



# École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

## WINDSOR FAMILY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 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**

#### **FEBRUARY 13**

7:00-8:00PM- Spring Athletics Meeting for  
Students & Parents (Multipurpose room)

#### **FEBRUARY 17**

District Professional Day (no classes)

#### **FEBRUARY 20**

Family Day (schools closed)

#### **FEBRUARY 23**

Parent-Teacher Interviews Sign-Up #1 Open  
at 7:00PM (more information to follow)

#### **FEBRUARY 27**

At Home Course selection for students  
begins in MyEd BC Portal

#### **FEBRUARY 28**

Parent-Teacher Interviews Sign-Up #1 Closes  
at 3:00PM

Parent-Teacher Interviews Sign-Up #2 Opens  
at 7:00PM (more information to follow)

## 2023-2024 PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

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.

Instructions for selecting courses will be set home next week.

February 13-24, 2023	Current Gr.8 – 11 Course Programming Class Visits
February 24, 2023	Current Gr.7 Course Selection Sheets due in to their Gr.7 teachers
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)


# WINDSOR WOLVES LOGO VOTE


This week, all students and staff had the opportunity to vote on the initial designs submitted by Jonas Jones to be finalized as our new school logo.

The four logos on the poster are in draft format – they are not finalized, and are for design/input purposes only. We received lots of suggestions from students!





**DRAFT LOGO VOTE!**

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**SCAN QR TO VOTE!**

# LEARNING TO LEAD

## LEARNING to lead™

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### THE PROGRAM

Learning to Lead™ is a **4-week (1 session/week) leadership program** open to self-identified girls in high school. Participants gain confidence through interactive workshops and activities within a safe and supportive community.

Participants attend 2-hour Zoom sessions once a week for 4 weeks.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Learning to Lead™ focuses on:

- Self-knowledge
- Being a leader
- Increasing confidence
- Being authentic
- Creating connections

### SPRING 2023 DATES

**Group 1:** Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30pm  
(April 4, 11, 18, 25)

**Group 2:** Wednesdays, 6-8pm  
(April 5, 12, 19, 26)

Thanks to our generous sponsors, Learning to Lead™ is offered at no cost to participants.

“ Learning to Lead™ taught me how to change the world, one step at a time. ”



### JOIN US!

We are looking for youth who are ready to learn more about themselves, grow their confidence, and connect with other amazing young people from across the province.

50 participants will be selected to attend each 4-week program. Indigenous youth are encouraged to apply.

To nominate a student, please contact **Vib Wadhwa (Youth Programs Coordinator, Minerva BC)** at [vibhuti@minervabc.ca](mailto:vibhuti@minervabc.ca)

Learn more and apply at: [minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead/](https://minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead/)

Stay tuned for Fall programming!

# ROBOTIC, MECHATRONICS AND DIGITAL FABRICATION ACADEMY PARENT INFO SESSION

## Grade 10 - 12 students!

Are you interested in learning more about robots? Would you like to learn to build a robot, program it and learn to work as a team? Does the field of engineering appeal to you?

If you are interested in learning more about the [SD44 Robotics academy](#), there will be an information night on February 27 at 7:00 at Carson Graham in room E201.



## SEWING FOR A CAUSE

A lot has happened in Sewing for a cause since November, with the completion of the embroidered bookmarks, multiple nights of selling holiday goodies, and the start of a new project!

First, we have decided to allow the members to keep the bookmarks for themselves rather than donating or selling them, as they were just too cute.

Then, we were busy all December hand sewing Christmas ornaments to sell alongside reusable gift bags and other sewn bookmarks.



We sold at several events: Windsor's first annual Christmas Market, the Windsor Holiday Jazz concert, and at two other jazz night events. All in all a highly successful and eventful December!



Finally, we began our next project, which is heating pads to be donated to teens at the Lions Gate Hospital. We are still in the giving spirit (when are we not?), and wanted to help out fellow teenagers. We look forward to sharing the finished pads soon!

## WINDSOR PAC- THANK YOU

On behalf of the Windsor students and staff we would like to thank the Windsor PAC for purchasing more seating for the front of the school, around the gardens. Three new benches were purchased and are awaiting to be put in by the district. These will allow students another place to enjoy their lunch and allow more seating to view and use for classroom lessons around the indigenous garden.

## 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](#)





## **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, semester 2 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.