



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- OCTOBER 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:

OCTOBER 1

[Yom Kippur](#)

[National Principal's Month](#)

[Canadian Library Month](#)

[Circular Economy Month](#)

[Cyber Security Awareness Month](#)

OCTOBER 2

[Yom Kippur](#)

Photo retakes

Team Photos

OCTOBER 3

10:00am- Art 11-12 field trip to the Vancouver Art Gallery

OCTOBER 5

[World Teachers' Day](#)

OCTOBER 6

7:30pm- WPAC meeting (Library)

OCTOBER 10

[World Mental Health Day](#)

OCTOBER 13

[Thanksgiving](#) (Schools closed)

OCTOBER 16

6:30pm- Gr. 11/12 Post-Secondary Pathways Parent Info Night (Multipurpose rm.)

OCTOBER 17

9:00am- Art 9/10 field trip to the Vancouver Art Gallery

OCTOBER 18-26

Obu - Windsor School Exchange 2025-26- Obu High School students visit Windsor

OCTOBER 20

[Diwali](#)

OCTOBER 24

Provincial Professional Day (School closed)

OCTOBER 27

3:30-7:30pm- Strings retreat (Band rm.)

OCTOBER 28

[Canadian School Library Day](#)

OCTOBER 29

9:50- Staff collaboration - Student late start (see page 3)

OCTOBER 30

6:00-7:45pm- Gr. 11/12 BC Post Secondary Institute Event (at Seycove Secondary School)

OCTOBER 31

[Halloween](#)

12:50- Student Council's Halloween contest (Multipurpose rm.)

October 2025

Dear Windsor Community,

I want to express my appreciation in helping launch the 2025-26 school year. Students have quickly settled into routine, have started attending grad events, cheering on their friends in the first athletic games of the season, enjoyed welcome back events in our music program, and many of them are supporting existing clubs or creating new clubs for others to join. We were happy to welcome students to Windsor with our new exterior cladding and windows (almost fully) completed. The scaffolding was taken down just prior to the Labour Day weekend in time for school opening, and our school looks refreshed and modern. We also hope to have our new turf field in full operation by mid-October. We look forward to cheering on our fall sports teams as a Windsor community from our home field soon!

Every September, Windsor Counsellors work hard to place new students to Windsor and accommodate student course change requests. We remind our parent community and students again the importance of choosing courses thoughtfully in the spring during course selection as it is what determines both the courses we offer and our staffing. As many students learned in the fall, course changes often are not possible because courses are full and staffing has been set. We have now completed all major changes, balanced student schedules, and finalized staffing adjustments to accommodate student need. Thank you for your understanding through this complex process.

We also would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation with the personal digital device (PDD) guidelines that were introduced in September 2024. As we continue this practice into the 2025-26 school year, it is clear that the success of this initiative relies on the collaboration between families, students, and staff. The slogan we have been using “Devices off, learning on” captures the essence of what the province and NVSD are all working towards: a space where students can focus on their education without unnecessary distractions. Your role in reinforcing this message at home is invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership in helping your student(s) understand the importance of these guidelines. As you work with your student to foster healthy digital habits, you may find the following resources helpful to support these conversations:

[Cell phone restrictions in schools](#) (published by the Government of British Columbia)

[Digital media: Promoting healthy screen use in school-aged children and adolescents](#) (published by the Canadian Paediatric Society)

[The Anxious Generation](#) by Jonathan Haidt

Please reach out if your child(ren) requires additional support in following these guidelines or if you have any questions. By working together as families, students, and staff, we can create an environment where all students can thrive both academically and personally. On behalf of the Windsor staff, we sincerely look forward to working with our students and community this school year.

Warm regards,

Caren Hall, Principal

École Windsor Secondary School

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 29

9:50AM - Student Late Start

Collaboration Day Bell Schedule - Late start for students

Collaboration time - no tutorial	8:30 am – 9:50 am
Period 2	9:50 am – 10:51 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



Looking for Volunteer or Paid Work?

Students are encouraged to explore opportunities through:

- [WINDSOR WORK EXPERIENCE BLOG](#)
- Careers Room 203 (*speaking with Ms. Misceo or Ms. Senoner*)
- Job Board (*located in the stairwell area between the 200 & 300 levels*)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you for participating in School Photos! If you have questions regarding the information below, please contact GradsBC directly: info@gradsbc.com.

Your child received a QR code slip on photo day that contains important information to view and order your photos:

4 Easy Steps to View & Order Your Portraits:

1. If you previously scanned the QR code, you would have already received an email with a link to view your gallery
2. Enter the Gallery Passcode: wsr123!
3. Enter your Email Address
4. Enter your Online Code

*If you are ordering for siblings, remember to click 'view another gallery' to access their portraits and purchase all family members at once for one easy checkout.

Lost QR Code Slip & Need Assistance?

1. Visit this link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
2. Enter your Online code: Your Student ID Number and 2-digit DAY of birth.
Example: if your student number is 00123 and you were born on January 3rd, the online code is 0012303. *The code can also be found on the QR code sheet that you were given on photo day. You can scan the QR code to easily access your gallery.
3. Enter the Gallery password: wsr123!
4. Enter your Email Address

Order deadline Information:

To receive discounted shipping fees, place your orders on or before the Order Deadline (the deadline date will be listed on the gallery welcome message).

Retakes?

We're positive you rocked your first photo session... but just in case you decide to have a retake, we'll be back on October 2nd.

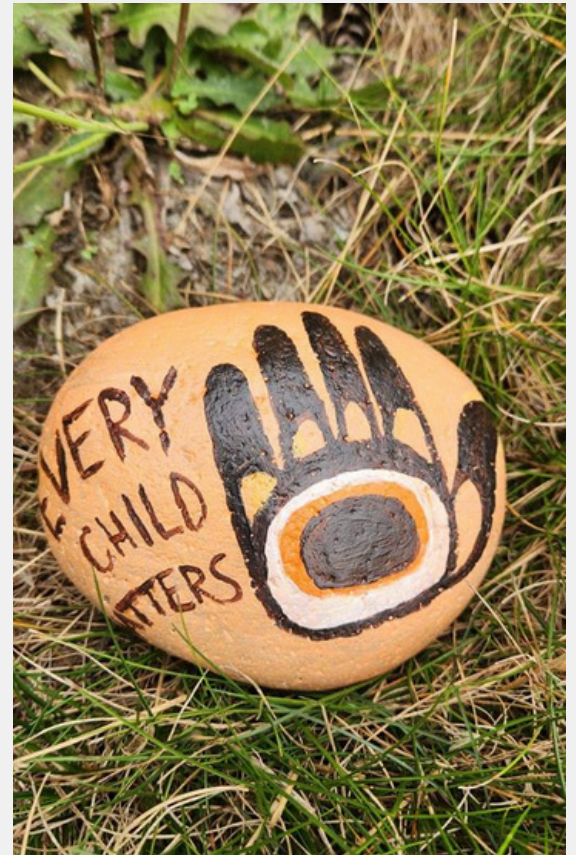
Questions?

Please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On Thursday & Friday, Windsor students had an opportunity to paint rocks to honour Truth and Reconciliation. We were honoured to have guest speakers, Brandy Price and Nick George, share their stories and experiences with intergenerational trauma from Residential Schools. The purpose of residential "schools" was to assimilate and erase Indigenous culture. Windsor students used Outdoor Acrylic paints to design their own "animate rocks" (meaning the rocks are alive), with symbolic shapes, images, and ideas commemorating Orange Shirt Day.

Andy Ma, Gr. 12



LIBRARY STUDENT ADVISORY CLUB

The Windsor Secondary Library is very pleased to report that there is a new student leadership initiative:

The newly created **Library Student Advisory Club** meets weekly to share ideas for improving the library and planning monthly events. They create fun displays, suggest book and activity ideas, and work with the teacher-librarian to make the space more engaging. Members can also earn volunteer hours by actively contributing to projects and helping shape the library experience.

For more information, be sure to pop into the library and scan the QR code at the front desk, and meet the club members who are helping out at the circulation desk during tutorial time. They are a great help!



DRAG RACING

We had a great day at the track on Friday, weather warmed up and the track was very sticky. Our drivers for the day were Kiana Brown and Nora Cashato, Kiana driving the school Camaro and Nora driving her TDI Audi. This was both their first times driving and each of them got 5 runs down the track.

We had a total of 16 students with us, 3 parents and two former students that joined us at the track. The day was only a test and tune day to give the students an introduction to the club and track. We will be back at the track in April for the start of the new season.

Kiana set a personal best of 15.95 sec @ 85.63mph and Nora set a personal best of 17.20 sec @ 80.34mph.

Big thank you to Aaron Brown for doing our towing.



CLUB SEWING FOR A CAUSE

This month, **Sewing for a Cause** has started making dog bandanas for our local SPCA. Coming up, we'll be creating pillowcases and heating pads to donate to Lionsgate Hospital, as well as holiday items for upcoming markets.

We gladly accept donations of fabric and other textile materials. If you'd like to contribute, please email Ms. Lazarova (tlazarova@sd44.ca) with a photo of your donation items.

Our club meets every Wednesday at lunch in the Textiles Room. No sewing experience is required—our first few meetings will include beginner-friendly tutorials. Everyone is welcome!

INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club has had a wonderful start to the year. We gathered an impressive 37 new members from our "Clubs Day" booth, and have had 2 successful general meetings so far. We have picked our local charity, Backpack Buddies, who combat food insecurity in children on the North Shore. We have also selected our global charity, The World Wildlife Fund, who fight for wildlife conservation. Both charities were researched, and picked via vote with our general members. Proceeds from our fundraisers will go to these two charities for the 2025/26 school year.

Next month we will have our fall Food Drive! Keep an eye out for our posters and members out collecting food. If you wish to donate any canned, dry, or other non-perishable food please email windsorsecondaryinteract@gmail.com. Please be reminded that the food has to not be expired.



Parent Donations are Key!

Windsor parent donations and gaming grants are thoughtfully spent in areas of the school for items that are otherwise unavailable through the school block budget. During the last school year, WPAC worked with teachers, students and the school administration to provide support where we could.

This donation information is in lieu of asking parents or students to sell door-to-door, collect money and deliver goods. Please help us achieve our goals of supporting students and teachers by making a one-time donation.

\$10	I do not want to bake so this is the money I would have spent on those cupcakes.
\$20	I do not want to walk, swim, bike or run in any event that has the word "thon" in it. This is the money I would have spent on the 'free' T-shirt.
\$50	I do not want to attend any fancy balls so this is the money I would have spent on new clothes.
\$100 or any amount	I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to buy, sell or do beyond sending my donation.

FAST - go to School Cash Online (<https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com/>), login and click "MAKE A DONATION". You will then choose "**Windsor PAC**" as your school (and you get a tax receipt)

SPEEDY - send an ETransfer to windsorpactreasurer@gmail.com

EASY & QUICK - Scan the QR code below



Any questions can be directed to our Treasurer windsorpactreasurer@gmail.com

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

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.

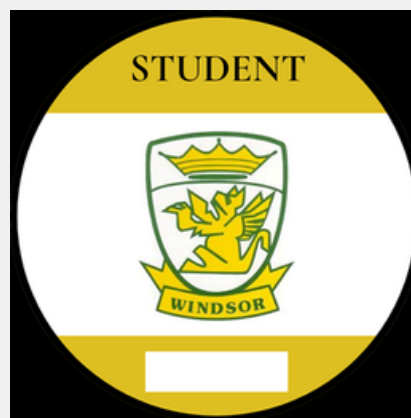
We have also noted an increase in the number of vehicles parked illegally including in areas clearly marked as no parking. For example, vehicles parked in yellow zones, areas marked for emergency vehicles, and in front of waste disposal bins.

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 to keep up to date!