



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- APRIL 2025

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətaɬ Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory École Windsor Secondary resides.

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 1

[Autism Acceptance Month](#)

APRIL 2

8:00am - University of Waterloo Euclid Math Contest
(Grade 12 students)

APRIL 6

7:00pm - Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences
booking window opens (see page 4)

APRIL 7

12:50pm - Spring Teams Group Photos
7:30pm - WPAC meeting (Library)

APRIL 9

[International Day of Pink](#)

8:30 - Gr. 12 Mandatory Meeting (multipurpose rm)
8:00am-4:00pm - Ministry Assessments - Gr. 10 Numeracy
(details to follow)

APRIL 10

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(details to follow)

APRIL 11

[Day of Silence](#)

2025-26 Course Verification Forms sent home

APRIL 12-20

[Passover](#)

APRIL 13

11:59pm - Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences
booking window closes (see page 4)

APRIL 14

[Vaisakhi](#)

Gr. 9 Immunizations 9 (make-up)

APRIL 16

Gr. 8 Rotation #3 ends

APRIL 17

Gr. 8 Rotation #4 starts

APRIL 18

[Good Friday Statutory Holiday](#) (school closed)

APRIL 20

[Easter](#)

APRIL 21

Easter Monday (school closed)

APRIL 22

[Earth Day](#)

APRIL 23

2025-26 Course Verification Forms returned to school

8:00am - Windsor Family of Schools Intermediate
Music Festival (Large Gym)

APRIL 24

Spring Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences
(see page 4)

1:00pm - Student early dismissal for Parent-Teacher
Learning Conferences (see page 5)

APRIL 25

1:00pm - Student early dismissal

APRIL 28

[National Day of Mourning \(half-mast\)](#)

APRIL 30

[Administrative Professionals Day](#)

9:50 - Student Late Start for Staff Collaboration
(see page 5)

8:00am - Geography 12 Field Trip to the Britannia
Mine Museum

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

The Senior Boys Basketball team won the AAA Basketball Provincial Championship against Saint Thomas More Collegiate 66-58. This is the First Senior Boys Basketball championship in Windsor's history.

Read the article about the team on [Varsity Letters](#).

Hear teammates Emmet Ward and Oscar Rouillard on [CBC](#).



JUVENILE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

The Juvenile Girls Basketball team had a historic season, with a perfect 29-0, winning all four tournaments they entered (including a grade 10 tournament), and finally winning the Provincial Championship.



GYMNASTICS TEAM

The Windsor Gymnastics Team won 2nd place at Provincials! The Girls Team came 2nd, and the Boys Team won 3rd place.

SPRING PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES

APRIL 6

7:00pm - Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences booking window opens. An email with login details will be sent home in the first week of April.

APRIL 13

11:59pm - Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences booking window closes

APRIL 24

Spring Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences

The Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences will take place in two sessions:

Session 1- 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Session 2- 6:00pm to 8:00pm

- Appointments will be 5 minutes in duration each.
- Please follow the bell schedule to keep all appointments running on time.
- It is important to know your child(ren)'s teachers' names prior to selection time, so please confirm this with your child(ren).
- The system does not permit back-to-back bookings in order to allow parents/guardians time to walk through the school to their next appointment location.

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

APRIL 24 & 25

1:00PM - Early Dismissal for Spring Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences Bell Schedule (Early dismissal)		
Thursday, April 24th	Friday, April 25th	
No tutorial	No tutorial	
Period 2	Period 6	8:30 – 9:30 am
Period 3	Period 7	9:35 – 10:35am
Break	Break	10:35 – 10:55am
Period 1	Period 5	10:55 – 11:55 am
Period 4	Period 8	12:00 – 1:00 pm

APRIL 30

9:50AM - Student Late Start for Staff Collaboration

Staff Collaboration Day Bell Schedule- Late Start for Students	
Collaboration time - no tutorial	8:30 am – 9:50 am
Period 2	9:50 am – 10:50 am
Period 3	10:55 am – 11:55 am
Period 1	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lunch	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Period 4	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

GRAD BANQUET 2025

Windsor Grad Banquet Tickets



ON SALE APRIL 14-MAY 9

ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 21ST, 2025

**WHERE: VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE
WEST**

WHO: GRADS, THEIR FAMILIES AND GUESTS

COST: TICKETS ARE \$155/PERSON

TABLE CAPTAIN SHEETS:

- TABLES FIT UP TO **10 PEOPLE**
- GRADS MUST SIT WITH THEIR FAMILIES
- PROVIDE THE **FULL NAME** OF EACH PERSON SITTING AT YOUR TABLE
- HAND IN YOUR SHEETS, SELECT A TABLE AND PICK UP YOUR TICKETS FROM **ROOM 410** ON MAY 14 AT LUNCH



Congratulations!
GRAD

GRAD BANQUET 2025- Ticket Procedure

Tickets for this year's graduation banquet will go on sale starting April 14th. Here are the relevant details you need to know when purchasing your tickets:

- Date of event: Saturday June 21st, 2025
- Time of event: Group Grad photo at 5:15pm followed by individual photos by GradsBC, doors open at 6:00pm, and dinner is served at 6:30pm
- Location of event: Vancouver Convention Centre West

How to buy tickets:

- Tickets will be available for sale from April 14th – May 9th
- Payments can be made through the school cash online website:
<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Tickets are \$155 each. One ticket is required per person (including graduates)
- There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased by each graduate and their families/guests.

What do to once tickets are purchased:

- Decide who you would like to sit with at the event
- Pick up one [table captain sheet](#) from the “Grad Info” board in the cafeteria or print one from the MS Teams Grad Info page and fill it in with the full names of each person sitting at the table
- Tables will seat up to 10 people comfortably and grade 12 students must sit with their families and guests
- Bring your table captain form to room 410 on May 14th at lunch to pick a table and pick up your tickets for the event
- All attendees must present their ticket at the door upon arrival to the banquet
- Any tables with fewer than 8 people may be filled with graduates and their families as needed

Questions?

- Contact Ms. Wood, Ms. Anderson or Ms. Lum (Grad Council sponsor teachers) by email
- Ask a member of your Grad Council!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Windsor would like to raise the awareness of families around the importance of attendance and its relation to student outcomes. Attendance matters: research has shown that students who attend less than 90% of the time (this is the equivalent to ½ day per week; students who miss several consecutive days are even more at risk) have greater academic struggles, disengage from school, and are at risk for not graduating. It also removes them from social circles and can make it challenging for them to reintegrate back with friends, particularly if they have missed important social bonding situations. Please see the [Attendance Matters document](#) which includes some important information for supporting your child's attendance.

ICBC MOCK CRASH

On May 15th, ICBC will visit Windsor for a mock crash event to educate Gr. 11 and 12 students about the dangers of unsafe driving. An email to parents /guardians and Teams message to students will be sent out in April with more details.

STAFF CHANGES

IT- Ashley Bennet has moved to Kelowna and Graham Baigent will be taking over her classes.

Learning Services Teacher - Christine Bernier, returning from Maternity Leave

Educational Assistant - Derek Wong

Educational Assistant - Asma Dadar

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Windsor students and staff attended Hoobiye, an incredible celebration of Nisga'a culture and community, at the PNE on February 28th.



LIBRARY

This year the [Windsor Library & Learning Commons](#) has been lucky to benefit from a group of energetic leadership students who are part of the [Leadership 11](#) course being offered at Windsor. They are a hard-working team of students (shown below) who are interested in promoting literacy as well as fostering a welcoming and inclusive space and engaging library collection. Their dedication has been inspiring!

Since September 2024, this team has created fabulous bilingual displays based on local or national themes and events, initiated reading contests, supported the library staff with the circulation and shelving of library materials, managed the Windsor social media account [@windsorwolves.library](#), and much more.



LIBRARY

Starting this month, the Library Leadership team is embarking on a **NEW** project—to **build a Library Advisory Committee**! For this endeavour, the team is seeking other students who would like to be involved in helping to shape the future of the library and its collection. The Library Advisory Committee will meet monthly to discuss ideas and recommendations for books, projects, games, and activities that the Windsor community would like to see. All are welcome!

For more information about this exciting new volunteer opportunity with the Library Advisory Committee (volunteer hours can be earned), please see the poster below and scan the QR code.

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE





PURPOSE:

To empower students to help shape the library's collection, activities, and overall environment by gathering ideas and feedback for improvement.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Open to all students.
Students with a passion for books, games, events, or making the library a more engaging space.





WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING?

Meeting with others and discussing ideas and recommendations for books, activities, or games etc that the windsor community would like to see in the library.

MEETING TIMES

1-2 times per month (To be discussed).



Join Today! Shape the Future of Your Library!



"YOUR IDEAS, OUR LIBRARY!"

SCHOOL FEES

Course fees have been added to your account. Please login to [School Cash Online](#) to make the payment. We appreciate the prompt payment of these fees so the teachers are able to purchase the supplies required for this school year as soon as possible.

Note that students with outstanding athletic and school fees will not be able to pick up their Yearbooks or Grad Gowns in June until their accounts are up to date.

ATTENDANCE

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

- Email windsor@sd44.ca (preferred) *

Please remember to include the words
absence or **attendance** in the subject line

- or Call Attendance Line: 604-903-3707

WHEN REPORTING ABSENCES

-You may report an absence on same the day until 3:00 p.m., in advance for a future date if you know ahead of time, or for previous dates that were missed.

Please indicate:

- Student First Name
- Student Last Name (if leaving a voice message please spell the last name)
- Grade
- Date of absence (whole day/portion of the day)
- Explanation for absence ("excused", "ill", "appointment", "vacation").

It is critical that student absence explanations are specific to ensure accurate reporting to the School District and Public Health Unit, when necessary.

- Your name & relationship with the student. (Only messages from parents and legal guardians are accepted)

PARKING AT WINDSOR

Parking is at a premium during the school day and with the need to provide adequate parking for school and district staff, guests, community, and students, we request that everyone adheres to the parking guidelines we have in place.

1. Broadview Lot: Parking is for school & district staff and visitors. Students may not park in this lot. Parents, please park in the available visitor spots. Please do not drop off students in the Broadview parking lot.

2. Lytton Lot: Parking is for staff and students.
If this lot is full, students will need to park off school site.

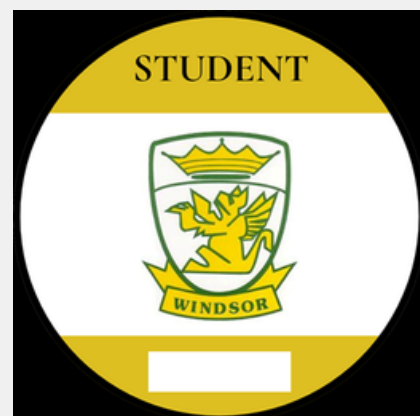
We have also noted an increase in the number of vehicles parked illegally including in areas clearly marked as no parking. For example, vehicles parked in yellow zones, areas marked for emergency vehicles, and in front of waste disposal bins.

While we have been reluctant to do so, having vehicles towed is an option. Vehicles parked in no parking zones and students who continue to disregard the parking guidelines may be towed. If your vehicle is towed, please contact Payless Auto Towing.

In order to park at Windsor students must:

- register their vehicles in the office
- adhere to the parking regulations
- display decal on their windshield

We continue to encourage students to walk or take transit to school.



FOOD ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

Windsor has had, for a number of years, a food access program available for students in need. This year we increased the visibility and access to food by setting up a hot and cold water station with a microwave on the 300 level. There are a number of breakfast and snack items available. We encourage students to bring a bowl and spoon for some items. We want to make sure that as a community we are looking out for each other and those students who are in need are priority for this program.

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Contact information

Please ensure your contact information, especially email and phone number, are up to date. You can see the contact information that Windsor has in MyEd. MyEd is also where you can access your students' timetable, report cards and attendance records.

[My Ed BC Portal Tips & Resources](#)

When changing your mailing address, please attach a copy of proof of address. An example would be a utility bill, BCID, Drivers Licence, credit card invoice etc.

Vacations and Extended Absences

If a student is away for more than a couple of days, parents need to fill in a Student Extended Absence form, to be signed by teachers. The form can be found on the [Windsor website](#).

Thank you for helping us keep up to date!