



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 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:

NOVEMBER 1

Take Your Kid To Work Day - Grade 9's

NOVEMBER 2

7:00pm- Winter Coaches and Sponsors Athletics meeting (room 218)

Ministry Assessments - Gr. 12 Literacy
(see schedule on page 2)

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(Gr. 12 classes cancelled- see schedule on page 2)

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

NOVEMBER 6

7:00pm- Winter Parent & Student Athletics meeting
(multipurpose room)

7:30pm- PAC meeting (Library)

NOVEMBER 8

[National Indigenous Veterans Day](#)

NOVEMBER 9

Grade 8 Rotation #2 ends (S1R2)

NOVEMBER 10

Grade 8 Rotation #3 starts (S1R3)

10:40-11:55am- Remembrance Day Assembly in the Large Gym (adjusted bell schedule on page 3)

NOVEMBER 11

[Remembrance Day](#)

NOVEMBER 12

[Diwali](#)

NOVEMBER 13

Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
(schools closed)

[World Kindness Day](#)

NOVEMBER 15

6:00pm- Parent Info Meeting - Gr 8 Band
Retreat to Zajac Ranch

NOVEMBER 17

12:00pm-Gr 8 Band Retreat to Zajac Ranch

NOVEMBER 20

Mid-Term Report Cards published
(see page 2)

[Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

NOVEMBER 22

8:30am- 9:10am- CLC 12 meeting
(Multipurpose room)

7:00pm- Band & Strings Winter Concert
(Kay Meek Theatre- ticketed event)

NOVEMBER 24

School-Based Professional Day- no
students

NOVEMBER 25

[International Day for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women and Girls](#)

GRADE 12 LITERACY ASSESSMENT

All Grade 12 students must complete the Literacy 12 Assessment in their Grade 12 year in order to graduate. Students will complete the Literacy 12 Assessment on Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd, 2023.

Students themselves need to know the time and location of their assessment. Information is posted below, on the Grade 12 MS Team, and outside the counselling office. Students must arrive at their scheduled arrival time.

*note: any Grade 12 athletes with early dismissals for games on Friday November 3rd will have their sitting moved to a morning session. Some of these students may not be in alphabetical order. *

Students who need accommodations will be contacted by administration or counsellor with information for their date and time of writing.

All Grade 12 classes will be canceled on **Friday, November 3rd** 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 November 3rd.

DATE	ARRIVAL TIME	ASSESSMENT TIME	LOCATION	STUDENT'S LAST NAMES	ASSESSMENT
Thursday November 2nd	8:15 AM	8:30 - 11:30 AM	LIBRARY	Accommodations	LIT 12
Friday November 3rd	8:15 AM	8:30 - 11:30 AM	LIB LAB	A-Cha	LIT 12
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student athletes with early dismissals for a game have been moved to morning sessions. Please see the board outside the counselling office.

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 10

Remembrance Day Ceremony- Adjusted Bell Schedule

No tutorial this day	
Period 1	8:31 – 9:30 am
Transition	9:30 – 9:35 am
Period 2	9:35 – 10:35 am
Transition	10:35 – 10:40 am
Ceremony	10:40 – 11:55 am
Transition	11:55am 12:00 pm
Period 3	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Lunch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Period 4	2:00 – 3:00 pm

MID-TERM REPORT CARDS – November 20th, 2023

After July 1, 2023, the updated [K-12 Student Reporting Policy](#) came into effect. The policy aligns with the redesigned curriculum, unifies existing policy options, and creates consistency across the province. Updated reporting practices also ensures alignment with B.C.'s provincial assessment system. The Reporting Policy views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done at the end of each term or unit. It maintains high standards for students by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning.

For information on reporting in British Columbia, please see the attached Ministry document.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

ERASE FAMILY SESSIONS:

Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities

Three virtual [erase](#) learning sessions for families will be held on November 8th, 28th, and 30th, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Please see links to register for these sessions.

Dates	Delivery	Registration Link
November 8, 2023 6:30pm - 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator
November 28, 2023 7:00pm - 8:00pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator
November 30, 2023 6:30pm - 7:30pm	online	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator

DISTRICT STUDENT SUB-COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

The Student Inclusive Education Committee is a sub-committee of the school district's Inclusion Committee and was created in 2022. The sub-committee provides neurodivergent students and students with disabilities an opportunity to ensure support for students' education and school journey by:

- Sharing their experiences and perspectives.
- Providing advice to the NVSD on all matters pertaining to students with disabilities, autism and/or intellectual disabilities.

Participation is open to students in Grades 6-12. All students have the option to attend meetings with the support of a family member, peer or support person. Meeting locations and schedule will be determined with the participants, we will meet multiple times throughout the year.

If you would like to participate on this sub-committee for the 2023-2024 year, please email InclusiveEducation@sd44.ca and provide your name, school, grade and contact information. The number of sub-committee participants will depend on the number of applicants.

YEARBOOK



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.

WINDSOR'S SOCIAL JUSTICE CLASS

Help your neighbors celebrate the holidays this Winter. Windsor Secondary's Social Justice class will be collecting toys for the **North Shore Christmas Bureau**, November 27th through December 16th.

- Drop off any new and unopened toys at the main office, Monday to Friday 8am until 4pm.
- If you prefer to make a money donation directly, please use the QR code below.



All proceeds will be put towards purchasing new toys for those who struggle financially during the holiday season.

Thank you for your support!

Dear Windsor Parents,

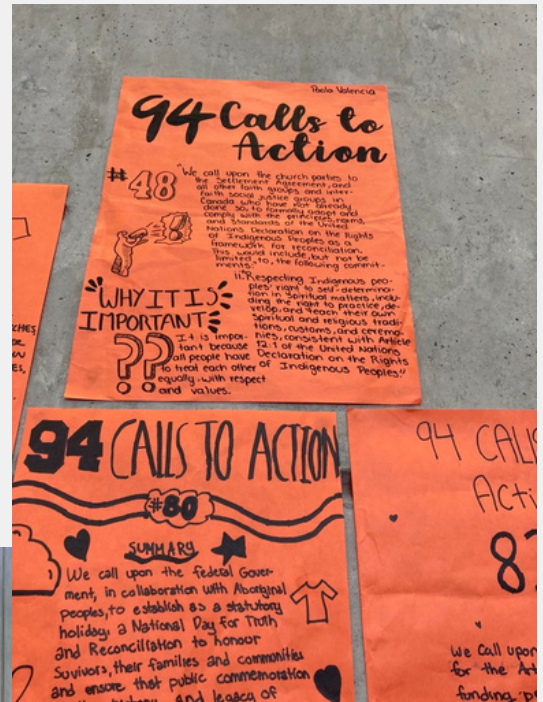
Windsor's Social Justice class would like to announce an online silent auction. The proceeds will go to the North Shore's Women's Centre to support mothers in need. This will be in the form of supplies such as nursery items, newborn care products, menstrual products, and other expensive daily commodities. The auction will consist of multiple things such as Arc'teryx jackets, gift baskets, and events and activities tickets.

Stay tuned for more information coming your way!

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Windsor students and staff made 94 Calls to Action posters currently on display in the front foyer of the school in honour of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

“The 94 Calls to Action (CTAs) are actionable policy recommendations meant to aid the healing process in two ways: acknowledging the full, horrifying history of the residential schools system, and creating systems to prevent these abuses from ever happening again in the future.”



WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB



The Windsor Garden Club this year is up and running again this year with a number of new members as our club all graduated last year. They have been busy keeping the front and back gardens weed free. They are once again, very appreciative for the donations from Windsor PAC to help support their efforts with supplies for the back courtyard garden.

The Garden Club also hosted a bake sale on Oct 31st selling goodies and mini pumpkins, to help with the costs of maintaining the gardens.

WINDSOR INTERACT CLUB

This month Interact club ran a food drive in both the school and local community simultaneously and we were able to fill an entire truck full of donations ranging from canned food to toiletries. All supplies were donated to the Harvest Project.



On Polio Day this year Interact club raised awareness and spread information about polio and wore purple for support. Polio has been eradicated in all but two countries and the complete eradication of polio has been a focus of rotary and consequently Interact for many years.

Additionally, Interact will soon be starting our next big project “Operation Christmas Child” very soon. For this project we distribute shoebox sized bins to students. These boxes are to be filled with gifts which will be donated to children in other countries who would not otherwise receive presents for Christmas. Boxes and information explaining what to put inside will be posted in the textiles room in the coming weeks.

We hope to have as many donations as possible this year and all are welcome to participate.

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team spent the month hosting cleanups. We removed plenty of garbage from the field, parking lot, and other areas surrounding the school. In November we will be hosting general meetings geared towards poster making to promote environmental awareness around the school. Green Team will also be selling hot chocolate at lunch and before school during the last week of November. Bring your own reusable mug.

New members are always welcome!



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council would like to thank all students and staff that contributed to our annual Terry Fox campaign. This year we raised a grand total of \$1178.95 for cancer research.

Way to go Windsor!

CLUB SEWING FOR A CAUSE



Sewing for a Cause spent the month creating and completing dog bandannas in various sizes and patterns. These will be donated to the BC SPCA Vancouver Branch.

We will begin sewing a number of holiday themed projects to sell at Windsor Music's Holiday Jazz Night in the coming weeks.

New members are always welcome, and no sewing experience is required.

WINDSOR PAC

Windsor PAC Parent Donations

WPAC parent donations and Gaming funds are thoughtfully spent in areas of the school for items that are otherwise unavailable through the school block budget. During the last school year, WPAC worked with teachers, students and the school administration to provide support where we could.

In lieu of asking parents or students to sell door-to-door, collect money and deliver goods, please help the Windsor PAC achieve our goals of supporting students and teachers by making a donation.

- \$25** I do not want to bake so here is the money I would have spent on those cupcakes.
- \$50** I do not want to walk, swim, bike or run in any event that has the word “thon” in it. Here is the money I would have spent on the ‘free’ T-shirt.
- \$75** I do not want to attend any fancy balls so here is the money I would have spent on new clothes.
- \$100** I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to buy, sell or do beyond making this donation.

>> THREE OPTIONS TO DONATE <<

Option 1 - For a speedier donation and a tax receipt, go to School Cash Online (<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>), login and click “MAKE A DONATION”. You will then choose “Windsor” as your school.

Option 2 - Send an EFT to windsorpactreasurer@gmail.com. You will not receive a tax receipt.

Option 3 - Send a cheque (payable to WINDSOR PAC) along with [THIS FORM](#) and return it to the office. You will not receive a tax receipt.

THANK YOU, WINDSOR PAC

Thank you to the Windsor PAC for providing the funds to update our school table banners used for Parent-Teacher interviews and other events we have at the school. We appreciate their support!



We also thank the WPAC for:

- Equipment for Track & Field
- Kahoot online subscription
- Wireless speaker for Choices

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:

- 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. 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



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.