



# WVSS Information Bulletin

## A Weekly Update of School Information For Parents and Guardians

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Student Email Issues**

We have received some reports that students have not been receiving some email communication from teachers. We are asking parents to remind their students of the following as we work to determine the issues:

1. We are only using the students school district email address ending in @edu.sd45.bc.ca
2. If students have not received communication from teachers please reach out to them.
3. Have students check their "Spam/Junk" Folder for an email titled [sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca) as class communication may be coming through the MyEducation BC Server.

### **Attendance/Student Contact Tracking During Remote Learning**

The Ministry of Education has instructed schools to keep a basic record of "Attendance/Contact" with students over the course of remote learning. Teachers and schools have the responsibility to track and report student contact in order to ensure students are safe and receiving opportunities for ongoing learning. Student contact is defined as a two-way communication between teacher and student/parents. If teachers are unable to connect with a student remotely during the week, the teachers or a school staff member will be reaching out to families to ensure students are receiving communication and have what they need in order to continue with remote learning.

### **Video Conferencing - Google Meet**

We have been fielding questions regarding the use of Video Conferencing with students. Many districts have been using programs like Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Our district is working with Google and we have activated the Google Meet feature within students G-Suite School Accounts. We have been deliberate in ensuring the safety and privacy of our students and staff in the use of such platforms. We have attached a letter to this email outlining the use of Video Conferencing at the school. For now only the one-way video streaming has been made available and we believe shortly we will have the two-way conferencing available.

### **2020-2021 Student Course Requests**

Returning WVSS students have made their course requests for the 2020-2021 school year. As we prepare to build next year's timetable we ask you to review these requests with your child. Please [click here](#) for Family Portal Navigation Guide for details to access the requests. If your child wishes to make changes to their requests, please have them email with their school counsellor.

### **Stay Informed: Keep Your Address & Contact Information Up to Date!**

All Parents and Guardians will receive this e-bulletin by email each Thursday and we hope you will make it part of your routine to browse through it and keep up to date on school information and upcoming events. In addition, the student absence system makes contact daily by telephone to alert parents of unexcused absences. From time to time the school will also send documents and information to homes

by regular mail. To ensure that you stay informed in all of these ways, please contact the school office and let us know if you change your email, phone contact information or move to a new address.

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