



# École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- FEBRUARY 2024

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 1**

First Day of Semester 2  
Grade 8 Rotation #2 (S2R2) Starts

[National Inclusive Education Month](#)

[Black History Month](#)

### **FEBRUARY 5**

7:30pm- PAC meeting (Library)

### **FEBRUARY 6**

6:30pm - Grad Semi-Formal  
(Seymour Golf & Country Club)

### **FEBRUARY 7**

8:30am - CLC 12 Meeting  
(Multipurpose Room)

### **FEBRUARY 10**

[Lunar New Year](#)

### **FEBRUARY 14**

[Valentine's Day](#)

### **FEBRUARY 15**

[National Flag of Canada Day](#)

### **FEBRUARY 16**

District Wide Professional Day (no students)

### **FEBRUARY 19**

BC Family Day - School Closed

### **FEBRUARY 22**

7:00pm - Windsor Interact's Annual Entertainment Night  
(Multipurpose room)

### **FEBRUARY 26**

5:30pm - Spring Coaches and Sponsors Athletics meeting  
(Foods room 218)

7:00pm - Spring Parent and Student Athletics meeting  
(Multipurpose room)

### **FEBRUARY 28**

9:50am - Student late start for Staff Collaboration Day  
(see page 2)

8:30am - Pascal/Cayley/Fermat Math Contests- Grades 9-11  
(see page 3)

7:00pm - Parent-Teacher Conferences Window #1 Opens  
(more information to follow)

[Pink Shirt Day](#)

# ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

## FEBRUARY 28

9:50AM - STUDENT LATE START FOR STAFF COLLABORATION

### COLLABORATION DAY BELL SCHEDULE

(Sept 27, Oct 25, Jan 24, Feb 28, Apr 24)

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 8:31 - 9:50   | Collaboration Time |
| 9:50 - 10:50  | 1                  |
| 10:50 - 10:55 | Transition         |
| 10:55 - 11:55 | 2                  |
| 11:55 - 12:00 | Transition         |
| 12:00 - 1:00  | 3                  |
| 1:00 - 2:00   | Lunch              |
| 2:00 - 3:00   | 4                  |

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## WATERLOO MATH CONTESTS for Grades 9-12

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Windsor is offering students the opportunity to participate in the internationally recognized Waterloo Math Contests.

- Grades 9 - 11 will take place on the morning of February 28th during tutorial time and the start of period 7 (Location to be determined).
- The Euclid (grade 12) contest will take place on April 3rd.

Registration is on [School Cash Online](#) and deadlines for registration for these contests are:

Grades 9-11: Wednesday, February 14.

Grade 12: Wednesday, March 6.

See Dr. Pruner in room 408 for more information as the dates get closer.



# GR. 9 STUDENTS MAKE WAVES AT RADIO CANADA

In an exciting collaboration, Eco Nova joined forces with Radio Canada to empower our grade 9 FRIMM students to voice their generational concerns and questions regarding climate action in French. This unique opportunity allowed our young activists to share their perspectives on the pressing issue of climate change.

Tune in to Radio Canada in the week leading up to Earth Day (April 22nd) to hear these passionate voices advocating for a sustainable future!



## CAREERS

1) The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) **invites students and their families** to explore various **Career pathways in the TRADES** available to students in Grade 10-12. On **February 1st, 2024** learn from local businesses, SkilledTrades BC (Formerly the ITA), post-secondary representatives and NVSD career program educators. Details are in the registration link below. Registration open until January 30th, 2024

[Registration Link](#)

2) **Career Fair in the Arts:** The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) **invites students and their families to explore career pathways in the arts- dance, visual arts, music and theatre.** Please join us on the evening of **February 7th, 2024!** through an evening “gallery walkabout” event. Details are in the registration link.

[Registration Link](#)

3) **The Life of a General Duty RCMP Officer - Two-Day Workshop February 12th and 13th. Open to 50 students from grade 10-12.** Come learn about the many career pathways in law enforcement and emergency services while solving a crime! From dispatch and forensics to canine units and making an arrest, this interactive experience will be something not to forget! To secure a seat, use the registration link below and contact your school WEX Facilitator or Career Teacher for the paperwork!

[Registration Link](#)

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## CAREERS

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**Interested in Baking?** Vancouver Community College is offering a Baking and Pastry Arts Foundation Certificate. Program graduates receive the following:

- **24 High School Credits** applied to graduation requirements
- **24 Post-Secondary Credits** resulting in a Vancouver Community College transcript and a Baking Foundations Certificate
- **Level 1 Apprenticeship Credits**
  - 600 hours technical training and 480 hours work-based training (sponsored by student's school district) towards the completion of Level 1 apprenticeship requirements.

**Interested in Carpentry?** BCIT has seats available in Carpentry Framing & Forming Joiner Foundation. NVSD will pay your tuition towards high school credits.

**Work Experience WEX12A or WEX12B (4 credit courses)** is available to anyone 14 years or older. The world of work becomes the classroom. The hours can also be gained using students' paid work. In addition, these hours can be used to fulfil the graduation requirement of 30 hours.


**Youth Work in Trades** is another program designed for those students who are currently working part-time in a trade, under a certified Journey Person, or who know of someone who might hire them to work in a trade. It is possible for students to earn up to 16 credits while in school. Four credits are assigned for every 120 hours of work completed. These hours are also counted towards the total number of hours needed to become a journeyman in their chose trade. Trades are not what they use to be. A great site to look at is [Tradetrainingbc.ca](http://Tradetrainingbc.ca) - look for foundation programs.

**Youth Train in Trades** is also available. The Carpentry Program provides training for Grade 11 and 12 students interested in a career in carpentry and related trades. Based at West Vancouver Secondary, students receive training every second day, while attending Windsor Secondary School for core academic subjects. This intensive program allows students to receive technical training typically done at a post-secondary institution while working toward high school graduation. Each student accepted into the program is registered as a trainee with the Industry Training Authority (ITA).

Any further information or questions can be directed to Mrs. Sian Oliver ([soliver@sd44.ca](mailto:soliver@sd44.ca))



# YEARBOOK



**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.



# PARENT DEDICATIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE PARENT DEDICATION FORM

**DUE FEBRUARY 29**

COMPLETE A SHORT WRITE UP (80 WORDS MAX)

UPLOAD YOUR CHILD'S BABY PHOTO

SCAN ME

## KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

### Contact information

Please ensure your contact information, especially email and phone number, are up to date. You can see the contact information that Windsor has in MyEd. MyEd is also where you can access your students' timetable, report cards and attendance records.

[My Ed BC Portal Tips & Resources](#)

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!



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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### 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:

- 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)

## 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.