

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER #1

November 24, 2025

Principal's Message

Hello Westview Learning Community,

As we move deeper into the school year, I'm delighted to share that Westview has enjoyed an incredibly positive and energetic start. Our hallways and classrooms are buzzing with activity, and it's clear that students are embracing the many opportunities available to them.

Clubs are thriving across the school—whether it's Games Club, Art Club, Book Club or the Gardening Club, students are finding fun, creativity, and connection in so many different ways. Our Thursday Morning Hot Breakfast Club has quickly become a highlight of the week, offering a warm meal to all students. A heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Humer and her dedicated team of staff volunteers who make this possible. As always, students can also access breakfast **every day at 8:00 a.m. in Room 1077** with our Childcare Worker, Shannon Moody.

Athletics are in full swing as well. We've just wrapped up a strong season of **Volleyball, Cross Country, Soccer, and Swimming**, and we are now shifting into **Basketball and Wrestling**. A special shout-out to **Heather MacDonald (Coach Mac)** for organizing our lunchtime intramurals—right now, soccer fever has definitely hit Westview!

The arts continue to shine brightly this month. Our band students are preparing for the **Winter Band Concert on December 9**, and our Drama class is already rehearsing for their big **February 2026 production of Robin Hood**. We are also excited to once again host **Frost Fest**—our musical showcase—on the afternoon of **December 16**.

Our Leadership class has been busy planning a **Craft Fair on November 29**, with all proceeds supporting school activities. In addition, Westview will proudly host the **Senior Boys City Basketball Tournament from November 27–29**.

We'd also like to remind families that **Written Learning Updates will be published through MyClass on December 4, 2025**. Please take some time to review these reports with your student and celebrate their growth so far this year.

Westview is an exciting place to be, filled with staff, students, and families who are deeply committed to creating meaningful, joyful, and memorable experiences for our learning community. Thank you for your continued support—you make our school a truly special place.

As always, if you have any questions please contact Mrs. Blanco at cathryn_blanco@sd42.ca

Messages from the Office!

Reporting an Absence

If your child will be absent, late or dismissed early from school, please use the Parent Portal to log your child's absence/late. If you cannot gain access to your account, please contact the school for help. Alternatively, you can email the school at wss_reception@sd42.ca. **Phone calls are accepted, however, as it is very busy in the mornings, we may not be able to answer your call, please do not make multiple calls, please leave a message.** Thank you for your attention to this matter.

What to do when sick

At this time, SD42 does not require you to wear a mask or to isolate yourself for 5 days. Please use your discretion when sending your child to school when sick. If they have a fever, are coughing, sniffing or have a sore throat, then maybe they should be kept home.

Parking Lot Protocols - 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 lots as owners of these vehicles may need to leave
- Please adhere to the 30 km school zone speed limit
- Please do not park in front of the "loading zone" this is for deliveries
- **Please do not park in a designated staff parking spot**
- **Please DO NOT park or block in private driveways, please respect our neighbors**

Student Fees & Yearbooks

Just a reminder if you haven't paid your student fees of \$35, it should still be available to pay on the parent portal or you can pay with cash or cheque. Yearbooks can still be pre-ordered, with the payment of \$65, cash, cheque or on the parent portal.

Student Verification Forms


Anyone who has not returned the purple verification form to the office please do so ASAP. These forms will be printed and sent home with students on November 28th. This is our most effective way to get updated information for our students such as changes in phone numbers, addresses and living arrangements. Whether or not there are changes to be made, it is important to read through the form and sign the back before returning to the office so that we have the most up to date information available for you.

Life Threatening Medical Alerts

If your child has a Life Threatening Medical alert that the school is unaware of, please notify our office immediately so we can provide you with the forms we require from you. If you have any changes or updates to a current alert on file, please contact the office at (604) 467-3481 or email stacey_gloude@sd42.ca.

2025-2026 School Bell Schedule

WESTVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL 25-26

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY __
8:30am to 9:40am	Block A	Block E	Block C	Block G	Block __
9:45am to 10:25am	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	ADVISORY
10:30am to 11:40am	Block B	Block F	Block D	Block H	Block __
11:40 am to 12:15pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:20pm to 1:30pm	Block C	Block G	Block A	Block E	Block __
1:35pm to 2:45pm	Block D	Block H	Block B	Block F	Block __

WSS Website

Accessing School Information Online

We strive to ensure that all relevant school information and resources for parents, guardians, and students are clearly presented and easy to locate on our website. Our goal is to make your online experience as helpful and user-friendly as possible.

If you notice that something appears to be missing, difficult to find, or could be better organized, we welcome your feedback. Please reach out to Stacey Gloude at stacey_gloude@sd42.ca so we can update or adjust the content to better meet your needs.

You can visit our school website anytime at: <https://secondary.sd42.ca/wss/>. Thank you for helping us keep our digital resources accurate and accessible.

Messages from the Admin Team!

E-Bike & E-Scooter Rules for Students

As e-bikes and scooters become more popular, it's important for families to know the rules—both for safety and legality.

School Grounds Policy

- No riding e-bikes or scooters on school property.
- No doubling (carrying passengers).
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders.

Legal Requirements in B.C.

- Age Limits:
 - *Light e-bike* (pedal-assist only, no throttle): Minimum age 14.
 - *Standard e-bike* (may have throttle): Minimum age 16.
- Helmets: Required by law for all riders, regardless of age. Parents must ensure children under 16 wear a helmet when riding or as a passenger.
- License & Insurance: Not required if the e-bike meets provincial specs. Bikes that exceed these limits (e.g., >500W or no pedals) are treated as motor vehicles and require registration, insurance, and a driver's license.

Backpacks & Lockers – A Safety Reminder

This year, every student has been assigned a locker. To keep classrooms safe and free of tripping hazards, backpacks must be stored in lockers and not brought to class.

We recognize this is a change in routine for students, and we appreciate their adaptability and your support at home in reinforcing this expectation. If a student does not have a lock, they can speak with Mr. Healy, and a lock will be provided on loan. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and organized learning environment!

Scent Awareness in Our School Environment

To maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and visitors, we kindly ask that individuals refrain from spraying or applying scented products such as perfumes, colognes, body sprays, or other fragranced items while in the school building.

Many members of our school community have sensitivities or allergies to scents, which can lead to serious health concerns. By avoiding the use of scented products, we help ensure that our school remains a comfortable and accessible space for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Music Department

- **Music:**

The WSS Sr Concert Band will be joining the Maple Ridge Concert Band for a joint concert on November 25th, 7:30pm in the WSS MPR. Admission is by donation at the door. Open to the public.

- **WSS Winter Concert:**

This concert will be held Dec 9th in the WSS gym. The baton drops at 7 pm and admission is by food bank donation or cash donation to the WSS music program.

All music classes will be performing including the Sr and Jr Concert Bands, Jazz Band and the two elementary band programs.

- **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra - January 8th:**

The WSS Music and Theatre Departments are taking 40 students to the VSO to experience a live symphony orchestra playing the score to the movie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

See Mrs. Jensen or Ms. Allen for details. Open to music students in grades 8-12.

- **Grand Band Jamboree - February TBA:**

Westview is hosting our district wide 2nd annual Grand Band Jamboree. This is an opportunity for second year players from across the district to gather together, rehearse a couple of charts, attend sectional clinics and come back together to perform for an audience (family and friends).

- Date TBA (early Feb)
- Time: 3:15pm-5:30pm
- Location: WSS gym
- Contact: Mrs. Linda Jensen- WSS Music Director

- **March 11th Spring Concert and May 28th Final Concert - More info to come!**

Follow us on Instagram @wssmusic1180

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

The Den - Library at WSS

The Den - Library at WSS - held its annual Bookmark Design Contest and the winner was Cailyn in grade 11! Her bookmark is now available for free in the library! Congratulations to Cailyn and thank you to everyone who participated! Image is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Our Book Club is up and running and our current read is called "A Tempest of Tea" by Hafsah Faizal. We have our largest book club ever this year and our theme is collecting stickers and beads connected to the books we finish.

Grade 11 and 12 students have an opportunity to connect with local history in an upcoming field trip to Victoria, BC, in March! The trip will be focused on the stories of women in BC's history. See Ms. Eddy, Ms. Orologio, or Mr. Hallate for details!

Basketball Academy

The Basketball Academy is hosting a Basketball Coaching Clinic for elementary coaches and teachers in School District 42.

The clinic will be led by Basketball Academy Head Coach Kate MacLeod, and feature student-athletes in the Basketball Academy as assistant coaches and demonstrators.

Here is the information that went out from the Elementary Athletics team:

We have an opportunity coming up for our elementary coaches and teachers to learn from one of our best basketball leaders in SD42, Kate MacLeod.

- When: Monday, November 17th
- Time: 3pm to 4:30pm
- Where: Westview Secondary Gym

If you haven't had the opportunity to learn from Katie in the past, please see more information about her background below:

Coach Kate is the Head Coach of SD42's Basketball Academy at Westview. Kate has been at Westview for ten years, welcoming student-athletes in Grades 8-12 from across SD42 and around the world. MacLeod's Revolution Basketball Club offers youth basketball programs for children from K-Grade 7, led by student-athletes in the Basketball Academy. These are inclusive programs that reach all ages, stages and abilities. Coach Kate and the Hoopers aim to ensure participants learn about basketball, make new friends and have fun!

The Revolution Basketball Club's elite basketball programs welcome athletes in Grades 8-12, running in the fall and spring, around the school basketball season. These are competitive elite teams that travel and play across the province.

These programs are revolutionary because of an unwavering focus on skill development and character development. Coach Kate follows Canada Basketball's Long Term Athlete Development model, which outlines the appropriate age and stage for development. The Basketball Academy Hoopers are looking forward to the opportunity to work with elementary basketball coaches and leaders.

Athletics Department

As the fall sports season comes to a close, we want to celebrate the hard work, growth, and school spirit shown by all of our student-athletes. This season, we proudly hosted four volleyball teams—Grade 8 Girls, Junior Girls, Junior Boys, and Senior Boys (who competed in Fraser North league play). It was wonderful to watch their development as teams and the strong sense of connection and community they built throughout the season.

We also had both Junior and Senior Boys Soccer teams in action, with our Senior Boys competing in Fraser North competition games. Our Cross Country team was back again this fall, representing the school with a dedicated group of male and female runners. Finally, we have a team representing Westview at the Provincial Championships in swimming relay, an outstanding achievement!

With winter approaching, our next season of sports is already underway. Basketball tryouts are now complete, and we will be offering teams at the Junior Girls, Grade 8 Boys, Junior Boys, and Senior Boys levels. Our Wrestling team is also up and running, preparing for what we anticipate will be a strong and exciting season.

Looking ahead to spring, students can look forward to Girls Soccer, Boys Rugby, Boys Ball Hockey, Badminton (co-ed), Golf (co-ed), and Track & Field (co-ed). We've also had a fantastic start to lunchtime intramurals, with students from Grades 8–12, and even staff, participating in volleyball intramurals. Soccer intramurals are up next and shaping up to be just as popular.

At Westview, we value athletics as an important way for students to build connections, develop leadership, and strengthen essential social skills. Students interested in getting involved in any capacity are encouraged to speak with Coach Mac for more information about upcoming opportunities.

Dry Grad 2026 Information

This is an exciting year for our Grade 12 students and we are ready to get moving on planning our Dry Grad! Maggie Morrison and Erika Catapia are our Parent Grad Committee Co-Chairs, Kim Johnson is our Fundraising chair and Kim Johnson is our Treasurer. We will have our next parent meeting on Wednesday, Nov 12 at 7 pm in the library.

Please contact Maggie or Erika at westviewdrygrad2026@gmail.com and Cathryn Blanco at Cathryn_Blanco@sd42.ca with any questions.

Career Counselling

Any grade 10 or 11 students interested in learning about SD42's trade program, there will be an information session on **Tuesday, November 25 at flex in the MPR**. Applications open in early December and are done through the Career Centre.

For Grade 12 students: SD42's Scholarship Booklet will come out mid-January with application packages **due to the Career Centre by 3:00 on Wednesday, March 11**. Scholarship application sessions will be offered in January and February.

Leadership

Students in the Leadership class have planned a gift wrap drive. Families can send their children to school with lightly used or unused rolls of gift wrapping paper and receive a holiday gift bag in return. Gift bags can include candy canes, chocolates, and other holiday goodies. The goal is to collect gift wrap to

support a grad council event later in December, where anyone in our community can pay a fee to have their Christmas gifts wrapped by Westview students.

The students' plan is to set up a booth in the front foyer and collect rolls of gift wrap from students and teachers. If you've been looking for a way to empty your closets of unused gift wrap, send your children to school with your old wrapping paper from December 1st to the 5th!

Ways to stay Connected with WSS!

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.

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

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

Important Dates

- **Thursday, Nov 6:** Remembrance Day Assembly
- **Friday, Nov 7:** Day 2 (E F G H)
- **Monday, Nov 10:** School Based Pro D Day (classes not in session)
- **Tuesday, Nov 11:** Remembrance Day (classes not in session)
- **Wednesday, Nov 12:** Dry Grad Parent Meeting @ 7pm in the Library
- **Nov 12-14:** Grad Photos (sign up on the link in the Parent Portal message)
- **Saturday, Nov 15:** Dry Grad BINGO night! (contact the [Dry Grad committee](#) for tickets)
- **Friday, Nov 21:** Late Start (first bell goes at 9:55am) Day 4 (G H E F)
- **Monday, Nov 24:** PAC Meeting @ 7pm in the Library
- **Tuesday, Nov 25:** A Cornucopia of Music 7:30pm in the GYM
- **Tuesday, Nov 25:** Trades Presentation (in the MPR at Flex)
- **Saturday, Nov 29:** WSS Winter Craft Fair in the MPR
- **Thursday, December 4:** Written Learning Updates published
- **Tuesday, December 9:** Winter Band Concert
- **Tuesday December 16:** Grad Photo Retakes
- **Dec 15-19:** Cafeteria is closed for Maintenance - please bring a lunch
- **Dec 22-Jan 2:** Winter Break - School is Closed
- **Jan 5:** School is open

Key Contacts

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

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

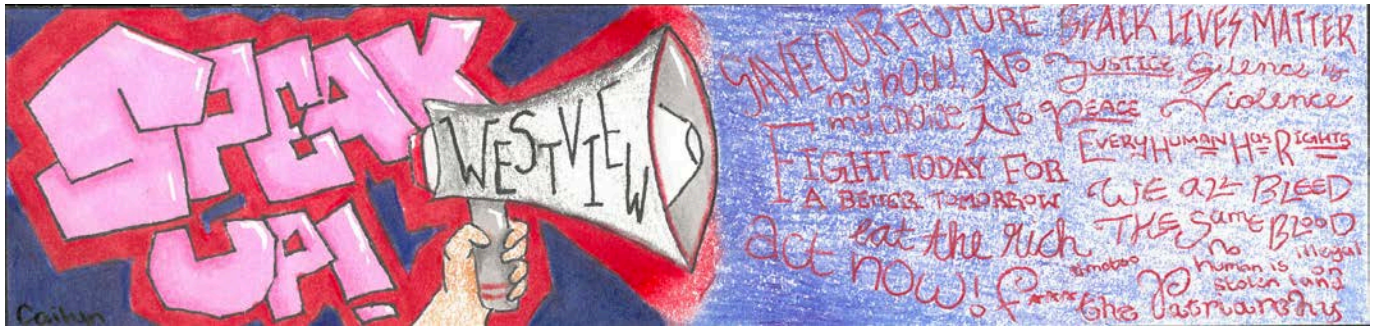
Please do not hesitate to email Principal Cathryn Blanco, (Cathryn_Blanco@sd42.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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



Bookmark Contest Winner Design



Leadership Christmas Wrapping Needed!

