

*Westview Secondary School*

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER #2

Nov. 10th, 2023

## Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe we are approaching the halfway point of November and are well on our way to Winter Break. There is lots happening at Westview between now and then with Student Led Conferences, a band concert, trivia night, spirit week and Frost Fest to name a few of the events we have to look forward to.

We are in the midst of holding Grade level assemblies to remind our students of the power of kindness in building a community where we feel safe and valued. Our staff is very proud of our students for the willingness to learn new ideas and to take risks in their academics. Additionally, our kids have demonstrated effective communication and collaborative skills when working together on assignments in all subject areas.

It is really wonderful to see our students settling into the school year and taking pride in their school community. As we approach our informal learning updates (Student Led Conferences) in November and written updates (report cards) in December you will see changes in how student progress is communicated.

For example, there will no longer be work habits reported in the form of “G”, “S” and “N”, instead information about how your child is working in their class will be reflected in descriptive feedback provided by teachers. For more information about the new reporting order please go to [K - 12 Student Reporting Policy](#).

I look forward to meeting our students' caregivers/parents/guardians at our upcoming conferences on November 16. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me at [cathryn\\_blanco@sd42.ca](mailto:cathryn_blanco@sd42.ca)

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## MyClass & Written Learning Updates (report cards)

Written Learning updates will be available for downloading from MyClass on Dec 7. School District 42 does not provide printed report cards for all students or parents.

All parents and students should be using MyClass to view, save and print the report card. We are asking that you please check to see that you have access to your MyClass account by logging in prior to report cards coming out.

Please see our website

<https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/myclass-accounts-accessing-your-account/> for instructions and more information. If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please email [MyClass@sd42.ca](mailto:MyClass@sd42.ca).

Please note, Westview does not provide printed report cards for all students or parents but if you do not have access to print a copy, you can request one at the office.

## Westview Drama Club Fundraiser - Trivia Night

The Westview Drama club is hosting a Trivia Night, Friday, November 17th at 7pm. All the proceeds will go to supporting the Westview Drama Club's 2024 production of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory.

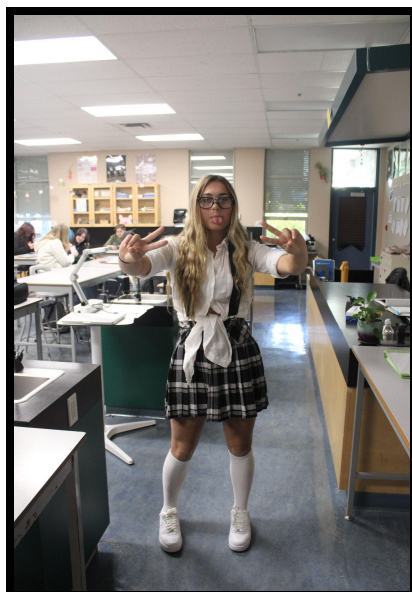
Tickets to this event are \$10.00 each and include a slice of Pizza and a pop. **You can purchase these at the main office, CASH only.** You and a group of friends/family up to 6 MAX will be able to reserve tables and purchase tickets after school starting November 02, in the front foyer of Westview while quantities last.



Please come out for a fun Family Friendly Fun Night and try out your Trivia Skills!

## Halloween Spirit Week at Westview

Students at Westview enjoyed a week of silly and spooky fun and games. Folks came in dressed as Barbies, in their PJ's, and as their favourite Breakfast Club characters. Throughout the week, students had to identify Halloween movies, dive face-first into a whipped cream pie, hit target practice in the gym, and get cozy as they were wrapped up as mummies. The costume contest on the 31<sup>st</sup> was a fitting end to an exciting spirit week. Happy Halloween, Wildcats!



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## Winter Concert

The WSS Concert Band has been invited to perform at the Maple Ridge Community Band Concert on Nov 28th at 7:30 at the Albion Community Centre. Tickets will be available at the door.

Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Dec 5th in the WSS gym. All are welcome. We take food donations at the door for local food banks and cash donations for the music program. There will be some Christmas charts, however, most of the music is modern/ pop or jazz. All four music classes are performing.

We would like to thank our poster creator and program designer: Audrey Skoro

Our next concert is scheduled for March 7th, 2024 in the WSS gym. All are welcome to attend. This concert will feature the concert band, jazz band and two elementary bands.

Our Final Concert is set for May 29th in the MPR at 7pm.

For more information:

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

Instagram @wssmusic1180



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## Clubs

Below is a list of some of the many clubs that are running this year. Each club has a teacher sponsor as well as a regular meeting time. All the information is below. If you wonder what happens, drop by and check it out or go chat with the teacher.

Art Club	Ms. Cruikshank	Room 1152	Thursdays @ 3-4:00pm
Board Game Club	Ms. Garneau	Library	Wednesdays @ 2:45pm
Book Club	Ms. Eddy	Room 1003	TBA
Breakfast Club	Andrea Humer	Room 1155	Tues @ 7:45-8:30am
Drama	Ms. Allan	Room MPR	Monday's @ 3-4:30pm
Pride Club	Ms. Poirer, Mx. Ford, Ms. Eddy	Room 1003	Thursdays @ Lunch
Weight Room Club	PE teachers	Weight Room	Daily @ 2:45-4pm

### Ski and Snowboard Club

Our Ski and Snowboard Club is gearing up for the winter season, with two trips to Whistler planned this season. More information will come through our daily announcements so be sure to let your child know to listen out for them if they are interested in participating.

## Drama Club News

The Westview Drama Club is excited to announce the 2024 Production of

### **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory!**

This is the club's second production with a brand new cast and crew of over 40 students grade 8-12 at Westview Secondary. We will be bringing 6 shows for SD42 elementary schools to attend for a local field trip with over 260 students in attendance per show. Ms. A's focus this year is to promote our growing theater & Drama programs but also to showcase one of the amazing opportunities available for students who attend Westview!

This version of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory was adapted by Richard R. George from the fantasies of Roald Dahl. Westview's Matinee performances will run from: **Monday, February 12, 2024 to Friday, February 16, 2024.**

We also have 2 evening performances available for students, families, friends and others from the community to come out and enjoy, **Thursday, February 15, 2024 & Friday, February 16, 2024.** Our cast list has been set and we have begun production & rehearsals! We look forward to seeing everyone in attendance this coming February!

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## Fall Sports Updates

### Volleyball

The grade 8 boys and junior girls have wrapped up their seasons this week. Senior Boys were in playoffs on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Garibaldi. We also hosted and played in the Fraser North Championships on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we hosted a Senior Boys showcase game November 8<sup>th</sup> during D block as an opportunity for students to see the sport played live at a competitive level, in hopes of drawing in more participants in the future.

### The Basketball Academy

Student-athletes in the Basketball Academy had the opportunity to participate in a Basketball Officiating Clinic on November 10.

Hosted by high level officials and local legends, Kerry Rokosh and Shawn McManus, the student-athletes learned the role of officials, including how to call violations and fouls. This knowledge will help student-athletes become better players, while building confidence and understanding the value and importance of communication.

### Basketball

High school basketball season is up next! Tryouts for all of Westview's girls and boys basketball teams will be happening this month. Please stay tuned to announcements, emails, Instagram posts and the bulletin boards outside the main gym for dates and details. Contact Coach Kate MacLeod at [katie\\_macleod@mrpm.sd42.ca](mailto:katie_macleod@mrpm.sd42.ca) for more information.

### Boys Soccer

Westview's Grade 8/9 Boys Soccer team completed a fantastic season, finishing with a 4-2 record in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows league, and earning a spot in the Junior Boys Fraser North Zone Championship.

The Wildcats hosted Archbishop Carney's Grade ten boys team in the play-off game on Thursday, November 02. Many students and staff from Westview were able to watch the 1:00pm game and support our team.

The Wildcats performed brilliantly, taking a 1-0 lead to the half. In the second half, the bigger, older student-athletes from Carney wore down our young squad, scoring 2 unanswered goals to earn the victory. Coach Schmidt did an amazing job leading our young side, and he was so proud of the strong effort put forth by the boys. The future looks bright for this group!

Westview's Senior Boys Soccer team rolled through the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows league with an undefeated record, earning another berth in the Fraser North Zone Championships. The footballers defeated Archbishop Carney 4-1 to win their second consecutive Fraser North Zone Championship, earning a trip to the BC Championships. Westview looks forward to supporting

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Coach Schmidt and the team as they compete at the provincials in Burnaby from November 20-22.

## School Processes

The Physical Health and Education Department would like to remind families and students of 3 key rules surrounding safety in PHE that need some more attention.

1. **PE strip is mandatory** for all PE classes. This is a change of workout appropriate clothes (no jeans) that students use just for PE class and not the entire day. Appropriate footwear that is non-slip and supportive must be worn (no boots, slippers or open toe shoes).
2. **Phones are not allowed** in our gym spaces unless explicitly stated by the teacher. This includes headphones. They should be in lockers for safekeeping.
3. **All belongings should be locked up** in a personal or PE locker during class time (including flex and after school activities) for safekeeping. Bags in the gym are a safety issue, and therefore must be LOCKED in a locker to prevent items from going missing or being tampered with. Locks are available for \$5 from the PE office.

Enforcing these rules has been an ongoing battle for our staff. Please have a conversation with your student to ensure they are clear on the expectations and how you can support them (reminders of strip or purchasing locks). If you have questions, please email your student's PE teacher.

## Grad 2024 Update

All Grad info, forms and links will be up on our Website

<https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/grad-2024/>. We have also sent out a Parent Portal message with forms as well.

**Grad photo sign up** - photos are set by appointment between Nov. 14-17th. If you need to still book an appointment, visit Mountain West Studios

here:<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule/04313d09/?appointmentTypeIds%5B%5D=37916141>

**Dry Grad Parent Meeting #2** - There will be a Grad Parent Committee meeting at 7:00pm, Tuesday, November 21st in the WSS Library. This meeting is intended for parents who want to be involved in fundraising and planning our school's Grad Dinner & Dance and Dry Grad events which happen in early June 2023.

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## PAC Purdy's Fundraising

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support you PAC? Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser!

From now until November 28, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. Get all the gifts on your list without leaving the comfort of your home!

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number: 74031
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1842510-112869>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!
5. Help spread the love, share with family and friends via email and on social media.

Help us achieve our goal! Family with the most orders will win free chocolate!!

Order Deadline: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Pickup is scheduled for Wednesday December 13, 2023 between 3-8pm, at one of the PAC members houses at #26-20841 Dewdney Trunk Rd (just a block and a half away from Westview). Alternate pickup times (or even delivery, if not too far) can be arranged by emailing [westviewpac1@gmail.com](mailto:westviewpac1@gmail.com)

## International Education - Homestay Families Program

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!



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PITT MEADOWS**  
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## Important Dates

- **November 9** - Last Day of CATS rotation #1
- **November 9** - Remembrance Day Assembly
- **November 10** - Non Instructional Day (classes not in session)
- **November 12** - Diwali
- **November 13** - Remembrance Day Stat (school closed)
- **November 14** - First Day of CATS rotation #2
- **November 14 - 17** - Grad Photos in Library all day
- **November 14** - Senior Boys AA Fraser Norths Round Robin @ WSS 6 pm
- **November 15** - Senior Boys AA Fraser Norths Playoff @ WSS 6 pm
- **November 16** - Informal Learning Updates Day (Student Led Conferences)
- **November 17** - Drama Club Trivia Night Fundraiser
- **November 21** - Dry Grad Parent Meeting in Library @ 7pm
- **November 24** - Winter Market Fair at WSS
- **November 27** - PAC Meeting in Library @ 7pm
- **November 29** - Bookfest in the Library all day
- **December 5-6** - Art Christmas Show & Sale in the Library 2:30pm-9pm
- **December 7** - Written Learning Updates published (report cards)

## Key Contacts

The following list of Counselors and Administrators and their grades are listed below:

- **Ms. O'Leary (Counselor - Gr. 9, 11 & 12s A-L)**
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- **Ms. Sharpe (Counselor - 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. Sheridan (Vice Principal - Gr. 8 & 10s)**
  - [robyn\\_sheridan@sd42.ca](mailto:robyn_sheridan@sd42.ca)
- **Mrs. Blanco (Principal - Grade 12s)**
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Please do not hesitate to email Principal Cathryn Blanco, [Cathryn\\_Blanco@sd42.ca](mailto:Cathryn_Blanco@sd42.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Blanco  
**Principal, Westview Secondary School**  
*Inspiring & encouraging students to strive for excellence!*

