



# École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 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

#### **JANUARY 3**

Classes Resume

#### **JANUARY 25**

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

#### **JANUARY 26**

Graduation Assessments- Gr. 12 Literacy  
Assessment (with accommodations).  
Details on page 3

#### **JANUARY 27**

Last Day of Semester 1

Graduation Assessments- Gr. 12 Literacy  
Assessment. Details on page 3

#### **JANUARY 30 & 31**

Review and Completion- No Classes

#### **FEBRUARY 1**

Semester Turnaround- No Classes

6:00-10:00 PM - 2023 Grad Semi Formal at  
The View on Lonsdale

6:30-9:30 PM - 7th Annual Seylynn Strings  
Festival hosted by Windsor Chamber Strings  
at the Centennial Theatre

#### **FEBRUARY 2**

First Day of Semester 2

9:00 AM- Grade 11 Programming Assembly  
Multipurpose Room

#### **FEBRUARY 3**

9:00 AM- Grade 10 Programming Assembly  
Multipurpose Room

## ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

### JANUARY 25

9:50 AM - Student Late Start for Staff Collaboration

<b>Staff Collaboration bell schedule (Late start for students)</b>	
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

## WINDSOR'S INSTAGRAM PAGE

Windsor has an official Instagram page to keep families up to date with school events!



@Ecole.windsor.secondary

## GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

All students are required to complete a mandatory literacy assessment for graduation in their grade 12 year. Students are scheduled to complete the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment on Thursday January 26th and Friday January 27th, 2023.

Please make sure students know the time and location of their assessment. Students who need accommodations will be contacted by their counsellor or case manager.

**All Grade 12 classes will be canceled on Friday January 27th in order to facilitate the writing of the Literacy 12 assessment.** Any combined grade classes (ex. Art 10-12) will still be in session on January 27th.

DATE	ARRIVAL TIME	LOCATION	STUDENTS LAST NAMES	ASSESSMENT
26-Jan	8:45	LIB LAB	Accommodations	LIT 12
27-Jan	8:45	LIB LAB	A-CHA	LIT 12
27-Jan	NOON	LIB LAB	CHO-FILL	LIT 12
27-Jan	8:45	211	FOS-HOW	LIT 12
27-Jan	NOON	211	ISC-MAY	LIT 12
27-Jan	NOON	214	MCC-PRI	LIT 12
27-Jan	8:45	214	PRO-TOM	LIT 12
27-Jan	NOON	LIBRARY	TOY-ZUP	LIT 12

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with your Grade 12 counsellor.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT: WINDSOR WOLVES

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Since the Fall of 2021, a group of students have been advocating to change the Windsor mascot to better reflect values of inclusivity and equity. The Duke, despite a lengthy history at the school, has strong ties to colonialism and is not inclusive to all.

As such, this group of students began lobbying their peers, community members, staff and the administrative team to gather support and ideas on how to move forward with a new mascot. There was an enduring desire to choose a new mascot that strengthened Windsor's connection to the unceded land on which we learn, play and grow.

Supporting this, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action number 63 states that education has the responsibility of "Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect" (p.7). In consultation with members of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, it was encouraged that the new Windsor mascot be a Wolf, forming strong ties to the Takaya. This is where the Windsor Wolves Movement came to life.

Following many informational meetings and the formation of a motivated group of students, two Windsor Grade 12 students, Kai Earl-Thomas and Koji Kasubuchi, were invited to present their vision at a meeting of the Tsleil-Waututh Chief and Council this Fall. They were met with unanimous support on this act of reconciliation.

Moving forward, École Windsor Secondary students will be the Windsor Wolves.

Working closely with the Nation, we have selected Jonas Jones of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation to design the new Windsor Wolves logo. Of course, this transition will take time. More information on this will be available soon and we look forward to celebrating this evolution of Windsor with the entire school community!

Sincerely,

Windsor Administration

# ATTENDANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES

## 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:

- 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)

# ATTENDANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES

## LEAVING SCHOOL ONCE CLASSES HAVE BEGUN:

If a student is leaving the school for any reason, parental permission is required and they must sign in and/or out at the office that day. If the absence is planned, please send your child with a note for the office, giving them permission to leave the school.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL:

To see details, including the class and period of absence, please log in to the Parent Portal. On the left you will find the 'Recent Activity' box. Uncheck the 'Grades' button and you will see the attendance listed for your child.

If your child says they were in class, they must speak with the teacher who marked them away. Please note: only that teacher can verify and change the attendance if they were in class.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

There is a direct relationship between attendance and academic success in school. Students absent from class are missing out on key learning opportunities and chances to work cooperatively with peers and teachers. Therefore, every attempt should be made by students and their families to minimize the amount of time absent from school.

Please take a look at the Attendance Matters flyer below, and feel free to contact the grade counsellor if you have any questions.

[Attendance Matters.pdf](#)



# WINDSOR'S GREEN TEAM- BOTTLE DRIVE

Green Team

## Bottle Drive

All funds go towards purchasing a Filtrol microfiber filter

### How to support us:

#### Drop-off Location:

Any collected bottles during the holidays can be dropped off at Express bottle depot locations

#### Directions

1. Bag them in sealed clear or transparent bags (Appro. 36 in. tall and 30 in. wide, 70-75 L capacity).
2. ONCE AT DEPOT DROP-OFF: enter Windsor's phone number

**(604) 903-3700**

into the Express label stand to print | labels Stick the labels on the bags then place the bags at the Express drop-off area.

At some locations you are asked to enter a pin, please enter:

**889138**

♥ Contact [Greenteamwindsor@gmail.com](mailto:Greenteamwindsor@gmail.com) if you have any questions





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## WINDSOR'S INTERACT CLUB

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Interact participated in **Windsor's Christmas Market** selling over 300 Krispy Kreme donuts. The club also sold Holiday Candy Grams during this time and during the following week during lunch. The 85+ Holiday Candy Grams sold were handed out on December 16th.

These fundraisers were big successes, and raised over \$600 for our local and global charities: Covenant House Vancouver and Doctors Without Borders.



Interact has an upcoming bake sale on Wednesday January 18th at lunch.  
Be sure to stop by for a sweet treat!



Interact is still looking for people to perform in **Entertainment Night!**

Entertainment Night is a showcase of Windsor's talent and Interact's biggest fundraiser and will take place on February 23rd.

If you have a talent you wish to perform, send an audition tape or take any questions to [windsorsecondaryinteract@gmail.com](mailto:windsorsecondaryinteract@gmail.com).



## **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



## **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](mailto: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!

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Semester 1 and Year-long Course Fees have been added to your account.

Please login to School Cash Online to make the payment.

We would appreciate 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.

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