



# École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER- FEBRUARY 2026

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətaɬ Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory École Windsor Secondary resides.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### FEBRUARY 1

[Black History Month](#)

[National Inclusive Education Month](#)

#### FEBRUARY 2

7:30pm - WPAC meeting (Library)

#### FEBRUARY 4

8:30am - Grade 12 mandatory meeting  
(multipurpose room)

#### FEBRUARY 9

6:00pm - Grad Semi-Formal  
(Seymour Golf & Country Club)

#### FEBRUARY 11

[International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

#### FEBRUARY 13

District Professional Day - School closed

#### FEBRUARY 14

[Valentine's Day](#)

#### FEBRUARY 15

[National Flag of Canada Day](#)

#### FEBRUARY 10-13

6:00-8:30pm- NVSD Elementary Band & Strings Festival (Centennial Theatre)

#### FEBRUARY 16

[Family Day](#) (statutory holiday)

#### FEBRUARY 17

[Lunar New Year](#)

#### FEBRUARY 18

Semester 2 & winter teams photos  
Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

#### FEBRUARY 19

6:00pm-8:00pm - Windsor Interact Club 's Entertainment Night

#### FEBRUARY 23

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

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

#### FEBRUARY 25

[PINK SHIRT DAY](#)

8:30 Pascal, Cailey and Fermat math contests Gr 9-11  
9:50 - Staff collaboration - Student late start (see page 3)

#### FEBRUARY 27

End of term 2

Review & Completion (no classes)

## ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 25

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



## CAREER EDUCATION

NVSD provides many opportunities for learners to explore career pathways and gain hands-on experience. Explore all options at [Career Pathways - Career Pathways 44](#).

Some Career Education programs include:

### Work Experience 12A/B (WEX 12A/B)

Complete 90 hours of work experience through volunteer placements aligned with students' interests. Students may use their own paid job, provided it aligns with their area of interest.

[Work Experience - Career Pathways 44](#)

### Youth Work in Trades (YWIT)

Students 15+ working in a trade or connected to a certified tradesperson can earn up to 16 credits by starting their apprenticeship and counting work hours towards SkilledTradesBC. Includes a Day 1/Day 2 school-work rotation. Applications are due by the end of February.

[Youth Work in Trades - Career Pathways 44](#)

### Youth Train in Trades (YTIT)

In partnership with SkilledTradesBC, receive hands-on trades training from skilled instructors. Tuition is covered by NVSD, but spaces are limited. Primarily for Grade 12 students (Grade 11s may be considered). Applications are due by the end of February. Explore [Youth Train in Trades - Career Pathways 44](#) for available programs & requirements.

### Opportunities & Important Dates:

#### • Grade 12 students:

Mandatory meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 8:30am in the multipurpose room.

#### • Youth Trades Fair:

Tuesday, March 10th between 4:00pm – 7:30pm at the Italian Cultural Centre



- Visit [WINDSOR WORK EXPERIENCE BLOG](#) for volunteer/paid work opportunities.

For more information, contact Ms. C. Misceo, Career Program Advisor, at [cmisceo@sd44.ca](mailto:cmisceo@sd44.ca).

## WINDSOR READING RAMP-UP/EXPLOSION DE LECTURE

The Windsor Library Student Advisory (LSA) in collaboration with library staff is very pleased to initiate the **Windsor Reading Ramp-up/Explosion de Lecture** for the month of February. This school-wide event will be ongoing throughout the month with special events taking place in the library and in classrooms. The idea is to showcase the importance of reading and literacy in our lives!



To that end, the student library leaders have designed some following events:

- **Junior Classes (ALL subject area) February Read-a-Thon**

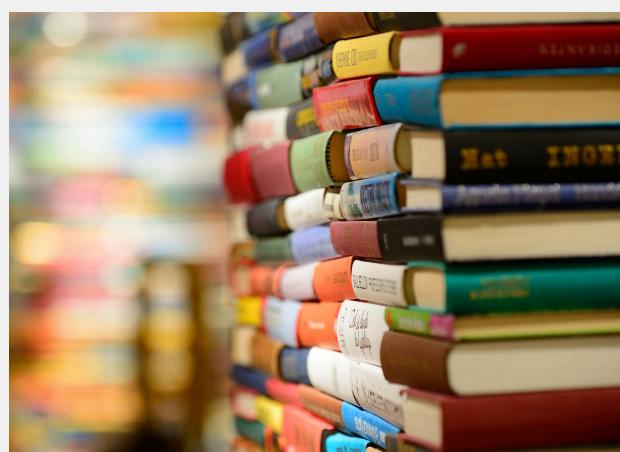
Any class in grades 8-10 who reads the most, as tracked by teachers, in **English or French** wins a **pizza party for their class!!**

- **Windsor Staff Picks**

Teachers will showcase their love of literature by promoting their favourite books - on display outside the Windsor Library. Come check out what staff are reading and what they recommend!

- **Best Books Studied at Windsor – School Wide**

All students will be able to vote on all the titles that are studied from grade 8-12 at Windsor. The goal is to determine which books students have loved best during their studies here at Windsor Secondary.



## WINDSOR READING RAMP-UP/EXPLOSION DE LECTURE

- Poster Competition about the Importance of Reading:

Digital Media, Digital Literacy and Art students are being asked to create either digital or analog posters in French and/or English that engage and educate about how **Reading is Important**.

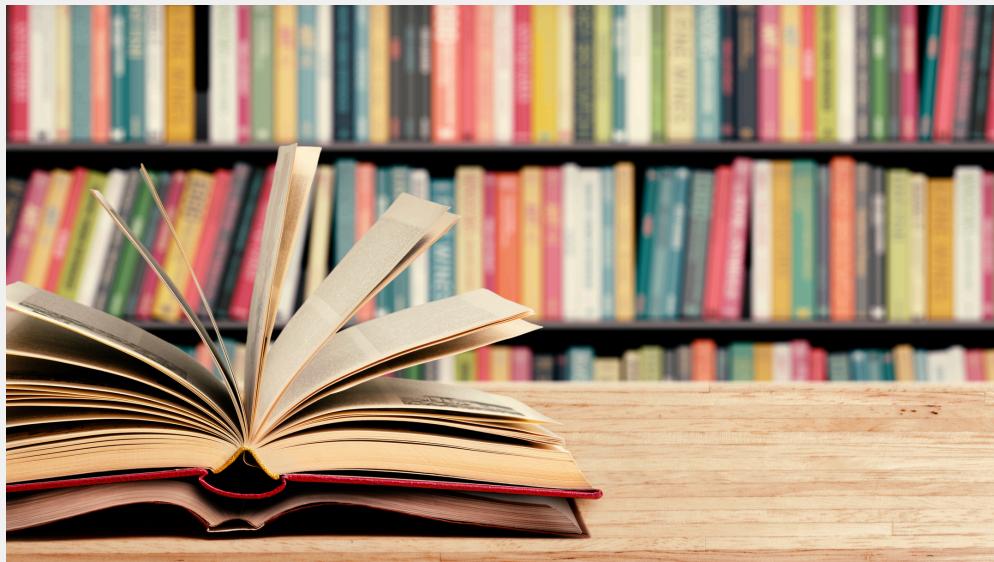
The top two posters, as voted on by students, will be announced at the end of the month - prizes for the winners!

- Windsor Book SWAP – for both English and French titles

Please bring along your gently used books to swap at school - free books for all to enjoy!

- Bingo de Lecture (en français)

A bingo reading challenge with different tasks to complete (ie, reading a graphic novel, biography, manga, novel, etc.) for prizes!



There will be other weekly events and celebrations to honour Windsor Secondary's commitment to reading and literacy. Stay tuned for what's going on each week on the school announcements and monitors.

# FEBRUARY READING RAMP-UP

## WINDSOR EXPLOSION DE LECTURE!!



### JUNIOR READING CHALLENGE

Open to ALL junior classes (8-10). Staff will report minutes spent reading (**IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH**) over the month of February. **Class with the most minutes wins a PIZZA PARTY!**



### STAFF PICKS DISPLAY

Showcase what staff are reading and recommending. Students will be coming around to interview staff!



### STUDENTS VOTE FOR BEST BOOK AT WINDSOR

School wide vote for books studied at Windsor (English and French). Students can vote via QR code!



### POSTER COMPETITION

Open to all digital media students. Theme = reading is important. **Prize for top 2 posters:** gift card to local book store



### WINDSOR BOOK SWAP

Bring your gently used books and swap for some new reads! English and French books! All left-overs to be donated.



### BINGO DE LECTURE (EN FRANÇAIS)

Bingo reading challenge! Different tasks to complete (ie. read a graphic novel, read a biography, read a novel, etc). Prize!!

# FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and celebrations that honour the legacy and contributions of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2026 theme for Black History Month is: “30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations – From Nation Builders to Tomorrow’s Visionaries.” This theme celebrates three decades of Black History Month in Canada by highlighting the enduring contributions of Black Canadians across time.

It acknowledges the foundational role of nation builders—those who fought for civil rights, advanced social justice, and shaped Canada’s cultural and political landscape. At the same time, it looks forward to tomorrow’s visionaries, the emerging leaders, innovators, and changemakers who are redefining excellence in every field.

By framing the theme around “Black Brilliance Across Generations”, we emphasize continuity, resilience, and progress. It invites reflection on historical achievements while inspiring future possibilities, reinforcing that Black history is not only about the past but also about shaping Canada’s future. This approach fosters intergenerational dialogue, strengthens community pride, and aligns with the broader goal of equity and inclusion.

The theme also resonates with the milestone of 30 years, making it a moment to honour legacy, celebrate present contributions, and empower the next generation—a narrative that is both commemorative and forward-looking.

We invite all Canadians to learn more about Black Canadian communities, and how they continue to help shape Canada.

February is Black History Month - <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

We have secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning February and September 2026, and February 2027. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to the International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.



## 2026 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH CONTESTS

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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 25 during tutorial time.

There is a \$6.75 contest fee. Students wishing to participate in the Pascal (Grade 9), Cayley (Grade 10) or Fermat (Grade 11) contest must register by Friday, February 6, 2026, 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 Tuesday, March 31, 2026 from 8:30-11:00am (during tutorial and periods 5 and 6).

There is an \$19.00 contest fee. Payment must be received on or before Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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](https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/euclid_eWorkshop.html).

## YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale and can be purchased [School Cash Online](#) for \$50.

Student Yearbook write-ups are due February 16. Please encourage your child to complete this assignment on the Grade 12 Team.

## 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, 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

