

WINTER BREAK NEWSLETTER #2

Dec. 20th , 2024

Message from the Principal

It has been a busy and exciting few months at Westview Secondary! From student-led conferences and band concerts to basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and swimming, our school has been bustling with activity. As we approach the end of 2024, we are excited to finish the year with our Frost Fest on Friday afternoon.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are looking forward to welcoming families back with more opportunities to connect. The week of January 11 will bring the return of Flex time into our timetable. After consultation with staff and students, we are reimagining Flex to ensure it is meaningful and beneficial for all learners.

In February, we're looking forward to the drama production of *The Wizard of Oz*, student-led conferences the continuation of basketball season, and many other activities. Mr. Healy, our new Vice Principal, joined us at the beginning of December. He has been actively connecting with staff and students, and we're excited to have him on our team.

A special thank you to our amazing Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for your unwavering support of Westview's staff and students. Your time and efforts make a significant difference in creating a positive environment for everyone.

Lastly, we will hold grade level assemblies for our Grade 8-11 students during the week of January 11. On behalf of Mr. Healy, Ms. Sheridan, and myself, we wish you all a restful and joyful winter break. We look forward to reconnecting in 2025 for another vibrant and successful year at Westview Secondary!

MyClass & Written Learning Updates (report cards)

Written Learning updates are available for downloading from MyClass as of Dec 6. 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-instructions-for-parents/> for instructions and more information. If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please email MyClass@sd42.ca.

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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.

Careers

Any grade 11 students thinking of learning a trade in their grade 12 year, applications are now open and have a deadline date of January 31. All applications are created and submitted through Mrs. McArdle in the Career Centre (room 1065).

Students can email leah_mcardle@sd42.ca to set up an appointment to begin their application or drop by the Career Centre any Monday or Wednesday. Our Trades Showcase Night will be held at THSS on Thursday, January 23 from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. To register for the trades night, or to find out more information about the many trade options available, visit: apprenticeship.sd42.ca.

For the Grads:

The SD42 Student Financial Awards Booklet will be available mid-January with completed scholarship packages due to the Career Centre by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Grads should be checking their Grade 12 Teams page regularly as all scholarship and post-secondary information is posted there.

Winter Concert

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Our next school concert is scheduled for March 4, 2025 and then again May 29, 2025. All are welcome. 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.

Board Game Club	Ms. Garneau	Library	Tuesdays @ 2:45pm
Book Club	Ms. Eddy	Room 1004	TBA
Breakfast Club	Ms. Humer	Room 1155	Wed @ 8-8:30am
Drama	Ms. Allan, Mr. Kingman	Room MPR	Monday's @ 3-4:30pm
Pride Club	Ms. Poirer, Mx. Ford, Ms. Eddy	Room 1073	Thursdays @ Lunch
Weight Room Club	PE teachers	Weight Room	Daily @ 2:45-4pm

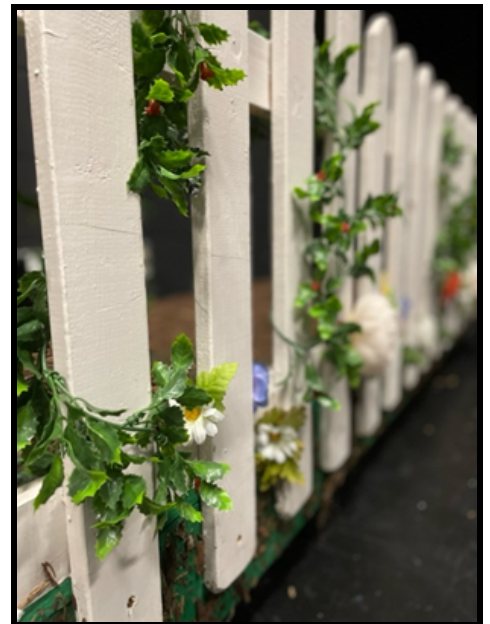
Westview Theatre Production News

Theatre Production 2025 - Wizard of Oz

This year the theatre performance group (formally known as the WSS Drama Club) is working hard on creating the Wizard of Oz. Casting began in early September and the group of over 50 students ranging from grade 8-12. Students have been working hard at staging, creating props, costumes and so much more!

We will have 9 performances this year, 7 afternoon performances that are for elementary students across the district and 2 evening performances.

Thursday, February 27, 2025 & Friday, February 28, 2025 – Performance begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available for purchase through Ms. Allan as well as the office at WSS in January.



Frost Fest

This is a fun community building event where the entire school comes together to celebrate the winter holiday. As well as have fun spirited competitions that highlight some of the amazing talent we have at Westview. This year's Frost Fest spectacular will feature performances from Usher, The Village People, Beyonce and many more!



Fall Sports Updates

Wrestling Team

Another wrestling season is upon us! Westview wrestlers are excited to be back on the mats, and are looking forward to a jam-packed season.

Grade 8 Boys Basketball

The Grade 8 Boys' Basketball team started up in November and is off to a strong start this season, with two league wins over MRSS and Pitt Meadows Secondary. The boys play on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will have several home games starting at 3:30 through the month of January. Students are encouraged to come out and support their fellow Wildcats! The athletic leadership team will have concession items available for purchase during home games. Sports (watching or playing) are a great way to get involved in the Westview community.

Junior Boys Basketball and Senior Boys Basketball

Our Junior and Senior boys' basketball programs are up and running for the coming season. We are fortunate to have community volunteers taking on the coaching for these teams as this is a big commitment with games and practices occurring at least 4 or 5 times a week. Thank you to Levi, Cleo, Josh, Youssef and Kris for the time you are giving to support our teams.

Counselling Corner

Community Resources for Parents

- [Accessing Counselling](#)

You can also find similar information here: <https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/community-resources/>

Grad 2025 Update

All Grad info, forms and links will be up on our Website <https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/grad-2025/>. We have also sent out a Parent Portal message and email with forms as well.

Dry Grad Parent Meeting #2 - There will be a Grad Parent Committee meeting at 7:00pm, Tuesday, Jan 14 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 2025.

International Education Department

Are you interested in welcoming an international student into your home?

Hosting an international student allows you and your family to experience new cultures and connections while making a significant difference in a student's life. Host families are a valuable part of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows International Education program and provide our students with support to help them adjust to living away from home. This support helps students have a positive experience both academically and out of school.

Whether you have hosted in the past or are new to the experience, we have varying program lengths, allowing you to choose which works best for your family.

Learn more at <https://inted.sd42.ca/host-a-student/hosting-information/>.

SD42 News

- Inclement Weather Procedures - [link here](#)
- Educational Assistant Program at Ridge Meadows College - [link here](#)
- Water Testing Strategy for District Facilities - [link here](#)
- Board Meeting Highlights (December 4, 2024) - [link here](#)
- SD42 Accessibility Form - [link here](#)

SD42 Trades Showcase

You are invited to attend the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District **Trades Showcase** event. This year promises to be even bigger and better, with more industry representation, interactive displays, and a breakout session where parents can speak with industry professionals directly. More information about the new additions and representatives you can expect to see at the event will be shared soon. Last year's event showcased more than 40 industries, post-secondary training institutions, employer organizations, tool suppliers, and union representatives. Ask questions, get answers!

- **When:** Thursday, January 23, 2025
- **Where:** Thomas Haney Secondary (rotunda)
- **Doors Open:** 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Registration is required to ensure adequate preparation for refreshments and seating. Register with the link below: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) (or go to Apprenticeship.sd42.ca) If you have any questions, please email: Brad_Dingler@sd42.ca or Brenna_Michaud@sd42.ca

Community Events/Activities

City of Pitt Meadows Winter Programs

Our winter program guide is available online and 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 winter programs is open.** To view programs or register, visit pittmeadows.ca/programguide for details.

Low-Cost Activities at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre:

- Parent & Tot Mini Gym 0-5Y - [link here](#)
- Value Times at the Fitness Centre -
- Holiday Break Drop-In Gymnasium Programs - [link here](#)
- Upcoming Pitt Meadows FREE Family Events - [link here](#)
- Upcoming Pitt Meadows Holiday Events - [link here](#)
- Winter Wonderland - A Holiday Skating Event – December 22 & 23 - [link here](#)
- FREE Family Lounge Drop-In Program (Sundays from 3-7pm) - [link here](#)
- FREE Program Community Services Let's Play (1Y - 5Y) – [link here](#)

Community Events/Activities

Presenting
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The 13th Annual
HOLIDAY WISH

uPlan is thrilled to partner with The Huber Team 3D Immersive, Brandee McWhinney Mortgage Team, Client First Mortgage Solutions, Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears, and Royal LePage to bring you the 13th Annual Holiday Wish Giveaway!

We invite you to nominate someone who needs a little holiday magic—whether it's a family member, friend, colleague, or community member—and help make their holiday wish come true!

★ ****How to Nominate:****

1. Send an email to uplanrm@gmail.com with the subject line "Holiday Wish."
2. Share why your nominee deserves their wish granted and include the wish you'd like us to fulfill.

📁 ****What We're Offering:****

- We will select inspiring stories to make wishes come true.
- Whether it's a gift, an experience, or support, we're here to spread joy this holiday season.

Let's come together to make this holiday season unforgettable for those who need it most. We'd love for SD42 to be part of this special campaign!










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RIDGE MEADOWS MINOR BASEBALL

2025 SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

OPEN DEC 15 - JAN 31

BASEBALL IS OPEN TO ANY PLAYER
BORN 1999-2020

COME PLAY WITH THE LARGEST YOUTH
BASEBALL ASSOCIATION IN BC!



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FOR MORE INFO**



WWW.RMMBA.CA

To all cube clubs and cubing enthusiasts!

Here are some events you may be interested in



CURIOUS ABOUT COMPETING?

Here are two free upcoming sessions



Saturday, December 7th, 2024
Coquitlam Library - City Centre Branch
Room 127
1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC

Saturday, December 14th, 2024
Tommy Douglas Library - Community
Room #2
7311 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC

2:00-3:00pm Cubing Meetup
3:00pm-4:00pm Intro to Competing

1:30-3:30pm Cubing Meetup
3:30-4:30pm Intro to Competing
4:30pm-5:30pm Snacks/Treats Potluck



WANT TO COMPETE?

Here are two upcoming competitions



Maple Ridge Favourites 2025
Saturday, January 4th, 2025
Abion Community Centre - Great Hall
24165 104 Ave, Maple Ridge, BC

PR Time in Burnaby 2025
Saturday, February 8th, 2025
Bonsor Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall
6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC

Registration opens
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7PM

Registration opens
Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 4PM

<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/MapleRidgeFavourites2025>

<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/PRTIMEinBurnaby2025>

Scan to Register
for Maple Ridge



Please register early, as these competitions will fill up quickly!

Questions?
Email Joanne: CubeMomOfficial@gmail.com

Scan to Register
for Burnaby



Important Dates

- Monday January 6, 2025: School Re Opens after Winter Break
- Friday January 10: Advisory, Day 1 (A, B, C, D)
- Tuesday January 14: Dry Grad Parent Meeting @ 7pm
- Thursday January 16: Grade 9 Immunization Day
- Friday January 17: Late Start - no Advisory, Day 2 (E, F, G, H)
- Friday, Jan 24: Advisory, Day 3 (C, D, A, B)
- Monday, Jan 27: PAC Meeting, in the Library @ 7pm
- Tuesday, Jan 28: Pro D day - No school for students
- Friday, Jan 31: Advisory, Day 4 (G, H, E, F)
- Friday, Jan 31: TRADES APPLICATIONS DUE!

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
- **Ms. Sharpe (Counselor - Gr. 8, 10 & 12s M-Z)**
 - shannon_sharpe@sd42.ca
- **Mr. Healy (Vice Principal - Gr. 8 & 10s)**
 - brian_healy@sd42.ca
- **Mrs. Sheridan (Vice Principal - Gr. 9 & 11s)**
 - robyn_sheridan@sd42.ca
- **Mrs. Blanco (Principal - Grade 12s)**
 - cathryn_blanco@sd42.ca

Please do not hesitate to email Principal Cathryn Blanco, 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!

