



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

WINDSOR FAMILY NEWSLETTER- MARCH 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

MARCH 5

Spring Parent-Teacher Interviews/Conferences Sign-Up #2 Closes at 11:59PM

MARCH 6

Grade 8 rotation #1 (S2R1) ends

Course Selection Sheets due to Student Services

MARCH 7

Grade 8 rotation #2 (S2R2) starts

MARCH 9

8:30AM- 1:00PM - Adjusted Bell Schedule for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Conferences
(see page 2)

2:00pm-4:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm
Spring Parent-Teacher Interviews/Conferences

MARCH 10

8:30AM- 1:00PM - Adjusted Bell Schedule (see page 2)

MARCH 13 - MARCH 26

Spring Break - Schools Closed

MARCH 27

Classes Resume

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

MARCH 9 & 10

8:30AM - 1:00PM - No Tutorial, Early Dismissal

PTI bell schedule (Early dismissal for students)	
No tutorial time	
Period 1	8:30 am - 9:30 am
Transition	9:30 am - 9:35 am
Period 2	9:35 am - 10:35 am
Transition	10:35 am - 10:55 am (20 mins.)
Period 3	10:55 am - 11:55 am
Transition	11:55 am - 12:00 pm
Period 4	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

2023-2024 PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

February 27 to March 5, 2023	Current Gr.9 - 11 Input Course Selection into MyEd at home
March 1-3, 2023	Current Gr.8 Input Course Selection into MyEd during period 6 (TBC)
March 1-3, 2023	Current Gr.9 - 11 Course Selection Support during Tutorial in computer lab
March 6, 2023	Current Gr.9 - 11 Course Programming sheets due in to Student Services
June 7, 2023	Welcome to Windsor - Orientation for incoming Gr.8 students (Time TBD)

Selecting a program of studies is an important process that involve students, parents, teachers, administrators and counsellors. After careful consideration, courses should be chosen based on the student's strengths, interests and future requirements.

Students are asked to list alternative choices on their course selection sheets, as their preferred choices may not schedule due to timetable constraints. Courses with low enrolment may not be offered.

Students are advised to review course programming information carefully when planning their courses for next year.

GRAD BANQUET 2023- Ticket Procedure

Tickets for this year's graduation banquet will go on sale soon!

Here are the relevant details you need to know when purchasing your tickets:

- **Date of event:** Saturday June 24th, 2023
- **Time of event:** Grad photo at 5:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30pm
- **Location of event:** Vancouver Convention Centre West

How to buy tickets:

- Tickets will be available for sale from April 11th – May 5th
- Payments can be made through the school cash online website:
<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Tickets are \$150 each. One ticket is required per person (including graduates)
- We are aware that this is a more expensive event for our families than we have held in the past, but with the rising cost of food and services brought on by the pandemic it is the lowest price we can charge in attempt to break even on this event
- There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased by each graduate and their families/guests.

What do to once tickets are purchased:

- Decide who you would like to sit with at the event
- Pick up one table captain sheet from the "Grad Info" board in the cafeteria or print one from the MS Teams Grad Info page and fill it in with the full names of each person sitting at the table
- Tables will seat up to 10 people comfortably and grade 12 students must sit with their families and guests
- Bring your table captain form to room 511 on May 10th at lunch to pick a table and pick up your tickets for the event.
- All attendees must present their ticket at the door upon arrival to the banquet
- Any tables with fewer than 8 people may be filled with graduates and their families as needed.

Questions?

- Contact Ms. Wood (Grad Council sponsor teacher) through MS Teams or email at: kwood@sd44.ca
- Ask a member of your Grad Council!

GRADE 12 CAPSTONE INFORMATION

To our Windsor Parents:

Some of you may or may not have heard that in Grade 12 the students must do a Capstone project and then a presentation.

The Capstone is a rigorous learning opportunity that allows students to reflect and share in personally meaningful ways and is a requirement for Career-Life Connections and for graduation.

The purpose of the Capstone is to let students demonstrate the knowledge, competencies, and passion(s) that they can offer the world, as they integrate personal interests, strengths, and new learning with preferred future possibilities. It is a deeper learning experience that supports the student's continued learning journey into post-graduation possibilities and provides an opportunity to reflect and synthesise as well as showcase and celebrate.

It is a place where students are encouraged to share successes both in school and out of school. They will share their reflections on Core Competency development, their contributions and aspirations, and their plans for post-graduation. The Capstone can take many different forms, depending on student needs and interests and the opportunities available in local school communities.

We have over 170 grads this year, and 170 different Capstones. From creating art pieces, to community work, to writing stories and creating documentaries, to making items and donating them to animal shelters, or to the homeless.

We wanted to share out what form some of the Capstones take on.

GRADE 12 CAPSTONE INFORMATION (cont.)

Present Year:

Jade's Capstone project is to fundraise and donate the money to Doctors Without Borders. She started in October and was donating her own money from paid work and selling items (\$2000). Then she went farther out to friends and family. With the earthquake overseas, she has expanded her fundraising efforts and is now reaching out to our Windsor Community.

If you wish to donate, please visit: http://action.msf.ca/goto/Jade_Watson



Fundraise for Doctors without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

By supporting MSF Canada you will help our 40,000 staff members to continue providing emergency care to those who need it most, and respond to the urgent health needs of millions of people in more than 70 countries around the world.

action.msf.ca

One student has taken on creating a pollinating garden in the front of the school -which will be ready come late spring.



One student decided to post words of encouragement around the school, replacing them once a month and wanted to gauge the reactions.



GRADE 12 CAPSTONE INFORMATION (cont.)

Capstones from previous years:



Artwork in and around the school came from inspirations from students and then created by our past grads

WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club wanted to thank the PAC for providing funding for new rocks for the front Medicine Wheel Garden,

The Club spent an afternoon putting down weed paper and 9 bags of rocks so that it won't have as many weeds!



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.

Contact us by email at windsor@sd44.ca

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 will be 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.