

*Westview Secondary School*

# JUNE NEWSLETTER #8

June. 30th, 2023

## Message from the Principal

Hello Westview Community,

On behalf of the staff at Westview Secondary School I want to extend my appreciation to our students, their families and caregivers as the 2022-2023 school year comes to an end. Thank you for all the hard work, dedication and support you have provided to make Westview a great place to be for the members of our learning community.

Looking back on the year we have had a successful year in drama, the arts, athletics, academics, and community service. Some of the organizations our leadership classes made contributions to through their activities included are; the Friends in Need Foodbank (Maple Ridge), Tri-Cities Pride, Pollinator Partnership Canada, RainCoast Dog Rescue and Islamic Relief Canada for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief Fund. This is something we can be very proud of as it demonstrates the kindness, compassion and care our students have for their community. I am looking forward to what next school year brings.

As the year closes, we are saying goodbye to Steve Kater and Anne Girbav who are moving onto other Vice Principal roles in the district; and, for the new school year we are welcoming Denis Drapeau and Robyn Sheridan.

I wish you all a safe summer break!

## Important messages from the office

### Grade 8 Orientation Open House

On Tuesday, August 29 from 10:30am – 12:30pm we are hosting the Grade 8 Orientation Day Open House. We are so excited to be welcoming our new cohort of Grade 8s to Westview!

Grade 8s are welcome to drop by during this time to collect their timetable, get a treat and have a look around the school. We will have student leaders on hand to give tours & answer questions. Parents & caregivers are welcome as well.

And don't forget to "Save the Date!" Grade 8 Parent Night @ WSS September 21 – more details to follow! Hope to see you there!

**Drop off/pick up reminders** - Please make sure you are not blocking any parking spaces & not parking in staff parking spots while waiting to pick up your child for Sept start. School Zone is 30kms.

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### SUMMER 2023 PITT MEADOWS PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE OPPORTUNITIES

#### Hello Summer Programs!

Our summer program guide is now available online and is now available in print. Browse the City of Pitt Meadows Parks, Recreation & Culture Guide for a variety of activities and programs for all age groups! **Registration for summer programs opens on May 30 at 8 am.** Visit [pittmeadows.ca/programguide](http://pittmeadows.ca/programguide) for details.

#### Youth Lounge at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre!

This safe place is for youth ages 11-18 years old. For an annual membership of \$10, youth members can access the Youth lounge and enjoy activities such as billiards, foosball, table tennis, PlayStation pods, retro arcade games, Nintendo Switch and special events. For details visit [www.pittmeadows.ca/youth](http://www.pittmeadows.ca/youth).

#### Low-Cost Activities at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Parent & Child Playtime

Looking for an indoor activity? PMFRC offers low-cost [Parent & Child Playtime](#) in the gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays (10-11:45 am) and Saturdays (9-11 am) for only \$1 per child.

#### Value Times at the Fitness Centre

Work out at the fitness centre during our value times. It's only \$1 for youth (13-18Y) and seniors (60Y+) and \$2 for adults (19-59Y). Value times are:

Tuesday 10-11:30am, Wednesday 8:30-9:30am, Thursday 6-7am and Saturday from 3-6pm.

#### Multisport 13Y+

Drop-in for Multisport on Fridays from 3-5pm, it's only \$1 for youth (13-18Y).

#### Splash into Summer!

Keep cool this summer at the Harris Road Pool and the Spray Park. Harris Road Pool is open from July 1 to September 4 and the Spray Park season runs from June to September, weather permitting. For full details visit

[pittmeadows.ca/parks-recreation/drop-schedules-hours-rates/outdoor-public-swimming-spray-park](http://pittmeadows.ca/parks-recreation/drop-schedules-hours-rates/outdoor-public-swimming-spray-park)

Youth (12Y-18Y) & Emerging Adults (19Y-24Y)

**TAKE THE SURVEY, SHAPE THE FUTURE.**

How can our community better support youth and emerging adults to allow them to grow and develop to their highest potential?

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!**  
Your feedback will help identify gaps in programs and services for your age group.

MAPLE RIDGE PRC Youth SCAN OR CODE FOR SURVEY OR VISIT MAPLE.RIDGE.CA/2021

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### **FREE Summer Registered Programs:**

**Feature Artist Workshops – Outdoor Sketching** – Join us in August for two outdoor sketching workshops with avid sketcher, Wendy Mould. The workshops will be held outside at Waterfront Commons Park, weather permitting. To register and see full details visit [pittmeadows.ca/programguide](http://pittmeadows.ca/programguide) and see page 27 in the Summer Program guide.

### **Upcoming Pitt Meadows FREE Family Events and Activities**

The City of Pitt Meadows proudly hosts several signature and community events and activities throughout the year. Upcoming summer events and activities include:

- Farmers Market – Every Tuesday, June 13 to September 26
- Pride Concert – June 14
- Canada Day – July 1
- Summer Serenade Concert Series – Wednesday nights July 5 to August 23
- Bard on the Bandstand July 13-15

For full details on these events and activities visit

[pittmeadows.ca/our-community/events/special-events](http://pittmeadows.ca/our-community/events/special-events)



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Join the Vancouver Maritime Museum's Summer Camp Youth Team**

The VMM is seeking motivated, enthusiastic, and energetic volunteers to assist summer day camps. They will help promote maritime-themed programs and a love of the Pacific and Arctic Oceans through a fun blend of storytelling, games, crafts and walking on an actual boat – the St Roch.

### **Qualifications:**

- Background and/or interest in history, humanities, education, communications, fine arts, theater and/or museum studies programs
- Experience with children ages 6 to 12
- Enjoys preparing and participating in crafts, storytelling, and games
- Recent criminal record check (or a willingness to obtain one before start date)
- Willingness to work effectively and respectfully in a team

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**Responsibilities:**

- Assist Camp Counsellors for one to two week-long day camps in July or August
- Commitment to volunteering for entire week preferred, but we will accommodate variable schedules
- Assist daily activities of camp attendees, ages 6 – 12 activities such as tours of exhibits, games outside, visits to the Heritage Wharf, and crafts relating to the theme of the week
- Assist preparation of materials, and supplies, and clean up
- Provide participants with a fun and memorable educational experience

**Benefits:**

- Summer volunteer opportunity – perfect for getting your High School volunteer hours
- Learn about the Arctic, sailors, pirates, and mythical sea creatures and so much more!
- A great way to get involved in your community, and inspire children on maritime topics of the Pacific and Arctic Oceans

**Duration of Time Commitment:**

1-2 Full Weeks Monday through Friday in July and/or August Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm

For more information, or to see this year's Summer Camp themes, visit

<https://vanmaritime.com/summer-day-camps/>

**How to Apply:**

Visit

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/56226ac2-e941-4c74-8af6-3aaaf6b02752/3> and select "Fill in an Application"

**Questions?**

Contact Tatyana Beck, Programs Supervisor Email: [programs@vanmaritime.com](mailto:programs@vanmaritime.com) Phone: 604-257-8304

**BURNS BOG****Environmental Leadership Camps, July 31 – August 25, 2023**

This year we are hosting a brand new camp! Our Environmental leadership day camps will give teens ages 13 to 15 the opportunity to explore environmental careers, conduct fun outdoor experiments, and share ideas on how we should tackle environmental issues such as climate change.

Throughout the week, campers will dig into ten fields of environmental careers, from wildlife conservation to environmental engineering. Campers will be taking part in outdoor activities such as invasive species pulls, team debates, and fun outdoor games. If you are interested in pursuing a career within environmental science and love being outdoors and exploring diverse ecosystems such as Burns Bog, this camp is for you!

More information at <https://burnsbog.org>





**Sunday June 18th 2023**

**Free introductory flight for any youth aged 8-17 wishing to be a junior aviator.**

Flights are conducted at:  
 Aero Club of BC  
 Pitt Meadows Airport (CYPK)  
 300-18799 Airport Way  
 Pitt Meadows, BC  
 V3Y 2B4

Questions? Email: [copaflight16@gmail.com](mailto:copaflight16@gmail.com)



[www.aeroclubofbc.ca/copa-16](http://www.aeroclubofbc.ca/copa-16)




## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

June was a busy month for the music department. We held our Summer Concert on June 7th, toured Fairview Elementary and Laity View Elementary, experimented with sound waves at 14 stations for the Science and Sound Lab and did some team bonding on a walking field trip to a local restaurant.

September will see the start up of the Jazz Band on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> before school, Advanced Elementary band starts Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm and Beginning Elementary Band starts Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. New registrations are being accepted for both elementary bands.

For more information visit our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/westviewmusic/home>

Concert Dates for 2023-2024

- Dec 5, 2023
- Mar 7, 2024
- May 29, 2024

**June Band Concert**



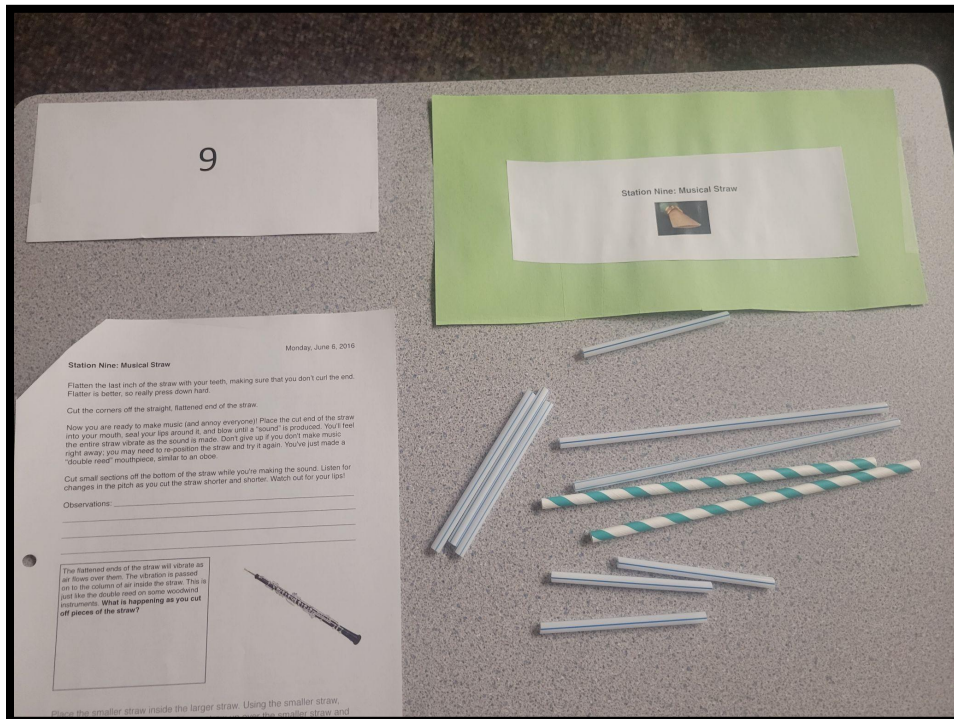
**Band Walking Field Trip**



## Fairview Tour Pic



## Science & Sound Music



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## ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Although it may seem far off, volleyball season is the next major gym sport season. Students interested in joining a volleyball team should expect a meeting during the first week of classes to determine interest with tryouts and practices beginning the following week. Students should listen to the announcements for any information and can follow @wss\_wildcats\_athletics on Instagram to keep up to date.

## LEADERSHIP

All credit goes to the Friends in Need Bank for this photo op!

This was a nice end to this school year! Marissa Burke, Student Leadership Group held a craft fair at Westview Secondary on June 15 and raised \$750 along with 8 KG of food for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

Thank you Marissa! Have a great, well deserved summer!!

Photo L-R - Westview Leadership club/teacher Daniel Kite, Evan Seal & Marissa Burke presenting the cheque.

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### Running Club

Will start up again in the fall on Tuesday afternoons! Keep your eyes peeled for the first one!

### Book Club

Will be starting near the beginning of September – students should listen for announcements and social media posts for information about the first meeting with Ms. Eddy in the library!





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## Ways to Stay Connected!

### 1) **Website** – <https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/>

This website features District & School announcements, upcoming events, a yearly school calendar of events, Clubs & Activities, Staff Contacts, Grad info and so much more!

### 2) **Parent Portal** – <https://parents.sd42.ca/Parents/ParentLoginPage.aspx>

This website features District & School announcements; Consent & Policy forms; Field trip forms; Pay School Fees; Pay Yearbook Fees; Grad Fees (cost to be advised), other fees that may come up throughout the year.

### 3) **MyClass** – <https://myedbc.sd42.ca/MyClass>

Student Attendance / Report Card Information / Classroom resources and communicate with your students Teachers.

### 4) **My School Day (App)** – <https://myschoolday.app/download>

This app is an important communication tool that parents & students can access easily on their phones. This technology provides daily updates to the calendar and schedule, your timetable, homework notifications, etc.

### 5) **Foundry (App)** – <https://foundrybc.ca/virtual/>

This is a province wide initiative supported by the Government of BC and powered by BC Children's Hospital. Young people aged 12-24 and their caregivers can use this app to drop-in or schedule a virtual counseling appointment, find peer support, join a youth group or caregiver group, or browse their library of tools and resources.

### 6) **Social Media Apps**

- **Twitter** - @WSSsd42
- **Instagram** - @wsswildcats
- **Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/WSSWildcats>
- **Youtube** - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzs3zTuPs5h\\_xd1mF2eUa2A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzs3zTuPs5h_xd1mF2eUa2A)

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**Wildcat Wisdom - Summer Break is here! Enjoy, Relax & Stay Cool!**



**KEEP  
CALM  
BECAUSE  
SCHOOL'S OUT  
FOR SUMMER!**

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## Important Dates

- **Tuesday, August 29** - Grade 8 Orientation
- **Tuesday, September 5** - School opens - first day back for students
  - 10am for Grades 9-12 pm - go to Advisory (timetables are scheduled to be posted in MyClass on Aug 29)
  - 11am for Grade 8 - meet in the MPR and then go to Advisory
- **Monday, September 25** - First PAC meeting (7pm in the Library)
- **Thursday, September 21** - Grade 8 Parent Night (7pm)

## Key Contacts

The following list of Counsellors and Administrators and their grades are listed below. Welcoming our new Vice Principals!

- **Ms. O'Leary (Counsellor - Gr. 9, 11 & 12s A-L)**
  - [Lauren\\_Oleary@sd42.ca](mailto:Lauren_Oleary@sd42.ca)
- **Ms. Sharpe (Counsellor - Gr. 8, 10 & 12s M-Z)**
  - [Shannon\\_Sharpe@sd42.ca](mailto:Shannon_Sharpe@sd42.ca)
- **Mr. Drapeau (Vice Principal - Gr. 9 & 11s)**
  - [Denis\\_Drapeau@sd42.ca](mailto:Denis_Drapeau@sd42.ca)
- **Mrs. Robyn Sheridan (Vice Principal - Gr. 8 & 10s)**
  - [Robyn\\_Sheridan@sd42.ca](mailto:Robyn_Sheridan@sd42.ca)
- **Mrs. Blanco (Principal - Grade 12s)**
  - [Cathryn\\_Blanco@sd42.ca](mailto:Cathryn_Blanco@sd42.ca)

Please do not hesitate to email the Principal if you have any questions or concerns.  
Sincerely,

*Cathryn Blanco*

*Principal, Westview Secondary School*

*-Inspiring & encouraging students to strive for excellence!*

