



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 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:

JANUARY 1

[New Year's Day](#)

JANUARY 4

[National Ribbon Skirt Day](#)

JANUARY 6

School re-opens after Winter Break
Grad Portraits & retakes

JANUARY 10

12:00-3:00pm - Art 9/10 Field trip to the Vancouver Art Gallery

JANUARY 12

[Black Excellence Day](#)

JANUARY 20

8:30am - Gr. 11 Programming Presentation (Multipurpose Rm)

JANUARY 21

8:30am - Gr. 10 Programming Presentation (Multipurpose Rm)

JANUARY 22

8:30am - Gr. 9 Programming Presentation (Multipurpose Rm)

8:00am-4:00pm - Ministry Assessments - Literacy 10 (Computer Lab) Gr. 10 classes are cancelled.

JANUARY 23

8:30am - Gr. 8 Programming Presentation (Multipurpose Rm)
8:00am-4:00pm - Ministry Assessments - Literacy 10 Accommodations (Computer Lab)
7:00pm - Gr. 8-11 Parent Course Programming Presentation

JANUARY 24

School-Based Professional Day (no classes)
4:00 - 8:00pm - Strings Retreat (Band Rm)

JANUARY 27

Gr. 8 Rotation #2 Ends

JANUARY 28

Gr. 8 Rotation #3 Starts
9:00am-3:00pm - Windsor Music Elementary Feeder School Tour

JANUARY 29

9:00am-3:00pm - Windsor Music Elementary Feeder School Tour
7:00pm- Gr 7 Parent Night (Multipurpose Rm)

JANUARY 27

[International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

JANUARY 29

[Lunar New Year](#)

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2

Field Trip to Model UN

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Students and staff at Windsor Secondary make Bannock Tacos at the Cultural Cooking Indigenous student community luncheon. [NVSD_Indigenous Flyer \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca/NVSD_Indigenous_Flyer)



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Wesley Baker-Billy is building a traditional Cedar Strip Canoe. This is the first Indigenous Canoe ever built at Windsor Secondary School. Wesley comes from a family of War Canoe Builders (racing canoes). The knowledge has been passed down for centuries and every canoe comes with a family story. Chief Cedric Billy was taught by his family and then passed that on to Mike Billy Sr. who in turn passed that to his son Mike Billy Jr. who is gifting his knowledge to Wesley and our school. Some of the history and stories of the canoes were lost with Residential Schools. Wesley's cousins Barret Martin and Alvin Martin are renown dugout canoe makers, strip canoe makers, paddle makers, drum makers, and model canoe makers from the Squamish Nation. Mike Billy Jr. says, although there is little talking amongst them, they have an in sync working relationship.



Mike Billy, a multigenerational carver from the Squamish Nation, is teaching Windsor students and staff how to build a traditional racing canoe for the upcoming spring 2025 canoe racing season.



[Pulling With My Ancestors: Səlilwətał and Skwxwú7mesh War Canoe Racing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

"Indigenous Education." December 2024, School District 44. Accessed December 17, 2024.

https://www.sd44.ca/sites/indigenous/flyer/Documents/2024-2025/NVSD_Indigenous%20Flyer%202024%20Dec%2010.pdf

TRADE PROGRAMS - INFORMATION NIGHT 2025

The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) invites students and their families to explore various opportunities available to high school students in Grades 10-12 that can get them started on their career pathway into the trades. Learn about opportunities from local businesses, SkilledTrades BC, Post-Secondary representatives and NVSD career programming.

Registration deadline is January 20, 2025. Please email or TEAMS chat Ms. C. Misceo if you are interested, as she will need to register you for this event.

Date: Thursday, January 23rd, 2025

Location: Sutherland Secondary School (Parking available around the school)

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Schedule of events:

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| 6:00 - 6:30pm | Exhibitor tables (Local businesses and Post Secondary Institutions) |
| 6:30 - 7:15pm | All in the auditorium during this time: Series of 10 minute presentations from BCIT, Local Businesses and NVSD Representative |
| 7:15 - 8:00pm | Exhibitor tables |

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.

WINDSOR STUDENT-ATHLETES IN UNIVERSITY



Jamie Doust – NCAA Div 1 Soccer at Eastern Michigan University



Samson Sachter – Football at University of Alberta




Emmet Ward – Football at University of Waterloo

YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!!!

\$50 @ SCHOOLCASHONLINE



DO YOU WANT
TO BE IN THE
YEARBOOK?

All families must fill out the **"Personal Information Consent for School District Publications"** located in *School Cash Online* to have their child featured in the yearbook, the district website, etc.

DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2025



PARENT DEDICATIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS
THE PARENT DEDICATION FORM

DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

HOW TO:

- COMPLETE A SHORT WRITE-UP
- 70 WORDS MAX**
- SPELL CHECKED*
- UPLOAD YOUR CHILD'S BABY PHOTO



SCAN ME

YEARBOOK

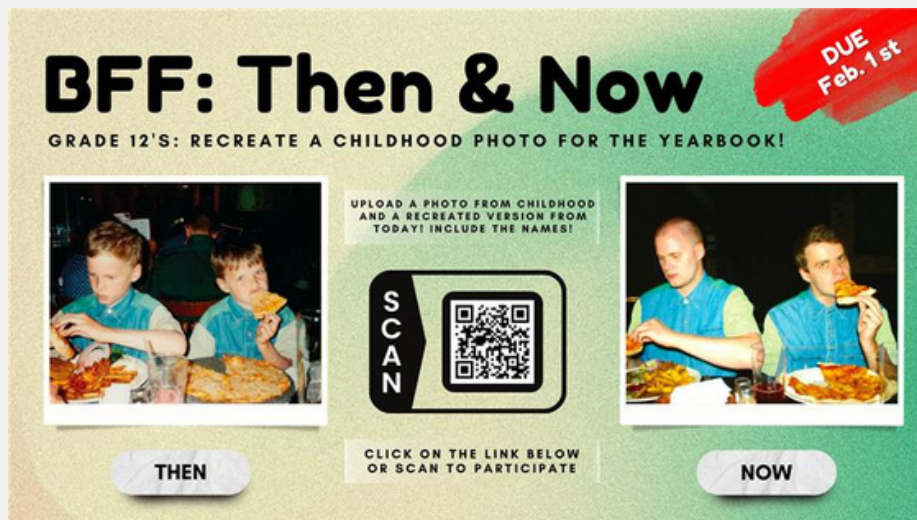
BFF: Then & Now **DUE Feb. 1st**

GRADE 12'S: RECREATE A CHILDHOOD PHOTO FOR THE YEARBOOK!

UPLOAD A PHOTO FROM CHILDHOOD AND A RECREATED VERSION FROM TODAY! INCLUDE THE NAMES!

THEN **NOW**

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN TO PARTICIPATE

A poster for a yearbook activity called 'BFF: Then & Now'. It features two side-by-side photos of two young boys sitting at a table and eating pizza. The left photo is labeled 'THEN' and the right photo is labeled 'NOW'. In the 'NOW' photo, the boys are older, wearing blue shirts, and are still sitting at a table eating pizza. A QR code is in the center with the word 'SCAN' written vertically next to it. A red banner in the top right corner says 'DUE Feb. 1st'. Text at the top says 'BFF: Then & Now' and 'GRADE 12'S: RECREATE A CHILDHOOD PHOTO FOR THE YEARBOOK!'. Text in the middle says 'UPLOAD A PHOTO FROM CHILDHOOD AND A RECREATED VERSION FROM TODAY! INCLUDE THE NAMES!'. At the bottom, it says 'CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN TO PARTICIPATE'.

[Please fill out this form](#)

GRADUTION CAPTIONS

Submit a brief caption to be placed under your graduate photo in the yearbook!

DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

Reminders:

- 70 words maximum
- Use proper spelling
- Keep it classy! Ms. Bennett won't publish anything deemed inappropriate.

****Different than the graduation write-up for crossing the stage****

A poster for a yearbook activity called 'GRADUTION CAPTIONS'. The background is green with black and gold confetti and streamers. The text 'GRADUTION CAPTIONS' is in large, white, bold letters. Below it, it says 'Submit a brief caption to be placed under your graduate photo in the yearbook!'. A red banner says 'DUE FEBRUARY 1ST'. A list of reminders is on the left: 'Reminders: • 70 words maximum • Use proper spelling • Keep it classy! Ms. Bennett won't publish anything deemed inappropriate.' A small box on the left says '**Different than the graduation write-up for crossing the stage**'. A QR code is on the right.

[Please fill out this form](#)

Gr. 12 Rides

SUBMIT A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR RIDE TO BE FEATURED IN THE YEARBOOK

DUE FEB. 1ST

SCAN ME

****INCLUDES CARS, TRUCKS, SUVS, BIKES, MOPEDS, ETC.****

A poster for a yearbook activity called 'Gr. 12 Rides'. The background is a collage of photos showing people with their vehicles. On the left, a person is on a red car. In the center, a person is on a blue scooter. On the right, a person is on a black truck. The text 'Gr. 12 Rides' is in large, red, cursive letters. Below it, it says 'SUBMIT A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR RIDE TO BE FEATURED IN THE YEARBOOK'. A yellow banner says 'DUE FEB. 1ST'. A green box with a white arrow and the text 'SCAN ME' is in the center. A QR code is next to it. A red banner at the bottom says '**INCLUDES CARS, TRUCKS, SUVS, BIKES, MOPEDS, ETC.**'.

[Please fill out this form](#)

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!