explore ways to support positive online behaviour, healthy relationships, responsible decision-making, and digital citizenship.

Featuring members of the West Vancouver Police Department, together with West Vancouver Schools educational leaders.

Tickets: \$10 each

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ACCOUNT**

Grade 11 Students: Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze level

We are excited to announce that WVSS will once again be offering the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award** to Grade 11 students interested in completing their **Bronze Award**.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an internationally recognized program that encourages young people to:

- Develop new skills
- Improve their physical fitness
- Volunteer in their community
- Participate in an adventurous expedition

The program is non-competitive and designed to build confidence, resilience, leadership skills, and independence, while providing valuable experiences recognized by employers and post-secondary institutions.

For more information about the Award and the Bronze-level requirements, please visit the [Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in Canada](#).

Parent and Student Information Meeting | Thursday, October 15 | 7:00 p.m. | WVSS Library

- If you plan to attend the parent/student meeting, please fill out this [FORM](#) so that we can anticipate numbers.

Getting Started

- Check your **CLC Google Classroom** for information and updates.
- Join the **2026/2027 Duke of Edinburgh Award Google Classroom** using the code: **nhlu5ber**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. The staff members supporting the Award at WVSS are Mr. Campagnolo, Ms. Colhoun, and Ms. Frith.

WVSS Performing Arts Fall Concert: FALL FEST '26!

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30 PM, Kay Meek Grosvenor Theatre

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 27 and **FALL FEST '26!** - the first WVSS Performing Arts Concert of the year!

Groups performing will include Grade 8 Band, Orchestra, Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Rock Band and Dance!

 Tickets are only \$5 and will be available from teachers in class (B. Daudlin, S. Fulton, T. Mee & S. Vysohlid), at the main office, and at the door of the show. See you there!

Clubs Day!

All students had time in the gym today to meet the club leaders and learn about 54 clubs they could be a part of.

For a full list of clubs, please see: [WVSS CLUBS 2026-2027](#)

REMINDERS:

Counselling Corner - Language Challenge Exam

Students in gr. 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 11.

Please read the application and information on the requirements **THOROUGHLY** prior to filling out the application. [Click here](#)

***Note** that for Universities in Canada, a second language credit is no longer required for admissions.*

Applications are due to the WVSS counselling office no later than Friday, October 30thth, 2026. Please contact Linda Caruth, lcaruth@wvschools.ca if you have any questions.

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**.
 - Questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Avotins at
West Vancouver Secondary School
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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. 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

Safety First: E-Bike Helmet & Age Restriction Reminder

With the increase in e-bikes on campus, we ask parents to remind students that **helmets are mandatory** when riding to and from school. Additionally, please ensure your child meets the **legal age requirements to operate their specific e-transport device**.

Please review the [WVPD E-Transportation](#) with your child to ensure they are riding safely and legally.

Safe Driving Around WVSS

The safety and well-being of our students is always our top priority. We kindly ask for everyone's cooperation in driving safely and responsibly around campus. **Please remember to adhere to speed limits, avoid U-turns, and use designated drop-off areas rather than stopping in the middle of the road.**

These simple actions make a big difference in ensuring all our students get to and from school safely each day, especially as the days become shorter. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe!

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@wvschools.ca.

PAC UPDATES



PAC Optional Donations

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

The 2026/2027 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 the attachment here [PAC Optional Donation 2026-27](#) for a list of 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.



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 please refer to [BELL SCHEDULES](#)

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!

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

- **Parent Code of Conduct:**
 - Parent/Guardians - please review the following [Conduct for parents](#)
 - **E-Transport: Know Before you Buy or Ride - WVPD**
 - Please review this important information from the West Vancouver Police Department regarding e-transport: [WVPD E-Transportation](#)
 - **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 [Accommodation 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.

*Wishing you and your families a
wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!*

