



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- MAY 2024

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətał Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory École Windsor Secondary resides.

IMPORTANT DATES:

MAY 1

[Asian Heritage Month](#)

8:30am- [Summer Learning](#) registration opens
(NVSD students)

MAY 3

District Wide Professional Day (no students)

MAY 5

[Red Dress Day/National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

[Emergency Preparedness Week](#) (May 5-11)

MAY 6

[Music Monday](#)

[Canadian Mental Health Week](#) (May 6-12)

7:30pm - PAC meeting (Library)

MAY 10

[School Communicators Day](#)

MAY 12

[Mother's Day](#)

MAY 17

[International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#)

MAY 20

[Victoria Day \(statutory holiday\)](#)

MAY 22

Grade 8 Rotation #3 (S2R3) - End

MAY 23

Grade 8 Rotation #4 (S2R4) - Start

MAY 25

5:30pm- Windsor Music Annual Jazz Cabaret
(Mt. Seymour United Church)

MAY 28

[National AccessAbility Week](#) (May 28-June 3)

MAY 29

[Red Shirt Day](#)

May 2024

SUMMER LEARNING 2024

SUMMER LEARNING 2024 REGISTRATION

Online registration opens on **Wednesday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m.** for **North Vancouver School District students**, and on Friday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. for students outside the North Vancouver School District.

Registration closes on Friday, June 21 at 12 noon.



Visit the [Registration web page](#) for more information.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2024.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca.

More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

WINDSOR GRAD EVENTS

JUNE 12

8:30am- Grad Ceremony Rehearsal in the Large Gym

Students will receive their grad gowns, and instructions as to what will occur at the ceremony. This is a mandatory meeting for grads.

JUNE 14

7:00pm- Grad Ceremony at the Orpheum (601 Smithe St, Vancouver)

JUNE 22

Grade 12 Grad Banquet at the Vancouver Convention Centre

Grad Photo @ 5:30pm

Doors open @ 6:00pm

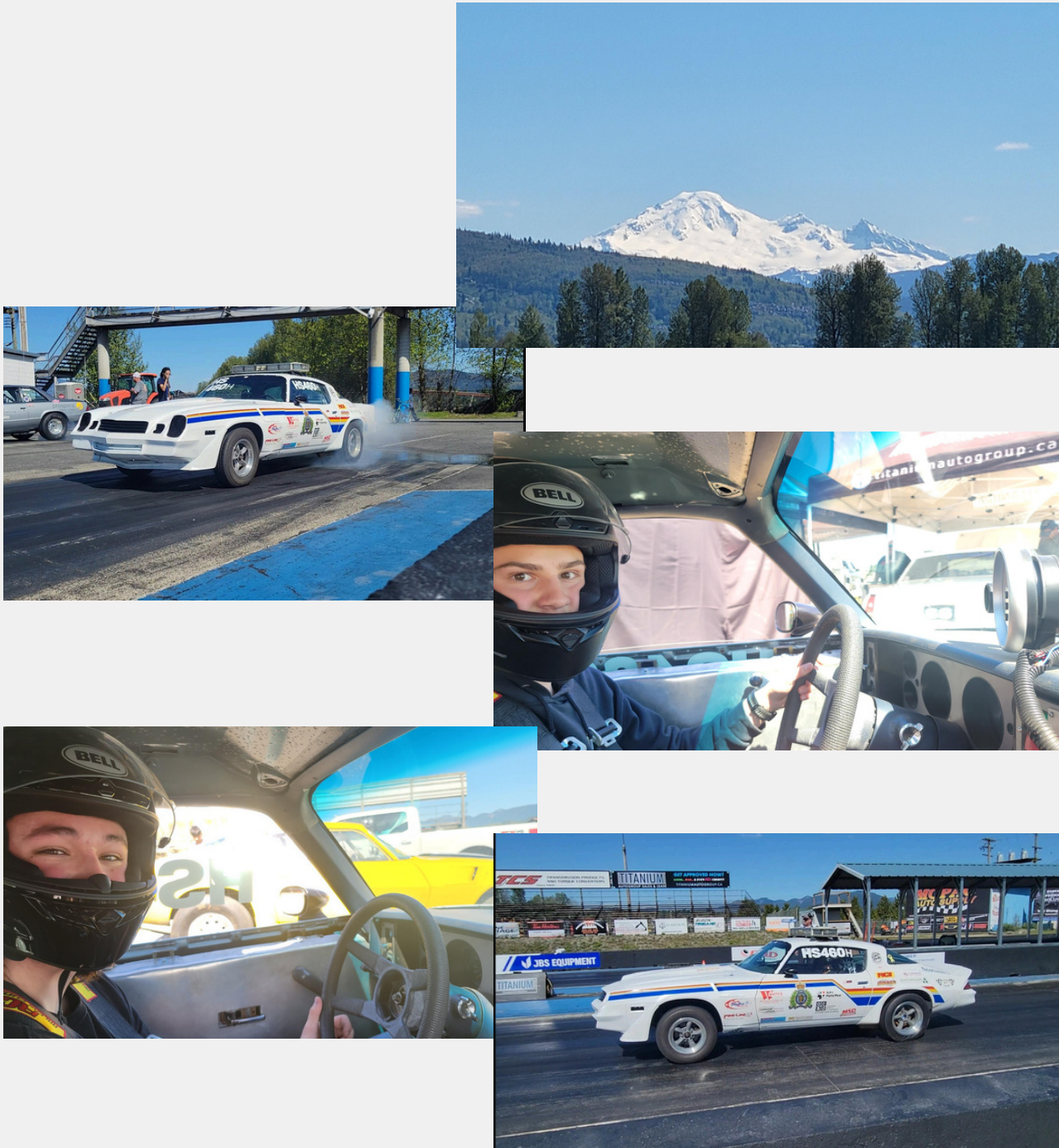
Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Deadline to purchase tickets: FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, 2024

DRAG RACE CLUB

The Drag Race Club had their first day at the track for the season last Friday. We had three students driving, Aidan Dowling, driving on his own, Elias Nebel and Sam Stringer driving for the first time. We had a total of 12 students and a combination of 6 parents and grandparents in attendance.

The weather was great, and low temps made for several great runs. Aidan set a new best time of 13.20sec @ 102.74MPH. Our first competition day is May 3.



FINANCIAL LITERACY FEST

This spring Windsor Secondary participated in **ChatterHigh's Financial Literacy Fest**, an online multi-competition event to boost youth financial literacy across various disciplines! Here are the final results for Windsor Secondary:

Learn About Your Taxes Competition – 5th place (\$100)
Money Management Competition – 18th place
Insurance Literacy and Me Competition – 7th place

The lead teachers who had classes participating were S. Peters and N. Gill.



WINDSOR GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club continues to beautify our front and back gardens, weeding every Tuesday in the morning and lunch. We have planted potatoes and will be hosting a sale in May at the school selling plants and supplies. The executive members making Windsor beautiful are: Erin Lu (President), Clara Lus and Maddy Helps (Co Vice Presidents), Presley Matsumura (Treasurer) and Jameson Matsumura (Communications). Our sponsors, Corinna Lee Sun, Sian Oliver and Alison Lum appreciate all the help from the club and the PAC, always being supportive.



GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Spruce up your room or buy something for Mother's Day next week at the annual Garden Club Plant Sale starting Monday May 6th!!

Come see us in the foyer at lunch next week!

WINDSOR GREEN TEAM

The Green Team is thrilled to have completed a school-wide Earth Day cleanup for the first time since the pandemic! We would like to thank all participating classes for helping keep our campus and community litter-free.

Special congratulations to our winning class, Mme. D'Aurora's and to Mme. Justine and Ms. Wood's classes for placing second and third respectively. We were able to fill almost all of our school dumpsters with the litter collected!



GR. 9 STUDENTS MAKE WAVES AT RADIO CANADA

In February, Eco Nova joined forces with Radio Canada to empower our grade 9 FRIMM students to voice their generational concerns and questions regarding climate action in French. This unique opportunity allowed our young activists to share their perspectives on the pressing issue of climate change.



Below are quotes from the students about the experience:

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(What I remember most was that all the adults were so welcoming! It was great to have the chance to use our voices and share our ideas with a broader audience.)

J'ai eu l'occasion de voir des personnes parler en français dans la VRAIE VIE! - Andie K.
(I've had the opportunity to see people speak French in REAL LIFE!)

On pouvait voir comment la radio fonctionne et toutes les étapes qu'il faut suivre pour un seul enregistrement. - Molly S.
(We could see how the radio works and all the steps involved for a single recording.)

Le voyage au Radio-Canada était très cool! Tout le monde là était très gentil et organisé. J'ai appris beaucoup sur les comment les stations de radios fonctionnent. - Camilla Mc
(Our experience at Radio-Canada was really cool! Everyone there was super welcoming and really organized. I learned a lot about how radio stations work.)

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J'aimais beaucoup expérimenter avec tous les boutons, les microphones et porter les écouteurs lors de la diffusion. - Isaac B
(I loved experimenting with all the buttons and microphones, and wearing the headphones while broadcasting.)

FOOD ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

Windsor has had, for a number of years, a food access program available for students in need. This year we increased the visibility and access to food by setting up a hot and cold water station with a microwave on the 300 level. There are a number of breakfast and snack items available. We encourage students to bring a bowl and spoon for some items. We want to encourage those students who are in need to access this, however, sometimes, students who do not need food access are not bringing lunch as they know this food is available and readily accessible. We want to make sure that as a community we are looking out for each other. Those who are in need should access the food, and those that are not, maybe refrain from it.

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Contact information

Please ensure your contact information, especially email and phone number, are up to date. You can see the contact information that Windsor has in MyEd. MyEd is also where you can access your students' timetable, report cards and attendance records.

[My Ed BC Portal Tips & Resources](#)

When changing your mailing address, please attach a copy of proof of address. An example would be a utility bill, BCID, Drivers Licence, credit card invoice etc.

Vacations and Extended Absences

If a student is away for more than a couple of days, parents need to fill in a [Student Extended Absence form](#), to be signed by teachers. The form can be found on the [Windsor website](#).

Thank you for helping us to keep up to date!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

- Email windsor@sd44.ca (preferred)
- * Please remember to include the words **absence** or **attendance** in the subject line
- or Call Attendance Line: **604-903-3707**

WHEN REPORTING ABSENCES

-You may report an absence on same the day until 3:00 p.m., in advance for a future date if you know ahead of time, or for previous dates that were missed.

Please indicate:

- Student First Name
- Student Last Name (if leaving a voice message please spell the last name)
- Grade
- Date of absence (whole day/portion of the day)
- Explanation for absence (“excused”, “ill”, “appointment”, “vacation”).
It is critical that student absence explanations are specific to ensure accurate reporting to the School District and Public Health Unit, when necessary.
- Your name & relationship with the student. (Only messages from parents and legal guardians are accepted)

PARKING AT WINDSOR

Windsor has limited parking for students. Students must park in the lot off of Lytton Street. Please note that in order to ensure all staff can park on school property, the parking lot off of Broadview Dr. is for staff only this year. Students may not park off of Broadview Drive.

In order to park at Windsor students must:

- register their vehicles in the office
- adhere to the parking regulations
- display decal on their windshield

We continue to encourage students to walk or take transit to school.



STUDENT DROP-OFF

A reminder to all parents that there is no student drop off in the front parking lot unless your student has mobility difficulties. Please access the large drop off area at the back of the school or the cul-de-sac at the end of Lytton St.

SCHOOL FEES

Semester 2 fees have been added to your account and statements sent home.

Please login to [School Cash Online](#) to make the payment. We appreciate the prompt payment of these fees so the teachers are able to purchase the supplies required for this semester as soon as possible.

Note that students with outstanding athletic and school fees will not be able to pick up their Yearbooks or Grad Gowns in June until their accounts are up to date.

If you need assistance in paying these fees, please contact the Windsor Administration.