



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

WINDSOR FAMILY NEWSLETTER- JUNE 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

JUNE 7

9:15-11:30am- Grade 7 Visit to Windsor

JUNE 8

7:00-9:30 pm- Windsor Band & Strings Concert
@ Kay Meek Theatre, West Vancouver

JUNE 12 - JUNE 16

8:30 am-9:12 am - Grade 12 Literacy Assessments-
French 12 Oral (see pg 3)

8:30 am- 9:12 am - Locker Clean-Out (see pg 4)

JUNE 14

8:45-10:15 - Grade 12 Grad Rehearsal
(Large Gym)

JUNE 16

7:30-9:30- Choir Year-End Concert
in the Multipurpose room

JUNE 18

11:00am-3:00pm- Graduation Ceremony @
the Vancouver Orpheum Theatre

JUNE 19

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments- **All grade 10
classes are cancelled** (see pg 3)

JUNE 20

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments -with
accommodations (see pg 3)

JUNE 21

National Indigenous Peoples Day

8:45 am-11:45 am- Grade 12 Literacy
Assessments French 12 Written (see pg 3)

JUNE 23

Grade 8 Rotation #4 Ends (S2R4)

End of Semester 2

Student Recognition Ceremony
(see pg 5)

JUNE 24

5:30-10-30pm- Graduation Banquet @
the Vancouver Convention Centre West

JUNE 26 & 27

Review and Completion- No Classes

JUNE 29

Yearbook Distribution in the Large Gym (see pg 4)

11:00am- Grades 8, 9 & 10

12:00pm- Grades 11, 12, & International

Final Report Cards are published

JUNE 30

Administrative Day- School Closed

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Changes to School Administrative Assignments for September

I am pleased to announce that Mark Barrett will be joining our staff at Windsor as one of our Vice Principals. Mark has been an integral part of the Handsworth community as teacher, Vice Principal, and for the past year, Principal. A return from leave at the Secondary Principal level has provided us with the opportunity to have Mark join our administrative team. We are fortunate to have an educational leader of Mark's caliber joining our school community and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.

I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude for the work Shannon Sharp has done at Windsor this year, coming back from retirement first as a Learning Services teacher and then as Vice Principal after Julie Bertrand's promotion. Shannon is looking forward to retiring again!

John McGowan
Principal



GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

The graduation assessments look at students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills and to analyze, reason, and communicate effectively as they examine, interpret, and solve problems. for more information go to:

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

NUMERACY 10

The **Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment** is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in numeracy. It is a graduation requirement and students will be taking the assessment on **June 19th** and **20th** (for students needing accommodations).

All grade 10 classes are cancelled on the 19th.

LITERACY- FRENCH 12

Students in French Immersion are required to complete Grade 12 Literacy Assessments as part of the Provincial Graduation Program, including the written component and the oral component of the Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année –Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12).

The **oral component** will be administered between **June 12th and June 16th (8:30 – 9:15 am)**. Students have been assigned a date and time (they can confirm both with their grade counsellor or their FRAL 12 teacher).

All Immersion students will be completing the **written component** of the assessment on **June 21st (8:45am– 11:45am - Library Lab)**.

YEAR END PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

LOCKER CLEAN-OUT - Week of June 12-16

- Collect a Locker Inspection Form from your Homeroom Teacher **during Tutorial time**
- Clean/empty your assigned locker
- Have any staff member sign Part 1 of the Locker Inspection Form
- Return lock, with CORRECT combination written on Combination Tag, to Homeroom teacher. The combination you write will be verified with a master locker list
- Have Homeroom teacher sign Part 2
- Leave the Locker Inspection Form with your Homeroom teacher
- If you do not return your lock with this form, you will be charged \$10.00.

BY FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- CLEAR OUTSTANDING FEES AND DEBTS
 - RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS
 - RETURN TEXTBOOKS
1. It is the students' responsibility to return the exact book that was assigned to the exact teacher who assigned it, according to the teachers' records.
 2. All textbooks must be returned or paid for by June 23. No books/resources or payments will be accepted after June 23 by the office.
 3. Charges for books are:
 - Lost Books - 100% cost;
 - Damaged Books:
 - Minor - 25% cost
 - Major - 50% cost
 - Pages Missing and Water Damage- 100% cost.

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION & FEE COLLECTION- Thursday, June 29

- 11:00 am GRADE 8, 9 & 10 STUDENTS
- 12:00 pm GRADE 11, 12 & INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Yearbooks will be withheld from all students with outstanding fees.

If fees are paid online after June 23rd, students must bring the receipt with them to get their Yearbook (a screenshot is ok).

WINDSOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

New Awards at Windsor This Year!

Windsor is introducing the “Outstanding Learner Award” as part of our recognition ceremonies this year.

Students receiving an Outstanding Learner Award have met some of the criteria listed below:

- **Work Habits:** Is engaged, has excellent work habits, takes accountability, is independent
- **Citizenship:** Shows leadership, ethical/trustworthy/integrity, takes initiative, good communication
- **General Disposition:** Positive attitude, Encourages others, growth mindset, seeks self-improvement
- **Curiosity:** Creative thinker, questions things, is inquisitive
- **Academic Achievement:** Good grades, motivated, seeks to go beyond
- **Problem Solving:** Resilient/risk taker, adaptive, shows growth and progress, intrinsic motivation

Students will also be receiving awards in the areas of Service, Athletics, Windsor Excellence and French Immersion.

The "Windsor Excellence Award" will be awarded to the top student(s) in each grade who display overall combined excellence in academics, athletics, arts and service.

In September at our opening assemblies, students in Grades 11 and 12 will be recognized for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement for the 2022-2023 school year.

This year, we will be celebrating our students' achievements in **Recognition Assemblies on June 23rd.**

There will be an **assembly for Grades 8 & 9 at 9:30am** (during Period 6), and a second **assembly at 10:45am for grades 10 to 12** (during period 7).

Parents of the students receiving major awards will be invited to join us for the assemblies.

CLUB SEWING FOR A CAUSE

This month, Sewing For a Cause began making the last project of the year: bookmarks! These bookmarks have ribbons sewn onto them instead of embroidery, and will be sold in June during the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day. The ribbons chosen give the bookmarks a spring-summer theme that suits the warm weather of this time of the school year. We plan to sell the previously completed pet bandanas with these bookmarks and promote our club during Blueridge Good Neighbour Day!



THANK YOU, WINDSOR PAC!

English First Peoples 11 students and their teachers would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Windsor PAC for their generous donation. This donation allowed English First Peoples classes to see Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation playwright, Taran Kootenayoo's play, *White Noise*, at the Firehall Arts Centre. Not only did this opportunity allow for students to experience unique Indigenous theatre and art, it allowed participants to understand the relevance and importance of Truth and Reconciliation on a more personal level. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time noting the educational and emotional value of the trip.



THANK YOU, WINDSOR PAC!

Thank you to the PAC for the generous donation of these items (amongst many others):

- Garden benches
- Folding tables
- Popcorn machine for Student Council
- Uniforms for the Gymnastics Team
- Uniforms for the Rugby Team
- Santa's Breakfast
- Tea nook for Home Economics

WINDSOR INTERACT CLUB

Interact has had a very successful year! Through their school and community wide fundraisers, the club has raised over \$4000 to donate to Covenant House Vancouver which supports homeless youth; and Doctors Without Borders which provides free medical care in over 70 countries that need it.

The club has not only raised funds through sales and events but also awareness and supplies for notable causes such as a community food drive, polio day, ShelterBox, Operation Christmas Child, a clothing swap, and more!

Windsor's Interact Club would like to thank all its members, their sponsor teacher Ms. Lazarova, the Rotary Club of Lions Gate, and Windsor staff for all the support provided to the club and can't wait to see what they can accomplish next school year!



WINDSOR LIBRARY & LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

The Windsor Library & Learning Commons has been 'buzzing' lately – thanks to the Beewatch beehive that is now home to thousands of honeybees that are constructing a thriving bee colony in the structure shown below. All the honeybees in the hive are related to one another and they live in a very well-organized society in which each member has a specific role to play. It has been fascinating to see the hive grow in size, as the (female) workers fly in and out, collecting the pollen and nectar, as well as clean the hive, and feed the queen. The (male) drones are responsible for fertilizing the queen and fathering the new generations of bees. There is only one queen in each hive and her sole role is to produce more bees. A mature queen bee can lay up to 2,000 eggs per day! There has been a lot of interest from students and staff as these social creatures create their home of wax and raise their brood, and many students attempt to find the queen – it's not easy as she is a very busy bee!

The WLCC beehive was recently featured on the SD44 [Learn, Share and Grow Blog](#): check it out!



WINDSOR LIBRARY & LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

The WLLC is continuing to build a diverse and vibrant collection of Indigenous Resources to support the teaching of the English First Peoples 11 courses as well as showcase the powerful, authentic narratives of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples and others. In addition to secondary school curriculum resources, the WLCC collection also includes materials on Indigenizing curriculum and Indigenous pedagogy. These materials will centre Indigenous approaches to teaching and learning, and support the work of Indigenizing and Decolonizing curriculum at Windsor Secondary. Please see a sample of the Indigenous Resources collection on the Windsor Libguide> Indigenous Education> [Indigenous Voices site](#).

The WLLC is very proud to support the Windsor GSA, and all members of the LGBTQ2IA+ community, during June Pride Month – and always! The WLCC has a rich and robust collection of many high quality resources, both fiction and non-fiction, that illuminate the importance of accepting one and all in our society. The Windsor Libguide is the link to some of our [Rainbow Resources](#) available. There are further informative resources for students, educators and parents on the [SOGI 1 2 3](#) website. As the SOGI representative for Windsor Secondary, we would like say Happy Pride Month!



WINDSOR LIBRARY & LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

Thanks to the generosity of the Windsor PAC, there are now ten new mobile readers for loan – five Kobos and five Kindles. These new readers also support audiobooks, so for those students who are interested in gaining access to these supportive resources, please talk to your teacher or enquire in the Windsor Library & Learning Commons for more information.

Finally, the WLLC would like to showcase and honour those students who are the top patrons for Semester 2. These students make reading a priority in their lives and, for this, we wish to celebrate these top 20 students – and all the other Windsor students – who are discovering and strengthening their literacy skills!

TOP 20 WLLC LIBRARY PATRONS FEB- MAY 2023

MILES PARK	KIANA RYAN
YUN DI XU	JIawei LI
IBRAHIM ABDULHAFIZ	CLARA LUS
OWEN LITTLE	VIVIEN ROYE
KATE COOK	KIRA ROBIN
VIKRANT GUPTA	SEBASTIAN MCBEATH
MILAN MOSNY	CAELAN DEVLIN
AUDREY HOLTBY	KAI EARL-THOMAS
SHIVANI VERMA	CALI MCCALL-WERBES
VOLODYMYR MELNYK	VEDA PRABHU

DRAG RACING CLUB

The drag race team was at Mission Raceway yesterday (May 31st). This day was a sponsored event, the track cost was paid by a private sponsor. It was a great day, and we were able to have soooooo many runs to get the students comfortable behind the wheel. Owen Walker and Colby Johnson were our drivers for the day.

Owen set a new school record for the car, 13.1713 seconds @ 104.38MPH. Colby continued to improve throughout the day, setting a personal best of 14.2597 seconds @ 99.36MPH. The reason for the big difference in the time is the driver's choice on drivetrain setup. Unfortunately, both drivers lost in their first round of competition.

Racing is not racing if you do not have any issues with the car. This time it was an oil leak that took us about an hour, some parts and a new tool, to solve and correct.

Many thanks to the students that were there with us, everyone was a great help. Owen Walker, Colby Johnson, Parsa Bagheri, Jordan Hardy, Clayton Johns, Elias Nebel, Sam Stringer, Adian Dowling, Luis Padalino, Cesar Grandela and Johnathan Mina. James Green was unable to make it to the track this day and was previously behind the wheel for us, he has been a big part of getting the car ready for the track.



DRAG RACING CLUB

A huge shout out to our parents - Mark Dowling, did our towing for us, and Ralph Stringer, who were a great help with doing mechanicals and getting parts from the store. To Nick and Ben Lawson who provide us with a trailer for every event. And Brad Walker/Neptune Terminals for sponsoring us to cover the cost to get to the track.

This was the last race of the season. We have two Test and Tune days in September to get the new drivers behind the wheel for the next year.



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

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Please log into School Cash Online to ensure you have paid any outstanding fees. Please note that students with outstanding fees will not be able to pick up their yearbooks until accounts have been reconciled.

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