WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY E-BULLETIN

WVSS is an IB World School

November 5, 2026

📅 Important Dates & Calendar Reminders

- **Wed. Nov. 11**: Remembrance Day - School Closed
- **Thur. Nov. 26**: Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:25am)
- **Frid. Nov. 27:** Professional Day (Classes not in session)
- **Mon. Nov. 30- Sat. Dec. 5**: Grad Photos (see below for more details)

⚡ Pending Action Items

- **Tues. Nov 17**: Holiday plant sale orders due
- **Tues. Nov. 24:** Purdy's chocolate orders due

NEW UPDATES

Grad Photos!

Edge Imaging team is excited to be photographing the grads at WVSS. Portraits will be photographed at WVSS in room C303. **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. 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.

Please use the link or QR below to sign up. Appointments are from November 30-December 4th from 3pm-9pm.

Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment

Grade 8 Girls Basketball coach needed!

We are looking for an enthusiastic coach for our Grade 8 Girls Basketball team!

- **Responsibilities:** Plan and lead team practices; coach and manage players during games.
- **Qualifications:** Minimum high school-level basketball playing or coaching experience required.

- **Selection Process:** The Athletics Department will interview prospective candidates to find the best fit for our program. If interested, please contact: Cameron MacGillivary and Patricia Taylor

Season: Mid-November to early February
Practices: 3–5 times per week (before or after school, scheduled by the coach)
Games: 1–2 games per week at 4:00 PM across the North Shore
League Philosophy: Grade 8 North Shore rules emphasize fair play, player development, and ensuring a fun, positive experience for all athletes.

West Vancouver Memorial Library

There is great information from our friends at the West Vancouver Memorial Library!

WVML November and December Schedule

Inclusive Art Exploration at Gleneagles Community Centre

Looking for a creative and welcoming community experience? Consider registering for the Inclusive Art Exploration, taking place at Gleneagles Community Centre on **November 18.** This registered program offers a supportive space for people of all ages and abilities to explore their creativity, connect with others, and enjoy hands-on art activities together. We encourage interested families to visit the WVCC website for **program details and registration information.**

REMINDERS

School Readiness: Keys to Student Success

Parents & Guardians: We encourage you to discuss these points with your child(ren) at home. Your support at home directly aligns with our efforts at school, as well as our Framework for Enhanced Student Learning (FESL) which focuses on fostering School Readiness.

1.Maximize Success with On-Time Starts: Arriving punctually positions students to capture essential learning, start the day with confidence, and make the most of every class.

- Build Habits for the Future: Strong attendance and punctuality directly reflect and predict long-term achievement, mirroring the key habits needed for success both at school and in the workplace.
- Canadian K–12 data shows that daily habits, especially arriving on time in the morning, directly correlate with course completion and skill retention, serving as the strongest foundation for future career reliability: ED Can Network Article: School Absenteeism in Canada

2. Build Confidence Through Night-Before Prep: Charging devices, organizing backpacks, and choosing outfits before bed sets up a smooth, stress-free morning.

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. 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.

Policy & Procedure Form AND Student Verification Form

- **Action Item**: 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.**
- 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

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Transportation & Safety

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

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

Our **Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser** is raising funds for the **WVSS PAC** to support school needs and activities for our kids to enjoy. Every purchase makes a difference — Thank you for your support!



https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000033854

- **Order Deadline**: **November 24th**
- **Order Pickup**: **December 3rd @ 2:30 to 4:00 pm at South Campus Cafeteria**

HOLIDAY PLANTS



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 support scholarships, curricular purchases, staff appreciation events, meet the teacher nights and more. Please visit the following link to place your order:

https://westvansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home

- **Order Deadline: Tuesday, November 17th at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Order Pickup: Thursday, December 3rd between 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the South Campus Cafeteria.**

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

Clubs

- For a full list of clubs, please see: WVSS Clubs 2026-2027

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 School Calendar 2026-27

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, social media posts, staff and school contacts and so much more

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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 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.

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

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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
