



# WVSS Special Information Bulletin

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back from what will undoubtedly be a Spring Break we will all remember for a long time. I hope that you and your families are healthy and safe as we move into unfamiliar territory with regards to the remainder of our 2020 school year. This is uncharted territory for all of us and we will be doing everything we can to support the students and families of our school community.

Earlier this week, Superintendent Kennedy sent out a letter to all West Vancouver Schools families outlining our district's plan to ensure a *Continuity of Learning* for our students. Moving forward, learning at West Vancouver Secondary School will look different for our students. Please understand that our intent is not to replicate normal classroom instruction, but rather to provide opportunities for home learning during this very challenging time. The purpose of this email is to provide families with school-based updates and information specific to next week. We will continue to provide regular updates as planning develops and additional information becomes available.

## Timelines for March 30 - April 3

- Next week staff will be reconnecting, planning and building their capacity to provide opportunities for learning remotely.
- By mid-week, your child and/or you can expect communication from their teacher(s) to check-in.
- By Friday of next week, we are hoping that teachers will be in a position to provide students and families with a general learning overview for week two - focusing on essential learning.

## Access to the School Building

- If a student needs brief access to the building in order to pick up essential materials, please email Ms. Tanfara at [ctanfara@wvschools.ca](mailto:ctanfara@wvschools.ca). Please include your name, grade, item to be picked up and the location in the school. Access times will be scheduled to ensure we are following Public Health guidelines. We will email you back with a specific date and time. In the meantime, please do not physically come to school, scheduled time will be for later next week.

## Access to technology and remote learning

- We anticipate that the majority of communication and learning will occur through our approved digital platforms, more specifically Google Classroom and the G-Suite of Tools.
- If you do not have a device or do not have access to the internet at home, please contact Ms. Tanfara at [ctanfara@wvschools.ca](mailto:ctanfara@wvschools.ca)

### **How to Contact the School?**

- If you are needing to contact school personnel, please use email. You can find a list of staff emails [here](#). As stated above, teachers will be working to develop plans next week and we are confident they will be in contact by Friday with a plan for the following week.

### **Supporting Remote Learning for Students and Families**

As mentioned above, we anticipate that the majority of communication and learning will occur through our approved digital platforms. Teachers will share learning opportunities with students. Below are some helpful suggestions that may support remote learning.

- Engage in the learning opportunities that present themselves
- Encourage students to connect with their teachers regularly through our digital platforms
- Develop a daily home routine where possible
- Create a physical learning space at home
- Monitor online activity and ensure that students take frequent breaks away from technology
- Encourage physical activity and exercise
- Practice patience and ease into remote learning
- Maintain social connections by keeping in touch with friends and classmates remotely
- Maintain physical distancing and follow public health guidelines

### **Additional Resources**

The Ministry of Education has published a [FAQ document](#) regarding the Continuity of Learning. It may be a helpful resource for questions you may have.

On behalf of the entire staff at WVSS we look forward to supporting all of our students and their families during this unusual time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns

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*Please direct any comments or questions about the contents of this Bulletin to [Mr. S. Anderson](#), Vice-Principal.*