



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- FEBRUARY 2025

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 1

[Black History Month](#)

[National Inclusive Education Month](#)

FEBRUARY 3

7:30pm - PAC meeting (library)

FEBRUARY 5

8:30am - Grade 12 Mandatory Meeting
(multipurpose room)

FEBRUARY 10

7:00pm - AP (Advanced Placement) Psychology
Course Info Night - Online ([click for link to meeting](#))

FEBRUARY 11

[International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

6:00pm - Grad Semi-Formal
(Seymour Golf & Country Club)

FEBRUARY 14

[Valentine's Day](#)

District Wide Professional Day (no classes)

FEBRUARY 15

[National Flag of Canada Day](#)

FEBRUARY 17

[Family Day \(statutory holiday\)](#)

FEBRUARY 18

10:30am - International students photos

11:30am - Grad Yearbook Photos

1:10pm - Winter Teams Group Photos

FEBRUARY 24

11:40am - Gr. 8 Course request entry in MyEd (period 6 class)

6:00pm - Spring Coaches & Sponsors Athletics meeting
(room 218)

7:00pm - Spring Parent and Student Athletics meeting
(multipurpose room)

FEBRUARY 26

[Pink Shirt Day](#)

8:00am - University of Waterloo Math Contests- Pascal, Cayley
& Fermat Grades 9, 10 & 11 (see page 7)

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

11:40am - Gr. 8 Course request entry in MyEd (period 6 class)

FEBRUARY 27

7:00pm - Windsor Interact Club Entertainment Night 2025
(multipurpose room, see page 4)

FEBRUARY 28

[Ramadan](#) begins

11:40am - Gr. 8 Course request entry in MyEd (period 6 class)

Gr. 9-11 Course request entry due in My Ed

2025 STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY - FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

The Ministry of Education 2025 Student Learning Survey is now open for all **Parent** responses.

North Vancouver School District 44 is participating in the 2025 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Grade 10 and 12 students, school staff, and parents/guardians of Grades 10 and 12 participate in this survey each year providing feedback to our schools, school district, and provincial system.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
 - a. Select the “Parents” icon
2. On the dropdown menu:
 - a. District: 44 North Vancouver
 - b. School: Windsor Secondary
 - c. Language: English or French
 - d. Click “Logon”

Thank you for sharing your views with us here at Windsor and the North Vancouver School District.

CAREER EDUCATION

SD44 offers a variety of Career Education Programs and Opportunities; find them at [Career Pathways - Career Pathways 44 \(sd44.ca\)](#). Below are brief descriptions of the different programs:

Work Experience (WEX 12A/B)

- Provides hands-on work experience for Grade 10-12 students, the majority volunteer
- Work placements based on students' interests and future career paths
- Course includes pre and post placement work and students must complete 90 work hours

Youth Train in Trades (YTIT)

- In conjunction with SkillsTradeBC for Grade 11-12 students
- Students attend a trades training class at a local high school, a partner post-secondary institute (BCIT or VCC) or a certified training facility for a trades program such as electrician, professional chef, carpentry, welding, trades discovery, etc.
- Tuition covered by sd44; seats are limited and application deadline is end of February
- [Youth Train in Trades - Career Pathways 44 \(sd44.ca\)](#) for more info and requirements

Early Childhood Education Assistant

Health Care: Dual Credits

- Health Care Assistant
- Medical laboratory Assistant

Youth Work in Trades (YWIT)

- Offered to Grade 11-12 students in conjunction with SkillsTradeBC
- work as a paid apprentice and earn apprenticeship training hours while in high school
- Receive up to 16 credits (120 hours per 4 credits) and a possible \$1000 scholarship
- For students working under a certified trades person or connected to someone in the trade
- The work schedule is built around students' school timetables

Another great site to visit is the [WINDSOR WORK EXPERIENCE BLOG](#). Windsor Work Experience Blog where students can find volunteer and paid job opportunities, as well as open houses and job fairs. Some positions and opportunities are available only to WEX students, but many are open to all.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Ms. C. Misceo (WEX Teacher).

WINDSOR INTERACT'S ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

WINDSOR INTERACTS ANNUAL...

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT



FEBRUARY 27TH 2025

Join us for Interact's biggest
night of the year with an
exciting talent show from
students at Windsor!

Check out our virtual
Silent Auction!

TICKET PRICES:

**\$5 FOR STUDENTS
\$10 FOR ADULTS**



All proceeds go to BC Children's hospital and Action Against Hunger
Organization

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 26

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 5	9:50 am – 10:50 am
Period 6	10:55 am – 11:55 am
Period 7	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lunch	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Period 8	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

ULTIMATE

ULTIMATE DROP-IN *sessions*

JAN 24TH
JAN 31ST
FEB 7TH
FEB 21ST

3:15PM
-
4:30PM

BRING CLEATS
+ A WHITE &
A DARK SHIRT

ALL DROPINS WILL BE HELD AT

WINDSOR BUBBLE

GRADES

8-12

CO-ED



SENIOR TEAM TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 24TH-28TH
JUNIOR TEAM TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD MARCH 3RD-7TH

2025 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH CONTESTS

The University of Waterloo develops and administers many internationally recognized contests to help to inspire the next generation of students to develop an interest in and love for mathematics and computer science. If you enjoy mathematics or computer science and want to think about these areas in a different way, then you should write a contest. You don't have to be the best student or even one of the top students in your class to do well or get some enjoyment out of a contest.

PASCAL, CAYLEY & FERMAT – FOR GRADE 9, 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

Grade 9, 10 and 11 students can write their appropriate contest on Wednesday, February 26 during tutorial times in the morning.

There is a \$6.75 contest fee so any student wishing to participate in the Pascal (Grade 9), Cayley (Grade 10) or Fermat (Grade 11) contest must register prior to the entry deadline of Friday, February 7, 2025, in [School Cash Online](#). No late registration will be accepted.

Please register your child for the appropriate grade level contest:

Grade 9 – Pascal

Grade 10 – Cayley

Grade 11 – Fermat

EUCLID CONTEST – FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Contest will be written on Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:30-11:00am (during tutorial and periods 2 and 3).

There is an \$19.00 contest fee so any student wishing to participate in the Euclid (Grade 12) contest must register prior to the entry deadline of Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 3:00pm, in [School Cash Online](#). No late registration will be accepted.

Preparation material can be found on the CEMC website at

https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/euclid_eWorkshop.html.

NORTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Programs at

Teen Advisory Group

- TAG tackles everything from décor and displays to offering insight on teen collections and library policies. For grades 8-12.
- Monthly meetings at the Lynn Valley, Capilano, and Parkgate branches. See our event calendar for details. Regular attendance is encouraged!
- Earn one volunteer hour each meeting.
- We have snacks and activities. Just show up!

Queerly Quilled

- A teen-led activity club for 2SLGBTQIA+ teens and allies. For grades 7-12.
- Monthly meetings at the Lynn Valley branch. See our event calendar for details.
- We have snacks and activities. Just show up!

Read & Review

- Read Advance Reading Copies of soon-to-be-published books and share your reviews. For grades 7-12.
- Monthly meetings at the Lynn Valley branch. See our event calendar for details.
- Earn two volunteer hours for each review.
- We have snacks and activities. Just show up!

Volunteer Opportunities

While we don't have regular ongoing volunteer opportunities, we invite teens in grades 8-12 to email us at tag@nvdpl.ca to request to join our volunteer call-out list. When we do have opportunities, we will reach out to teens on our list with details of what we're looking for!

Some examples of possible volunteer opportunities include Book Buddies, Tech Tutors, and helping out with library events.

For more info visit nvdpl.ca/teens or email tag@nvdpl.ca

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 MATTERS

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.

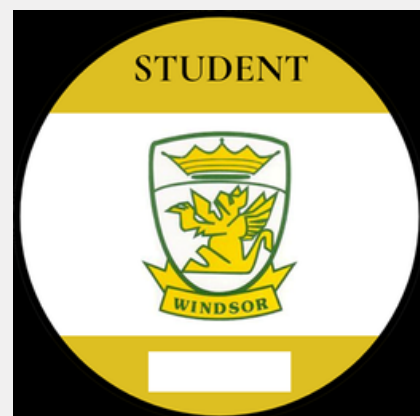
We have also noted an increase in the number of vehicles parked illegally including in areas clearly marked as no parking. For example, vehicles parked in yellow zones, areas marked for emergency vehicles, and in front of waste disposal bins.

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!