



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

WINDSOR FAMILY NEWSLETTER- APRIL 2023

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 3

Student Learning Survey - Grades 10 & 12
(details on page 3)

APRIL 7

Good Friday- Schools Closed

APRIL 10

Easter Monday- Schools Closed

APRIL 12

10:00AM- 2:00PM - BeAware Fair
(details on page 7)

APRIL 13

6:00PM-8:00PM - Entertainment Night
presented by the Windsor Interact Club
(details on page 5)

APRIL 14

7:30PM-9:30PM - Spring Choir Concert
(Multipurpose Room)

APRIL 19

8:30 AM - ICBC Road Safety Presentation for
Grade 12's (Multipurpose Room)

APRIL 20

9:00 AM- Grade 9 Immunizations (Small Gym)

APRIL 21

Grade 8 Rotation #2 (S2R2) Ends

APRIL 24

Grade 8 Rotation #3 (S2R3) Starts

APRIL 25

Ministry Assessments - Grade 10 Literacy
(details on page 3) - All Grade 10 classes are
cancelled on this day only.

APRIL 26

9:50AM - Student Late Start for Staff Collaboration
(see bell schedule on page 2)

APRIL 27

Ministry Assessments - Grade 10 Literacy
Accommodations (details on page 3)

APRIL 28

Professional Day- No Classes

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

APRIL 26 - 9:50AM - Student Late Start for Staff Collaboration

Staff Collaboration bell schedule (Late start for students)	
Collaboration time	8:30 am - 9:50 am
Period 1	9:50 am - 10:52 am
Transition	10:52 am - 10:56 am
Period 2	10:56 am - 11:56 am
Transition	11:56 am - 12:00 pm
Period 3	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch	1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
Period 4	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ICBC ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR GRADE 12'S

APRIL 19 - 8:30 AM - Grade 12's (Multipurpose Room)



Kevin Brooks knows the horror of one day waking up to a life that has changed forever. From his wheelchair, he tells his story to audiences across North America, as a reminder to think before getting into a vehicle. He shares the consequences of his crash and the deep hurt felt by his loved ones so many can learn to not make the same mistakes. You'll laugh, you'll cry and you'll remember his story.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Student Learning Survey for Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and all staff in B.C are taking place during the month of April. Participation in the annual online satisfaction survey offers feedback on school experiences and takes about 30 minutes to complete. Windsor students will be completing the survey in class **starting Monday April 3.**

Surveys are available in English and French. Parent surveys are available in 18 additional languages. For more information and/or to complete the parent portion of the survey please follow the link:

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey

GRADE 10 LITERACY ASSESSMENT

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in literacy. It is a graduation requirement and students will be taking the assessment on April 25th and April 27th for students needing accommodations. **All grade 10 classes are cancelled on the 25th.**

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment assesses student ability to use critical thinking and analysis to make meaning from a diverse array of texts. It also assesses the ability of students to communicate their ideas. The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment is not based on a particular course, but on learning across multiple subjects, from kindergarten to Grade 10.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

WINDSOR GREEN TEAM

This April, the Windsor Green Team invites you to participate to its 2023 District Wide Litterati Clean-Up Challenge!

We are hoping to get everyone involved to take care of this beautiful community we live in.

Here is a basic breakdown of the challenge:

- A Litterati challenge is a friendly competition where you compete to pick up the most garbage as well as to work together with all the other competitors to accomplish a group goal (we are aiming at over 8000 pieces this year!)
- It is done on the Litterati app, a very easy to use app where you photograph each piece of litter you pick up to track your impact on the environment.
- There are amazing prizes to be won, so make sure that your username is your full name.

Happy Earth Month!

A vertical poster for the Green Team District-wide cleanup Challenge. The title 'Green Team District-wide cleanup Challenge' is in large green font at the top. Below it, the dates 'April 3-23, 2023' are in red. The poster is divided into three green sections. The top section contains the text 'Download the Litterati app -->' and 'Join our challenge with the code: SD442023' next to a QR code. The middle section says 'Create an account Make your username: name, initial, - school (ex. John S - Windsor)'. The bottom section lists four bullet points: 'Earn service hours', 'Clean up litter in your community', 'Keep track of how much you picked up with Litterati', and 'Top 3 with the most litter picked up wins amazing prizes!'. The poster is decorated with orange clouds on the left and right, and small green trees at the bottom right.

Green Team
District-wide cleanup
Challenge

April 3-23, 2023

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Litterati app -->

Join our challenge
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SD442023

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Make your username:
name, initial, - school
(ex. John S - Windsor)

- Earn service hours
- Clean up litter in your community
- Keep track of how much you picked up with Litterati
- Top 3 with the most litter picked up wins amazing prizes!

WINDSOR'S INTERACT CLUB

Entertainment Night is back this year in person!

Come by on Thursday, April 13 from 6-8pm in the multipurpose room to experience talented Windsor students showcase their skills!

Any students, family, or friends are welcome to come and watch. One ticket will cost \$10, with a \$5 deal for any Windsor students.

All money raised through ticket sales, bake sales and the silent auction will go to Doctors without Borders which is a non-governmental organization that provides humanitarian medical care in conflict zones and in countries affected by endemic diseases.



Windsor Interact
**ENTERTAINMENT
NIGHT**
Thursday, April 13
6:00–8:00 pm

**Tickets on sale April 4–6
and 11–13**

**Student: \$5
Family and friends: \$10**

**Location: Windsor
Multipurpose Room**

Interact
Ecole Windsor Secondary School



Be sure to check out our online silent auction that will open April 13th using the QR code provided.



Interact will also be raising more funds through a Hoopathon event at the big gym in Windsor on Saturday April 22nd. The Hoop-A-Thon is an annual basketball fundraising event that challenges players to sink as many free throws as possible in one minute. We gather pledges and donations for Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, and Basketball players who participate. All money received goes to local charities. This is a community event, so anyone is welcome to stop by and support! For more information, visit hoopathon.ca

WINDSOR'S BEEHIVE

Over spring break, Windsor's library became home to some new tenants – a hive of honeybees! Windsor now joins Argyle as the two NVSD schools participating in this education and research initiative. An organization called Beewatch (www.beewatch.ca) supplied and installed the hive itself. Two other outside groups provided funding for the project. Windsor and the school district would like to recognize and thank them for their support.

At the federal level, we acknowledge the support of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Nous remercions le Conseil de recherches en sciences naturelles et en génie du Canada (CRSNG) de son soutien (www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index_eng.asp). At the local level, we acknowledge the support of the Intergenerational Landed Learning Project (ILLP) at UBC (www.landedlearning.educ.ubc.ca/about/).



With the addition of Windsor and Argyle, this project is now successfully running in eight schools across the North Shore. As our new hive becomes established, students will have the opportunity to watch its development and learn about the important role that bees and other pollinators play in the local ecosystem. Students, staff, and visitors can find the hive in Windsor's library and we encourage everyone to explore the growing community with their class, on their own, or both! If you have any questions, please contact Windsor's staff liaison, Brad Farrell (bfarrell@sd44.ca).



BeAware FAIR

BeAware Fair - will be hosted by Windsor from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 12th as part of the SD44 Climate Action and Sustainability Week. Classes are invited to come down to the large gym to learn about a variety of environmental causes and meet with groups who are working to combat climate change.

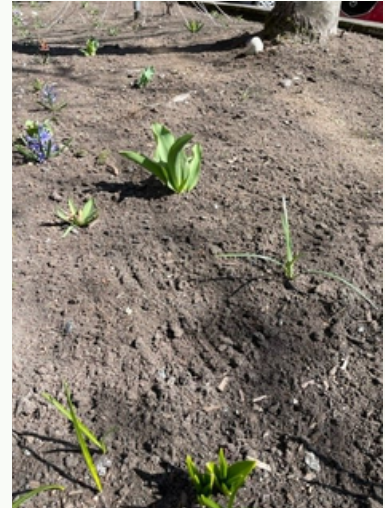
Our main community partner, Ocean Wise, will bring an inflatable dome that will provide students with an immersive learning experience about ocean plastics.

In addition to table presentations, some of the environmental NGO will be holding short 20-minute presentations. There will also be a passport Q&A type activity for students while at the fair.

WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has returned from Spring Break and cleaned up the front gardens. The Indigenous Garden has new signs and is ready for classes.

The other garden is blooming some spring bulbs, and students have just planted some pollinator plants and more spring seeds for our beehive located in the library.



WINDSOR AND THE COAST SALISH GARDENS PROGRAM

Coast Salish Gardens Program: Supporting schools to integrate Indigenous plant knowledge

January 17, 2023 📌 Indigenous Education, Environmental Stewardship

By Luke Smeaton, Manager of Energy and Sustainability and Meryn Corkery, Vancouver Area Community Animator, Farm to School BC

The Coast Salish Gardens Program seeks to bring native plant and traditional food knowledge into the minds, hearts, and bellies of children and youth by developing native plant gardens and outdoor spaces on school grounds.

In early 2022, Farm to School BC and the Coast Salish Native Plant Nursery at Maplewood Flats collaborated to both support six North Vancouver schools develop garden spaces and develop curriculum material to encourage their use as teaching tools.



Participating schools included Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community Elementary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary and **Windsor Secondary**, as well as Tsleil-Waututh Nation siʔámθət School and Capilano Littlest Ones School - Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw.

Each school developed their own unique approach, with many creating or adding to native plant gardens, growing foods to gift to community members, learning more about traditional and contemporary uses of native plants, and connecting more to the land around their school.

WINDSOR AND THE COAST SALISH GARDENS PROGRAM



Windsor Secondary students make 'seed nuggets' using a wildflower blend that features all native plants from Maplewood Flats Coast Salish Nursery.

The program aims to go beyond simply building gardens, by providing professional development opportunities for staff and building connections between educators and community partners.

As the program continues into 2023, participants will work towards developing native plant profiles and signage featuring Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh sníchim and hə́h̓qəmińh̓́, as well as an online ethnobotany resource hub for schools to access.

The Coast Salish Gardens Program is a partnership between Farm to School BC (administered by Public Health Association of BC) and Maplewood Flats (an initiative of the Wild Bird Trust of BC). This project is supported by the BC Ministry of Health and BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Vancity, and the TD Friends of the Environment Fund.

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ATTENDANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES

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:

- First Name
- 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.

- Your name & relationship with the student. (Only messages from parents and legal guardians are accepted)

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Please remember to update your contact information with the school when changes occur.

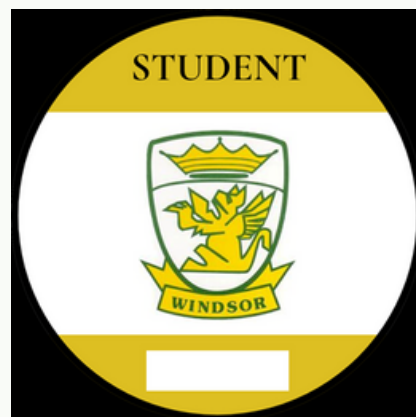
When changing your mailing address, please attach a copy of proof of address. An example would be a utility bill, BCID, Drivers Licence, credit card invoice etc.

Thank you for helping us to keep up to date!

PARKING AT WINDSOR

Windsor has limited parking for students. In order to park at Windsor students must:

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



SCHOOL FEES

Semester 2 Course Fees have been added to your account and statements sent home during Spring Break. Please login to School Cash Online to make the payment or disregard it if payment has already been made.

We appreciate prompt payment of these fees so 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.

If you need assistance in paying these fees, please contact the Windsor Administration.