

*Westview Secondary School*

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER #3

Jan 16th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to 2024! We are excited as we move towards the second part of the school year as it is full of activities and time for connection. This Friday our wrestling team is sponsoring Mayhem in the gym and all funds raised will go towards this program. In February our Drama Club is putting on their production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. This is a particularly exciting time as we welcome elementary students from across the district to come watch the play. It is a fantastic chance for our students to showcase the activities and opportunities Westview has to offer. As we move through term two please continue to reach out to teachers, counselors or the Admin team with any questions or concerns.

With gratitude,  
Cathryn Blanco

## Important messages from the office

### Reporting a Student Absence

As the flu season approaches, we are noticing a greater volume of absence reporting phone calls in the morning which create a very busy morning for office staff during the early morning rush. We would like to ask for your assistance in this matter.

We have a number of ways you can report an absence that would be very helpful. You can email us at [wss\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:wss_reception@sd42.ca) or use the Parent Portal to log your child's absence. This will help alleviate some of the calls in the morning.

**Please be sure to let your child know that if they are late or dismissed early, it's always best to come to the office to let us know they are here or leaving early or they will still be marked absent for the day and you will still receive an absence call or email.**

Our switchboard opens at 8am. If you are having difficulty with your account, you can reach the SD42 help desk at 604-466-6248. We thank you for your understanding.

### Student Fees

Just a reminder if you have not yet paid your student fees or grad fees, they can be paid by the parent portal, cheque (to Westview Secondary) or cash at the office.

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## Student Records

In Oct you would have been sent an email letting you know to update your child's verification form via your MyClass account. Please be sure to download and print the form, and check the information we have on file for your child, and make any necessary changes directly on the form and please send it back to the school office as soon as possible.

## School Zone Safety

### Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

To ensure safety of pedestrians we have a few reminders for those of you dropping off and picking up students by vehicle:

- When turning into our parking lot please do so at a crawl for maximum safety of pedestrians
- Please do not block cars parked in the parking lots as owners of these vehicles may need to leave
- Please do not park at the entrance or exit ways, this limits driver visibility
- Please adhere to the 30 km school zone speed limit

## Athletics Update

### Winter Sports

Winter sports have started! Westview has 6 basketball teams, and a Wrestling team! Thank you to the coaches who are supporting these teams. We look forward to seeing our student athletes competing and representing Westview as they play against others!

### Basketball Teams & Coaches:

- Jr. Girls - Coach Watson
- Gr. 8 Boys - Coach Drapeau & O'Leary
- Jr. Boys - Coach Szabo
- Sr. Boys - Coach MacLeod

We hosted the first annual City Tournament at Westview on Dec 1-3, featuring local high schools, as well as Westview's Grade 8 and Junior Boys, along with our Junior Girls teams. Here is a link to an article in the local paper:

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/local-sports/new-maple-ridge-city-tournament-tips-off-this-week-end-7116045>

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## Senior Boys

After a successful opening weekend, hosting and winning the first annual City Tournament, the Senior Boys basketball team will be traveling to tournaments throughout the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley each weekend in December, beginning Dec 8th in Chilliwack.

These tournaments may take us away from the school during the day. The student-athletes understand that it is a privilege, not their right, to miss classes to represent Westview. They will be coming to speak with you to ask permission to miss class to participate in the tournament this weekend. They should arrange to complete work ahead of time, or make up anything that they may miss, including attending Flex, or meeting before or after school, at your convenience and availability.

## Wrestling Team & Coaches:

- Coach P (Poirier) & Coach Trish

Wrestling is off to a great start, with a big squad of wrestlers joining the ranks!

Our Icebreaker Tournament was Thursday, Nov 30 at MRSS, and the Fraser Valley Novice Invitational was Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be attending War on the Floor at SFU on the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup>. Wrestlers are showing great drive, and they are quickly developing their skills.

## Wrestling Fundraiser

Hey Wildcat Community!!

Are you a fan of Pro Wrestling?? The WSS Wrestling team is hosting "Mayhem on the mat", a Pro Wrestling event!! Come out and enjoy an exciting night of Pro Wrestling and support your wrestling team! We will send out further details when we confirm our dates, so watch for the instagram post! We hope to see you there!

## Career Planning Dept

The SD42 Awards Booklet is now out!

All Grads have been sent a PDF of the booklet via Teams, it's posted on both the [wssccareercentre.wordpress.com](https://wssccareercentre.wordpress.com) website,

[https://wssccareercentre.files.wordpress.com/2024/01/scholarship-book-2023-2024\\_january-12-2024.pdf](https://wssccareercentre.files.wordpress.com/2024/01/scholarship-book-2023-2024_january-12-2024.pdf) the SD42 website and a hard copy is available in the Career Centre. ALL application packages from sections A, B, D & E are due to the Career Centre by 3:00 on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Ms. Mcardle will be holding scholarship sessions every Monday at flex in the Career Centre for students who have questions.

## Frost Fest

Step into the winter wonderland of Frost Fest, where the gym transformed into a lively stage for an unforgettable event. Students and teachers showcased their hidden talents in epic lip sync battles, bringing the house down with performances that ranged from the whimsical "I'm Just Ken" to the high-energy anthem of Macklemore's "Can't Hold Us."

Laughter and cheer echoed through the gym as students engaged in holiday-themed games, reaching a sweet crescendo in the cookie eating contest. Special recognition goes to the drama classes and Leadership class for their tireless efforts in coordinating this festive extravaganza, making Frost Fest a truly magical and collaborative experience to lead into the winter break.





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## Drama Club Presents: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory



The Westview Drama Club has been rehearsing, organizing, and working hard at creating the delicious world of Willy Wonka in Charlie & the Chocolate Factory. Our rehearsals and work began early September and we are just under one month before the production is live. Hannah Ward, grade 10, (photo) has been casted and taken on the role of Willy Wonka and alongside many of the cast, breathes a light of the delicious tale. The club's focus is on community and the enjoyment of the theater itself, as well as showing one of the many opportunities available for students to be a part of at Westview.

**The production runs from February 12-16<sup>th</sup> with 9 total performances.** The students of Westview have opened up the theater to elementary classes across the districts. We have two evening performances available and open to all **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 & Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

Tickets are \$10.00 each (Festival Seating) with the Doors to open at 6:30, performance begins at 7pm.

Cash Concession with sweets and treats will be available for purchase.

Evening performance Tickets are available for purchase at Westview starting January 15. Come by and Grab your tickets or contact [April\\_Allan@sd42.ca](mailto:April_Allan@sd42.ca) for any questions, concerns or accommodations.

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## Dry Grad Fundraiser

### Hello Wildcats

Our dry grad's have an amazing fundraiser that you will all want to get in on.

### **CANUCKS VS LA KINGS**

(Game Time: February 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.)

and a

### **\$250 VISA GIFT CARD**

Draw Date: February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Tickets on Sale from January 9, 2024-February 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

### How does it Work:

- Buy a square or as many as you want for \$20 each (cash only please) in the office (Thank you to our amazing office staff for your assistance and support)
- Pick your favourite numbers - your lucky number, your kid's birthday, your anniversary, your favourite Canuck's number!
- We'll put your name and number on the square(s) and give you a 'ticket' that says what square(s) you bought
- We'll use a random number generator on February 14, 2024 @ 7pm to determine the winning square!

## Grad Updates & Important Dates

**Baby Photo & Grad quote for the Yearbook is DUE by Friday, January 19, 2024!** See details on the website! Please email or bring your baby photo to Mr. Brent Kingman, room 1021. Or you can email it to: [brent\\_kingman@sd42.ca](mailto:brent_kingman@sd42.ca) **these are DUE January 18th!**

All yearbook quotes must be school appropriate and respectful of others. All yearbook quotes will be reviewed by a committee to deem the quote to be usable or not. Yearbook quotes should be something that represents you, your talents, your hobbies, your interests, or a reflection on your personality. We encourage you to come up with your own quote, but quotes from others are acceptable.

Make sure to pay attention to who your quote is from and be critical of their past. Your quote will be reviewed by a panel of Teachers and Admin (Principals) so make sure your quote is not harmful to anyone or overly vague in its meaning. You may not be able to rewrite depending on when your quote is submitted the earlier your quote is handed in the more likely it will get reviewed quicker. If you are asked to rewrite you will still need to meet our current deadline. Max 160 characters. **Grad Wear is DUE!** Form has been sent via the Parent Portal and on the website <https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/grad-2024/>

## Community Winter Events

### Cybersafe from Exploitation

#### Keeping Kids Cybersafe

DPAC and Alisa's Wish are bringing in the Exploitation Education Institute to talk to parents about navigating the online world and keeping kids safe. This session will discuss the trends and provide an overview of current online exploitation while providing parents with practical and realistic effective strategies and approaches to keeping their kids safe online. See attached poster for more information and feel free to share with your parent community.

#### A Parent's Guide to SOGI Education \*NEW\*

Please see the attached guide for parents. It also includes links to resources.

#### Anti-Vaping Resources

Print resources designed to help youth learn about the adverse effects of vaping and make educated decisions about vaping are available from the Ministry of Health. Information can be found on [The A-Z of Vaping web page](#). For downloadable PDF versions, visit the [Tools for schools web page](#).

📎 Parents\_Guide\_to\_SOGI\_...



**Parent Talk:** Monday Jan 29 2024

## Cybersafe from Exploitation

Navigating the online world and keeping your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. This session will discuss the trends and provide an overview of current online exploitation while providing parents with practical and realistic effective strategies and approaches to keeping their kids safe online. Interactive games and activities involved!

### Did you know

- Luring was 77% of online child sexual offences
- The median age of a predator is 24
- 91% of sextortion victims are boys
- Parent controls only do so much
- Conversations make an impact

### Topics Include

- How to define predators
- Signs of grooming
- Current trends
- Digital consent and boundaires
- Online gaming risks
- Sextortion- digital blackmail
- Intimate image sharing
- Effective conversations

**Doors Open: 6:30pm**  
**Start: 7:00 pm**  
Thomas Haney Secondary School  
Rotunda

**community SERVICES**  
Changing lives together

**EXED** EXPLOITATION EDUCATION INSTITUTE

**SB42 DPAC**  
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# PMSS Secondary - Pitt Meadows - Grades 8-12 - January 30, 2024 @ 7pm

Topic: Pitt Meadows New Parent Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88945590969?pwd=ODfqRL75bDg5L2sgeiO7IC2XM5Fzah.1>

Meeting ID: 889 4559 0969

Passcode: 902307

## [Pitt Meadows Brochure 2024](#)

RPM HOCKEY COMPANY LTD.

**CHARACTER • INTEGRITY • TRADITION**

### ABOUT THE ACADEMY

This program is available for students in grades 8 to 12.

RPM & Pitt Meadows Secondary have developed a program and curriculum that provides students with the opportunity to balance their educational requirements while developing their hockey skills.

RPM provides personalized instruction that educates and develops students in both the physical and mental aspects required to excel in hockey. The school and RPM, in consultation with students and parents, help design a personalized teaching plan catered to meet each player's individual needs. Students are tested both on and off the ice monitoring their individual improvements.



### ACADEMY COST

The total price for the academy is \$1,920. Please note a \$192 deposit is required at the time of registering the actual cost of the Hockey Academy is \$1920 (-\$192 Deposit) As a convenience to parents RPM will accept a payment plan of \$192 month Sept 1-May 1).

Once you have registered online at [www.rpmhockey.com](http://www.rpmhockey.com), you must also notify the school that you would like to participate in the program.

### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- Academy - Ministry Approved
- 1st year Bantam & Midget Players (grade 8-12) Obtain Academic Credits
- On Ice Development
- Off-Ice Conditioning
- Tactical/Game Play
- Performance Testing
- Educational Special Events
- Work Experience
- Offered inside the normal school timetable
- Students can play minor hockey & school sports
- Professional/Certified Instruction

**REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 31, 2024 @ 8:30AM**  
**REGISTER AT [WWW.RPMHOCKEY.COM](http://WWW.RPMHOCKEY.COM)**

### CONTACT US

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Hockey Academy

**Holly Rogers** [holly@rpmhockey.com](mailto:holly@rpmhockey.com)  
Academy Administration

**BUILDING GREAT KIDS IN THE CLASSROOM,  
ON ICE AND IN THEIR COMMUNITY!**

**PITT MEADOWS HOCKEY ACADEMY**

Offered in partnership by RPM Hockey Company, Pitt Meadows Secondary & School District 42



### HIGHLIGHTS:

Academy Format -Linear - September to June

A typical week for all of our Academy players includes:

**2-hours on ice**

- Mondays - Power Skating
- Wednesdays - Puck Skills, Individual & Team Tactical, Game Play

**1-hour off ice**

- Fridays - Sport-Specific Conditioning/Events/ Classroom

**Sport Specific Conditioning** utilizes a variety of training devices and techniques and may also include out trips.

Theory instruction provides players with skill breakdowns, progressions, individual and team tactics, practice planning, proper nutrition, strategies for high-level performance, motivation and goal setting.

### NEW PARENT - ZOOM MEETING

January 30 2024 at 7:00 pm  
Meeting ID: 889 4559 0969  
Passcode: 902307



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## SD42 Trades Showcase Poster

You are invited to attend School District 42 Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows' Trades Showcase Event. This year promises to be even bigger and better. Attendees will include Local, Provincial, and National Industries and Organizations such as Seaspan, Parkland Refining and Supply, Bosa Construction, Bird Construction, Pitt Meadows Plumbing and Mechanical, Ozz Electric and many, many more.

In all, more than 40 industries, post-secondary training institutions, employer organizations, tool suppliers, and union representatives will be present. We will bring the opportunities, all you need is to bring a resume. Ask questions, Get answers!

**When:**..... Tuesday January 30<sup>st</sup> 2024  
**Where:** ..... Thomas Haney School, 23000 116 Ave, Maple Ridge, BC  
**Time:**..... 530pm - 830pm

Doors Open..... 5:30pm – 6:00pm  
Opening Remarks..... 6:00pm – 6:15pm  
Industry Panel Q & A..... 6:15pm – 7:15pm  
Trades Showcase / Meet the instructors:..... 7:15pm – 8:30pm  
Women in Trades Break out Session..... 7:15pm – 7:45pm

Note: Refreshments will be provided by our Vancouver Community College Professional Cook Level One students. Registration is required to ensure adequate preparation for refreshments and seating. Register with the QR code below – or use this link -

<https://apprenticeship.sd42.ca/skilled-trades-showcase-night-2024-bigger-and-better/>



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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**

- **X (formerly 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



### Important Dates to start 2024

- **Monday, Jan 8** - School Re-opens after Winter Break
- **Monday, Jan 15** - Black Excellence Day
- **Tuesday, Jan 16** - Junior Dance @ 6 pm
- **Thursday, Jan 18** - Grade 9 Immunizations
- **Thursday, Jan 18** - Grad Wear orders DUE
- **Friday, Jan 19** - Late Start for Students (first bell @ 9:55 am)
- **Monday, Jan 22-Jan 26** - Literacy 10 & 12 Assessments
- **Wednesday, Jan 24** - PRO D Day (No School)
- **Monday, Jan 29** - Grade 9 Immunizations
- **Monday, Jan 29** - PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- **Wednesday, Jan 31** - Grad Application for Participation form DUE
- **Wednesday, Jan 31** - Grad Baby Photos & Grad quote DUE
- **Tuesday, Feb 6** - Dry Grad Parent Meeting @ 7pm in the Library

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- **Wednesday, Feb 7** - Senior Formal Dance
  - **Thursday, Feb 8** - Informal Learning Updates (formerly student led conferences)

## 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)**
  - [lauren\\_oleary@sd42.ca](mailto:lauren_oleary@sd42.ca)
- **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 - Gr. 12s)**
  - [cathryn\\_blanco@sd42.ca](mailto:cathryn_blanco@sd42.ca)

Sincerely,

*Cathryn Blanco*

*Principal, Westview Secondary School*

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

