



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

WINDSOR FAMILY NEWSLETTER- MAY 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

MAY 8

District Professional Day (No Classes)

MAY 11

Pan-Canadian Assessment Program- PCAP
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MAY 22

Victoria Day (Schools Closed)

MAY 23

BC Adolescent Health Survey- McCreary
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MAY 25

Grade 8 Rotation #3 (S2R3) Ends

MAY 26

Grade 8 Rotation #4 (S2R4) Starts

MAY 27

Windsor Music Annual Jazz Cabaret
5:30PM-11:00PM @ Mt. Seymour United Church

PAN-CANADIAN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PCAP)

The Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) is the most recent commitment from CMEC to inform Canadians about how well their education systems are meeting the needs of students and society. The information gathered in these cyclical tests of student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science provides the provinces and territories with a basis for examining their curriculum and improving their assessment tools. Windsor will be participating in this study on May 11th.

For more information use the link below:

https://www.cmec.ca/docs/assessment/PCAP_2023_Brochure_EN.pdf

BC ADOLESCENT HEALTH SURVEY(McCreary)

Our school has been chosen to participate in the BC Adolescent Health Survey (McCreary). This survey occurs every five years and the information collected is used to improve youth health in our community and across BC.

The surveys are set to begin May 23rd

- A sample of classes from each grade from 8 to 12 are being surveyed.
- The survey will be administered by trained nurses or senior nursing students.

For more information on this survey please use the link below:

https://www.mcs.bc.ca/pdf/2023_bcahs_info_for_parents.pdf

WINDSOR PAC

Windsor PAC is Recruiting

WAIT - WAIT - WAIT! This is not your elementary school PAC!

We don't make popcorn. We don't deal with hot lunches. We don't set up the book fair. We don't do Movie Night. We don't do Santa's breakfast and we don't do the Welcome Back BBQ.

We have eight, one hour meetings per year - that's it! Very civilized ... very grown up.

HOWEVER, the WPAC is important to the success of the school. The WPAC disperses the funds that we receive from parent donations and from the BC Gaming grant. Without a functioning PAC in place, there is no legal entity to receive (or spend) these funds.

We are currently seeking someone to fill the Secretary position (see below) but we are always looking for committed WPAC members so please consider participating.

[Upcoming Meetings:](#) May 1, 7:30 pm & June 5, 7:30 pm

Secretary Job Description:

- Monitor the WPAC email account and forward/respond to messages as required
- Attend meetings (8 per year)
- Gather meeting agenda items from WPAC members
- Prepare minutes for approval by the Executive and send the completed minutes to the office for posting on the school website (1 hour).
- Attend the 'Family of Schools' zoom meeting, usually every 4-6 weeks. Meetings usually last an hour, if not less.
- Prepared/collect WPAC news items for inclusion in the school newsletter (submitted 1 week before the end of the month)

Please contact us at windsorpac@outlook.com if you are interested in joining.

Chess Anyone?

Exciting news, announcing the first Blueridge Chess Open for youth ages 11 plus, with adults welcome to sign up too! This tournament will take place June 11th at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day. Registration is free and there will be prizes for winners in different age categories. A basic grasp of the game is all that's needed; all levels are welcome.

Please contact Blueridge Community Association for more details or to sign up at info@blueridgeca.org.

GRADE 12 CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

Grade 12 Capstone Presentations are May 2nd and May 3rd in Period 8

This is an exciting time for Grade 12's as they prepare to present their Capstones. Career-Life Connections is designed to assist students in reflecting on where their personal interests and strengths overlap with emerging career-life opportunities in the world.

Students can develop a sense of purpose when these three qualities overlap, offering possible career-life directions that are both personally meaningful and viable.

In Grade 12 students start their Capstone in October, which is an independent culminating project, presentation, or performance that provides students the opportunity to showcase learning from their school and life experience into a meaningful product.

On behalf of the staff at Windsor, we wish them all luck in their presentations.



WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB

The front gardens are growing and being looked after by our Garden Club students who are all graduating this year!



Muriel Smith-Hennessy- President
Stella Whyte and Adrienne Lesueur- VPs
Robyn Goh- Treasurer
Ella Hoffman- Communications
Brianna Macphail and Liz McCusker- Co-Secretaries



The week of May 9th at lunch in the foyer, the Graden Club will be hosting a plant sale, including flowers, plants, and starters for your garden. Prices will range from \$2-\$20.

CLUB SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sewing for a cause has been working hard this past month to finish sewing pet bandanas. The three fabrics that we chose resulted in very cute completed bandanas (pictured), and we hope the pets wearing them think so too.

We have decided to change where the bandanas would go this year, and have chosen to sell them at Blueridge Good Neighbour Day.

In addition, we will be promoting our club at a table there. And finally, we will soon be choosing our next and final project of the school 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

SCHOOL FEES

Semester 2 Course Fees have been added to your account and statements sent home during Spring Break. Please login to School Cash Online to make the payment or disregard it if payment has already been made.

We appreciate prompt payment of these fees so 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.