



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 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:

NOVEMBER 1

[Indigenous Disability Awareness Month](#)

NOVEMBER 2

11:59pm - Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences booking window #1 closes

NOVEMBER 3

5:30pm - Winter Coaches & Sponsors Athletics meeting (room D218)

7:00pm - Winter Parents & Students Athletics meeting (multipurpose room)

7:30pm - WPAC meeting (Library)

NOVEMBER 5

Take Our Kids to Work Day (see page 3)

NOVEMBER 7

Grade 8 rotation #1 ends

7:30-10:00pm - Fall Choir Concert (multipurpose room)

NOVEMBER 8

[National Indigenous Veterans Day - Half-Mast](#)

NOVEMBER 10

Grade 8 rotation #2 starts
Remembrance Day Assembly

NOVEMBER 11

[Remembrance Day](#) Statutory Holiday (schools closed)

NOVEMBER 13

[World Kindness Day](#)

1:00pm - Student early dismissal for Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences (see page 2)

2:00-4:00pm & 5:30-7:30pm - Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences (see page 2)

NOVEMBER 14

1:00pm - Student early dismissal (see page 2)

NOVEMBER 14-16

Jr. Band Retreat

NOVEMBER 19-20

8:30am-3:00pm - Law 12 field trips to Superior and Provincial Courts

NOVEMBER 20

[Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

NOVEMBER 26

8:30-9:10am - Gr 12 Mandatory Meeting (multipurpose room)

7:00-9:30pm - Winter Band & Strings Concert (Kay Meek Theatre, West Vancouver)

NOVEMBER 25

[International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls](#)

NOVEMBER 28

End of Term 1
Review & Completion (no classes)

LEARNING CONFERENCES (PARENT -TEACHER INTERVIEWS)

The Fall sessions of **Learning Conferences** (also known as Parent-Teacher Interviews) is fast approaching! The event date is **Thursday, November 13th**. Conferences will last 5 minutes each and be held in classrooms. The two session times for the conferences are: **2pm – 4pm** and **5:30pm – 7:30pm**. A letter was sent to all families with instructions on how to book appointments with their child's teachers. This letter is also posted on the [Windsor Website](#). Please ensure you sign up early as it is very busy and there are no walk-ins.

Please note that we will be following an alternate bell schedule on both November 13th and 14th, with an early dismissal both days at 1:00 pm. The schedule for both days is below and will be posted on the website as well.



Adjusted Bell Schedule

Thursday, November 13th & Friday November 14th, 2025

Learning Conference (Parent-Teacher Interviews)

Thursday, November 13th

TUTORIAL	8:30 am – 9:10
Period 6	9:10 am – 10:00 am
Period 7	10:05 am – 10:55 am
Break	10:55 am – 11:15 am
Period 5	11:15 am – 12:05 am
Period 8 (except Academy)	12:10 pm – 1:00 pm
Student Dismissal	1:00 pm (Academy Classes Regular time 1:50-3 pm)
Learning Conferences	
Session 1: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	
Session 2: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	

Friday, November 14th

TUTORIAL	8:30 am – 9:10
Period 3	9:10 am – 10:00 am
Period 1	10:05 am – 10:55 am
Break	10:55 am – 11:15 am
Period 2	11:15 am – 12:05 am
Period 4 (except Academy)	12:10 pm – 1:00 pm
Student Dismissal	1:00 pm

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY (TOKWD)

TOKTWD is an annual national program in which Grade 9 students are hosted by parents, relatives, friends, and volunteers at workplaces across the country every November. **This year Take Our Kids to Work Day is Wednesday, November 5th, 2025.** The program supports career development by helping students connect school, the world of work, and their own futures. More than 250,000 students and 75,000 organizations participate every year across Canada in this program. A letter was sent to all grade 9 families with all of the information and resources regarding this careers opportunity. The information is also posted on the grade 9 students MS Team named “2029 Grads”

This is an optional opportunity where parents/guardians are encouraged to arrange a one-day job shadow of a workday for their Grade 9 child. This initiative is valuable for students to begin thinking about careers, to better understand the work world, appreciate the different career options, and to network. The more students understand about the jobs of their parents, relatives and friends, the more informed the decisions about their own future career.

Regular Grade 9 classes will not be running on November 5th so that students can enjoy this opportunity without “missing” anything in class. We will be organizing an alternate grade 9 schedule on this day for students who were unable to organize a job shadow. Families are asked to return the completed consent form to room 203 by Friday October 31.

LITERACY 12 GRADUATION ASSESSMENT POSTPONED

The BC Ministry of Education and Childcare cancelled the **November session of the Provincial Graduation Assessments (November 3–7)** due to ongoing BCGEU strike action. At Windsor, we had originally planned to students writing the assessment on **November 4 and 5**. To facilitate students writing the assessment, grade 12 classes were to have been cancelled on those days. With this change, **all Grade 12 classes will now run as normally scheduled on those days.**

Please note: the Ministry has confirmed that **early post-secondary applications will not be impacted**. You'll still be able to write your assessment in the January session and submit your results later. The next opportunity for grade 12 students to write their **Literacy 12 Assessment** will be in **January 2026**. We'll finalize our school schedule soon and share those exact dates and plans with you.

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.

STUDENT SUB-COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

The Student Inclusive Education Committee is a sub-committee of the school district's Inclusion Committee and was created in 2022. The sub-committee provides an opportunity for neurodivergent students, students with disabilities, autistic students and students with intellectual disabilities to share their experiences and perspectives.

Participation is open to students in Grades 6-12. All students have the option to attend meetings independently or with the support of a family member, peer or support person. The sub-committee meeting locations and schedule will be determined with the participants.

If your student would like to participate on this sub-committee for the 2025-2026 school year, please email, InclusiveEducation@sd44.ca and provide the student's name, school, grade and contact information.

WINDSOR PAC

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT & SPIRITWEAR SALE



The Windsor PAC has commissioned a special **Windsor Wolves ornament** to brighten your celebrations. No year is engraved, so it's a lasting keepsake for all Windsor families—past and present.

Cost: \$22 (tax included) with a beautiful gift box (ribbon will be green, not gold).

Plus, explore our newest **Windsor clothing** for students, families, friends, and supporters.



Order and pay [here](#) or
use the QR code, by
November 16!

Ornaments are expected to be ready for pickup in the second week of December. We'll send an email with pickup instructions.

We appreciate your support—please share with fellow Windsor families.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

RCMP urge caution around fireworks and safety on Halloween night

North Vancouver RCMP is sharing safety tips with the community to ensure everyone has a safe fun filled Halloween.

Halloween night is traditionally a busy night for trick-or-treaters, parents, and first responders. North Vancouver RCMP will have additional resources on shift over the Halloween weekend to help ensure public safety.

Police regularly receive an overwhelming number of noise complaints resulting from the use of fireworks. Fireworks are not permitted in the City of North Vancouver and Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) lands. District of North Vancouver requires a firework permit for anyone interested in selling or purchasing fireworks.

Those caught selling or setting off illegal fireworks can face fines. Misuse of fireworks can also cause personal injury or lead to criminal charges.

“Let the creepy costumes and spooky decorations be the only thing that scares you this Halloween,” says Corporal Mansoor Sahak Media Relations Officer for the North Vancouver RCMP. “Take appropriate precautions to ensure that you have a fun and safe Halloween experience.”

If you have safety concerns regarding the misuse of fireworks in your neighbourhood, please call our non-emergency line at 604-985-1311. The use of 911 should be reserved for emergencies only. Police will prioritize response to calls with an immediate risk to public safety.

911 should only be used in case of emergencies where an immediate response is required.

What does constitute an emergency?

- When someone's life is in danger or there is an immediate threat to person or property
- When a crime is in progress
- When a serious crime has just occurred and the suspect may not be far away

WINDSOR MUSIC



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Our Growing Smiles Winter fundraiser has begun!

Add some cheer to your home this holiday with these beautiful poinsettias, wreaths and other decorative Christmas arrangements.

Order deadline: November 24th, 2025

Order pick up: December 3rd-4th, 2025

How to Order:

To place your order, go to our fundraising website at the link below and view the selection of plants and arrangements available:

<https://windsorsecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Please share this link with friends and family!



WINDSOR MUSIC

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support Windsor Music?

Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser! The proceeds of this fundraiser will be going towards our program initiatives including purchasing equipment, sheet music, music technology and our student scholarship fund.

From now until November 24th, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. Items will be ready for pick up on December 3rd-4th.

Order deadline: November 24th, 2025

Order pick up: December 3rd-4th, 2025

How to Order:

1. Go to our fundraising website:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1973330-130842>

2. Click "Join Campaign"

3. Click "Shop online"

4. Select "Marketplace"



Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Please share this link with friends and family.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER NOVEMBER 24TH**



Proceeds support the program for student bursaries, sheet music, instruments, uniforms & musical equipment!

OBU-WINDSOR SISTER SCHOOL EXCHANGE 2025/26

During the week of October 18-25, Windsor was very pleased to host 21 Japanese guests (two teachers, the principal and 18 students) from our sister high school in Obu, Japan. Since 2008, our two schools have embarked on many exchanges, paused only by the 2020 pandemic. This group was the first to arrive since that date, and we made up for our separation with a fun-filled week of activities and events. The Japanese students 'shadowed' their Windsor buddies in classes, toured around the school and its environs to see the academy programs, enjoyed a lunch pizza party in the library hosted by Windsor's Ambassador club, spent the day at Capilano Suspension Bridge and Lonsdale Quay and participated in a Team Challenge where seven teams competed across the city! (continued on next page)



OBU-WINDSOR SISTER SCHOOL EXCHANGE 2025/26

There were loads of after school activities such as laser tag, Playland's Fright Nights, eating at various spots in North Van - including the famous Honey's Donuts, and so much more. The Windsor students learned about origami, practised their Japanese, and made comparisons between our two distinct cultures. The group from Japan also helped us to cheer on the Toronto Blue Jays!! It was a remarkable week of cultural learning and exchange, and students and staff alike forged quick friendships. Windsor staff and students will travel to Japan in May 2026 and we are already counting down the days until we can meet again!



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

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 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.



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 to keep up to date!

Digital Media Academy EXPO and Career Fair

Technologies for the Future:

**Panel Discussions
Booths
Presentations**

**December 6th, 2025
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



Argyle Secondary School, 1131 Frederick Road, North Vancouver, BC



www.digitalmediayouthexpo.ca

