



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- DECEMBER 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:

DECEMBER 4

Curriculum Implementation Day- No Classes

7:30pm- PAC meeting in the Library

DECEMBER 6

6:30pm- Holiday Jazz Night @ Mount Seymour
United Church

DECEMBER 13

Grade 8 Rotation #3 ends (S1R3)

DECEMBER 14

Grade 8 Rotation #4 Starts (S1R4)

DECEMBER 15

7:30pm- Holiday Choir Concert (Multipurpose room)

DECEMBER 22

7:00am- Santa's Breakfast - Multipurpose room

1:00pm- Student dismissal (please see Adjusted Bell Schedule on page 2)

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 7

Winter Break - School Closed

JANUARY 8

Classes Resume

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 22 - 7:00am-9:05am - Santa's Breakfast

Santa's Breakfast Bell Schedule	
Breakfast	7:00 am – 9:05 am
Period 1	9:05 am – 9:55 am
Transition	9:55 am – 10:00 am
Period 2	10:00 am – 10:50 am
Transition	10:50 am – 10:55 am
Period 3	10:55 am – 11:45 am
Break	11:45 am – 12:05 pm
Transition	12:05 am – 12:10 pm
Period 4	12:10 am – 1:00 pm



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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:

- 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)

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Contact information

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!

erase

erase = expect respect & a safe education

[erase](#) is about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, families, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. erase started in 2004 through the provincial government's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools Strategy, and has since evolved.

Families are encouraged to review the resources and information found on the erase website with their children, including about online safety, mental health and well-being, substance abuse, bullying, racism, sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and more. There is also a reporting tool to get help and support.

Starting on November 16, the North Vancouver School District and school websites will feature erase on the homepage rotating banner. We are doing this to increase awareness of this resource. You can expect to see erase shared on NVSD and school websites periodically throughout the school year.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your Grade Administrator.

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GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

The BC Graduation Program requires all students to write the following Graduation Assessments as part of their graduation requirements. This year at Windsor, the following exams are scheduled:

- **Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment** (November 2023)
- **Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment** (January 2024)
- **Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment** (April 2024)
- **Make-up session for all Assessments** (June 2024)

*All students who have not yet written an assessment will be automatically enrolled

The purpose of these assessments is to measure the extent to which students are literate and numerate and to provide students with information about their proficiency. Overall, the provincial graduation assessments require students to apply their numeracy and literacy skills in realistic contexts. Rather than assess specific course curricula, the graduation assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations. 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. Graduation assessments also emphasize the importance of the context in which students should be able to use their skills (e.g., home, employment, society). (BC Ministry of Education)

- The Numeracy Assessment is cross-curricular and not connected to a specific course
- Students are expected to take the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment in their Grade 10 year
- Assessment dates are set by the Ministry and are non-negotiable
- Students who missed a session will be automatically enrolled in the next one
- Students will have 2 hours to write the assessment with an additional hour if needed
- Assessments are scored on a proficiency scale
- The student's best outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on their BC Ministry of Education Transcript
- Students may request to re-write an assessment by informing the Vice-Principal

For further information, videos, and practice assessments please visit: curriculum.gov.bc.ca and click on the top tab "Provincial Assessments"

[Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#)

[Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#)

[Grade 12 Literacy Assessment](#)

How to access [Assessment Scores via the BC Transcript Service or MyEd BC](#)

All students should have set up their own BC Transcript Service Account in their Grade 10 year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Caren Hall (chall@s44.ca).

SFU BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PRESENTATION



Meet a representative of the SFU Beedie School of Business, December 7 at 1:00 pm in meeting room 412, here at Windsor Secondary School. See Mr Martin for details.

WINDSOR'S SOCIAL JUSTICE CLASS

Dear Windsor Parents,

Windsor's Social Justice class would like to announce their online silent auction. The proceeds will go to the North Shore's Women's Centre to support mothers in need. The auction consist of multiple things such as items from Arc'teryx, gift baskets, Canucks tickets. We even have a giant clock!

The auction closes on December 8th so don't delay. Get some of your holiday shopping done early this year and support a great cause while you are at it.



SEWING FOR A CAUSE CLUB

Sewing for a Cause Club is excited to announce that we have officially completed sewing over 30 adorable pet bandanas in different sizes and patterns which are in the process of being donated to the SPCA.

We are currently working on some festive cloth holiday bags which are perfect for storing gifts in a reusable fashion. These handmade bags along with some festive ornaments will be for sale at Windsor Music's Holiday Jazz Night on Wednesday December 6th at Mount Seymour United Church. Hope to see you there!

The club will be sewing pillowcases and heating pads for the teenagers at Lionsgate Hospital in the new year.

New members are always welcome, and no sewing experience is required to join the club!

GREEN TEAM

In November, the Windsor Green Team continued to host cleanups of the school grounds.

Students had a poster making meeting where we created some fun posters featuring environmental facts which can be spotted throughout the school.

The Green Team gave out hot chocolate during tutorial time and at lunch from November 27-December 1st. The hot chocolate was free to anyone who brought their own reusable mug and cost \$1 for those needing to purchase a one-use paper cup.

Keep an eye out for Green Team's booth in this year's holiday market! We look forward to continuing with some larger projects in the new year!



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Sr. Boys Soccer Team on winning the Vancouver Sea to Sky Championship!



WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB

The Windsor Garden Club has been busy meeting with the Coast Salish Garden Center reviewing the front Indigenous Gardens and looking at replanting and adding more to our garden. We are once again, very appreciative for the donations from Windsor PAC to help support their efforts with soil and supplies for the back courtyard garden.

WINDSOR INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club has just completed our annual project, Operation Christmas Child.

We collected 21 boxes in total and all of them have been donated to children in countries who wouldn't otherwise receive gifts over the holidays.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Auditions have begun for our annual Entertainment Night which is our biggest fundraiser of the year! The event is structured like a talent show. All students are welcome to audition. You do not need to be in Interact Club to perform. Auditions will be virtual this year and students need only send a video of their act through teams to either Nicola R or Ava C in Grade 12 before winter break. The show will be on February 22nd and everyone is welcome to come watch!

Windsor's Interact Club will be selling holiday candy grams this year. They will be up for sale from December 11-15 and will be delivered to recipients during the last day of school before winter break.

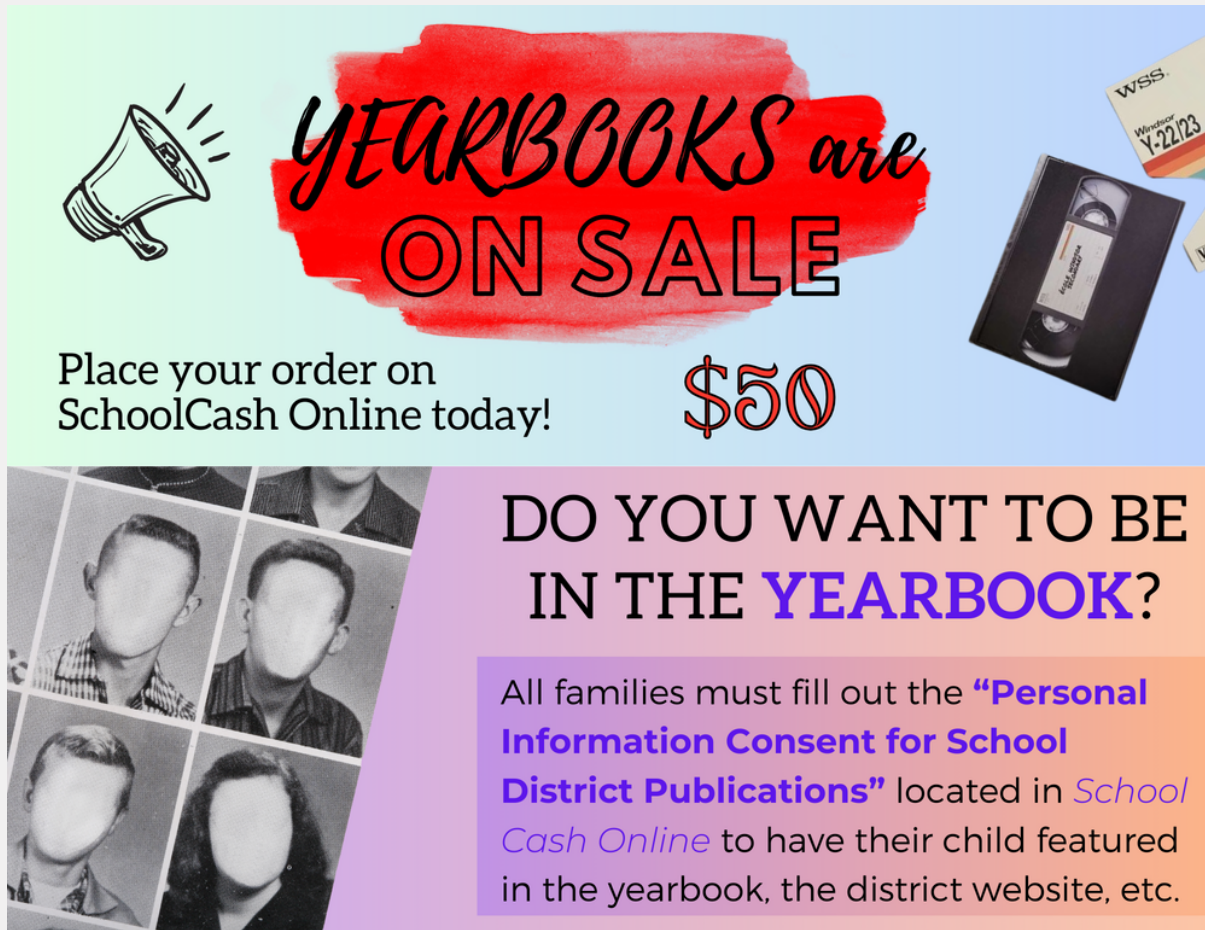
We can't wait to finish off 2023 strong with some auditions and candy grams!

WINDSOR LIBRARY

A Big Thank You!

The Windsor Library would like to express its heartfelt gratitude for the generous donation by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of 10 Ereaders/ Audiobooks as well as a \$500 donation to purchase reading titles requested by students. This important addition to the library is helping many ELL students, students with learning challenges, and others that wish to read or listen to books in an alternative format. PAC's key donation supports the Windsor Library's goal of promoting a passion for lifelong reading and learning based on student interest.

YEARBOOK



The graphic is divided into two main sections. The top section has a light blue background with a red watercolor splash in the center. On the left is a megaphone icon. The text 'YEARBOOKS are ON SALE' is written in a mix of black and white fonts over the red splash. To the right is an image of a VHS tape and a library card. Below this, the text 'Place your order on SchoolCash Online today!' is on the left, and '\$50' is on the right. The bottom section has a purple-to-orange gradient background. On the left is a collage of four student portraits with their faces blurred. The text 'DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE YEARBOOK?' is in the center, with 'YEARBOOK?' in purple. Below this, a white box contains text about a consent form.

YEARBOOKS are ON SALE

Place your order on SchoolCash Online today! **\$50**

DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE YEARBOOK?

All families must fill out the **“Personal Information Consent for School District Publications”** located in *School Cash Online* to have their child featured in the yearbook, the district website, etc.

PARKING AT WINDSOR

Windsor has limited parking for students. Students must park in the lot off of Lytton Street. Please note that in order to ensure all staff can park on school property, the parking lot off of Broadview Dr. is for staff only this year. Students may not park off of Broadview Drive.

In order to park at Windsor students must:

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

We continue to encourage students to walk or take transit to school.



STUDENT DROP-OFF

A reminder to all parents that there is no student drop off in the front parking lot unless your student has mobility difficulties. Please access the large drop off area at the back of the school or the cul-de-sac at the end of Lytton St.

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 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.

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