



# École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER- APRIL 2026

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:

**APRIL 1**

April Fools' Day

**APRIL 3**

Good Friday (School closed)

**APRIL 5**

Easter Sunday

**APRIL 6**

Easter Monday (School closed)

**APRIL 9**

Spring team photos

[Vimy Ridge Day](#)

**APRIL 10**

ICBC road safety speaker [Kevin Brooks](#) for Gr 11 & 12

**APRIL 14**

First Responders Charity Basketball game in large gym from 6:00 pm

**APRIL 15**

School wide lock down drill.

**APRIL 16**

Gr 8 rotation 3 ends

**APRIL 17**

Gr 8 rotation 4 starts

**APRIL 21**

Numeracy 10 Assessments

**APRIL 22**

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[Earth Day](#)

**APRIL 28**

[National Day of Mourning](#)

**APRIL 29**

Staff Collaboration Day (Student late start 9:50 am)

## PARENT INPUT - STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY WITH THE BC MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Student Learning Survey is completed every year by students in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 in schools across British Columbia. The survey asks questions about experiences in school, the learning environment, health and well-being, and reflections about how students are improving as a learner. Responses are also gathered from school staff and our parent community. Your responses are used to improve the education system in BC.

Your responses are confidential and protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

1. Click on the link to access the survey: [2025-26 Student Learning Survey](#)
2. Select our school district '44 North Vancouver' from the drop-down menu
3. Select 'Windsor Secondary' as the school



## SMARTPHONES AND LEARNING: WHAT THE RESEARCH IS SHOWING

Researchers wanted to know whether having your smartphone nearby, even if you're not using it, affects how well you can think and focus. They ran experiments where people took memory and problem-solving tests under different conditions:

- phone on the desk
- phone in a pocket or bag
- phone in another room

Here's what they found:

1. Just having your phone nearby makes it harder to think clearly. Even when the phone is turned off and face-down, part of your brain is still paying attention to it. This uses up mental energy that could be used for learning or problem-solving.
2. People did better on thinking tasks when their phone was in another room. Students performed the best when their phone wasn't physically present at all.
3. Most people don't realize their phone is distracting them. Participants felt like they were fully focused, but their test scores showed otherwise.
4. Even without buzzing or lighting up, the phone still pulls at your attention because your brain is used to checking it.

[Brain Drain: The Mere Presence of One's Own Smartphone Reduces Available Cognitive Capacity | Journal of the Association for Consumer Research: Vol 2, No 2](#)

We will continue strongly encourage students to use their personal lockers to store their schoolbags and phones during class time.

Student Council presents




**CHARITY  
BASKETBALL  
GAME**

**WINDSOR  
SENIOR  
STUDENTS** **VS** **NORTH SHORE  
FIRST  
RESPONDERS**

**TUESDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM**  
**WINDSOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- SPECIAL GUESTS ●
- 10\$ /TICKET ●
- HALFTIME SHOW ●



The annual Windsor Secondary charity basketball game is being hosted on April 14th 2026 at 6pm in our **large gym**.

The game featuring Windsor students vs. North Vancouver first responders for a friendly and competitive match.

The ticket price is \$10 and all proceeds support local charities!



## Writing Contest Winner



One of our grade 9 students, Mira Eroglu won the North Vancouver District Public Library teen writing contest for 2025. **The book is now available to read in the teen section at your local NVDPL**

[2025 Teen Writing Contest Winners](#)

## CHESS TOURNAMENT: WINDSOR HOSTED SEYCOVE

Windsor Chess Club President, Kaeleb Hirji, organized a friendly Chess Tournament against Seycove's Chess Club on Friday, January 27th. The format was four simultaneous games, timed at 15 minutes per game, plus 10 seconds per move.

Windsor students who participated in the tournament included: Liam Bouton, Tristan Patterson, Rasa Azimipour, and Kaeleb Hirji.

Although it was a friendly match, the competition was fierce, and students put forward their best strategies. Windsor ultimately won the best-of-seven series 4-0.



## WINDSOR LIBRARY STUDENT ADVISORY

The Windsor Library would like to showcase (and boast about!) the wonderful student leaders who help out at the library during tutorial and beyond. The Windsor Library Student Advisory are responsible for the larger themed library displays, library contests & fun initiatives, and library loans circulation during the 8:30-9:00 am tutorial time, Monday to Friday.

The executive members consist of senior students shown below (first photo). Their leadership has greatly benefitted the Windsor Library over the last two years, but as they are to graduate in June, we are pleased that a group of younger leaders are coming forth (second photo). There are several other members (not shown here) who participate in a variety of ways, and we are very grateful.



Tanweer Thabit Kambi  
Tasneem Thabit Kambi  
Diane Maubacq Gouiran  
Danial Shojaei



Ambika Verma  
Miles Park  
Clara Celler  
Cassandra Lin

If you are looking for the chance to contribute to your school community through engagement and agency with the Windsor Library, and also gain volunteer hours, be sure to ask for more information and get involved!

## FOOD ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

Windsor has had, for a number of years, a food access program available for students in need. A hot and cold water station with a microwave exists on the 300 level. There are a number of breakfast and snack items available.



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.

Any students interested in volunteering for the breakfast program are asked to come to the office.

## 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, course requests for next year, 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 to keep up to date!

## 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 semester 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

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.

### TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

- Email [windsor@sd44.ca](mailto: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 limited during the school day. 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.

To park at Windsor students and staff must:

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

**1. Broadview Lot:** Parking in the front lot is for school & district staff and visitors only. **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 as this is a student safety issue

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

We have 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.

Students who park illegally will have their parking privileges revoked. Additionally, illegally parked vehicles may be towed without warning. While we are reluctant to resort to this, repeated warnings have not been followed. If your vehicle is towed, please contact Payless Auto Towing.



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