



# École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 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:

### NOVEMBER 1

[Indigenous Disability Awareness Month](#)

### NOVEMBER 4

8:00am-4:00pm - Ministry Assessments - Literacy 12  
(see page 2)

6:00pm - Winter Coaches & Sponsors Athletics meeting  
(Rm. D218)

7:00pm - Winter Parents & Students Athletics meeting  
(Multipurpose Rm.)

7:30pm - PAC meeting (Library)

### NOVEMBER 6

Take Your Kids to Work Day

### NOVEMBER 7

Gr. 8 Rotation #1 Ends

### NOVEMBER 8

[National Indigenous Veterans Day - Half-Mast](#)

Gr. 8 Rotation #2 Starts

10:30am- Remembrance Day Assembly

7:30pm- Fall Choir Concert (Multipurpose Rm.)

### NOVEMBER 11

[Remembrance Day](#) (School Closed)

### NOVEMBER 13

[World Kindness Day](#)

### NOVEMBER 19-21

Law 12 Field Trip to the Provincial and Superior Courthouses

### NOVEMBER 20

[Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

### NOVEMBER 21

6:00-8:30pm - "Let's Talk Shop" workshop for Windsor and Seycove parents, hosted at Seycove Secondary (see page 3)

### NOVEMBER 22-24

Junior Band Retreat to Zajac Ranch

### NOVEMBER 25

[International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls](#)

### NOVEMBER 27

8:30am- Gr. 12 Mandatory Meeting - Multipurpose Rm.  
(see page 2)

## GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

### NOVEMBER 4 - LITERACY 12 GRADUATION ASSESSMENT

The BC Graduation Program requires all students to sit Graduation Assessments as part of their graduation requirements. Grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 Assessment on **November 4, 2024**.

All Grade 12 Classes are cancelled November 4th to facilitate students' writing of the Assessment.

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Literacy 12	Nov 4, 2024	8:45	Library Lab	Ad-Cof
Literacy 12	Nov 4, 2024	8:45	E211	Col-Ge
Literacy 12	Nov 4, 2024	8:45	E214	Gi-La
Literacy 12	Nov 4, 2024	12:00	Library Lab	Le-Noe
Literacy 12	Nov 4, 2024	12:00	E211	Now-Se
Literacy 12	Nov 4, 2024	12:00	E214	Sl-Zh

\*Students who have planned for accommodations such as separate setting, etc. will be informed of their start time and location by their case manager or grade counsellor.

## GRADE 12 MANDATORY MEETING

### NOVEMBER 27 - GRADE 12 MANDATORY MEETING - CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS


The second mandatory meeting for all Grade 12 students is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 27th**, at **8:30 AM** in the **multipurpose room**. It's important that the meeting begins on time, so Grade 12 students should arrive early to sign in, as attendance will be taken.

## WORKSHOP “LET’S TALK SHOP”

Windsor and Seycove parents/caregivers are invited to participate in a workshop called “Let’s Talk Shop”. In partnerships with Foundry and North Shore Youth agencies, it brings youth and parents together where youth from other North Van schools can share their perspectives with our Windsor/Seycove parents about what it’s like being a youth. Topics include mental health, friendships, substance use, LGBTQ2.

Please join us at **Seycove Secondary, Thursday November 21st, 6pm-8:30pm**

**Register** and get more info here (space is limited): <https://seycovelts2024.eventbrite.com/>



**Unpacking Youth Culture:  
LET'S TALK SHOP**

**FREE WORKSHOP**

Please join us for the opportunity to hear North Shore youth speak about their experiences with peer pressure, mental health, drugs, & more!


**BUILDING  
CAPACITY  
IN PARENTS  
AND YOUTH**

Doors open at 5:45  
Workshop starts at  
6 pm

Thursday, Nov 21, 2024  
Seycove Secondary  
6:00-8:30pm

SNACKS PROVIDED

**REGISTER  
HERE:**



**·FOUNDRY·  
NORTH SHORE**

<https://seycoveLTS2024.eventbrite.com>

## WINDSOR MUSIC - WINTER FUNDRAISERS

### PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

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

**From now until November 25th**, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. Items will be ready for **pick up on December 5 and 6**.

**Order deadline:** November 25, 2024

**Order pick up:** December 5th & 6th, 2024

#### **How to Order:**

1. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1973330-121952>
2. Click "Join Campaign"
3. Click "Shop online"
4. Select "Marketplace"



Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Please share this link with friends and family.

### POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Our Growing Smiles Winter fundraiser has begun!  
Add some cheer to your home this holiday with these beautiful poinsettias, wreaths and other decorative Christmas arrangements.

**Order deadline:** November 21st

**Order pick up:** Dec 6th to 8th

#### **How to Order:**

To place your order, go to our fundraising website at the link below and view the selection of plants and arrangements available: [Windsor Secondary Music Department \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](https://fundraising.growingsmiles.com)

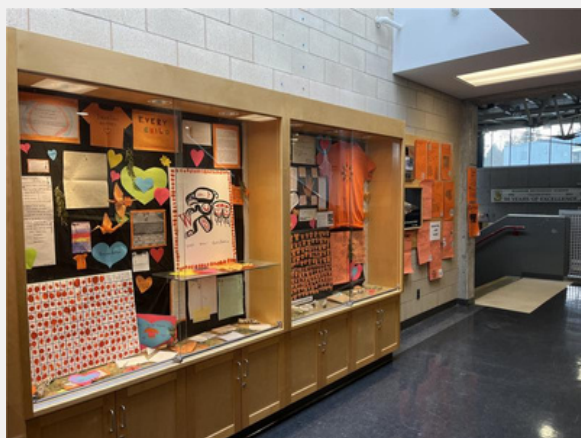




## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

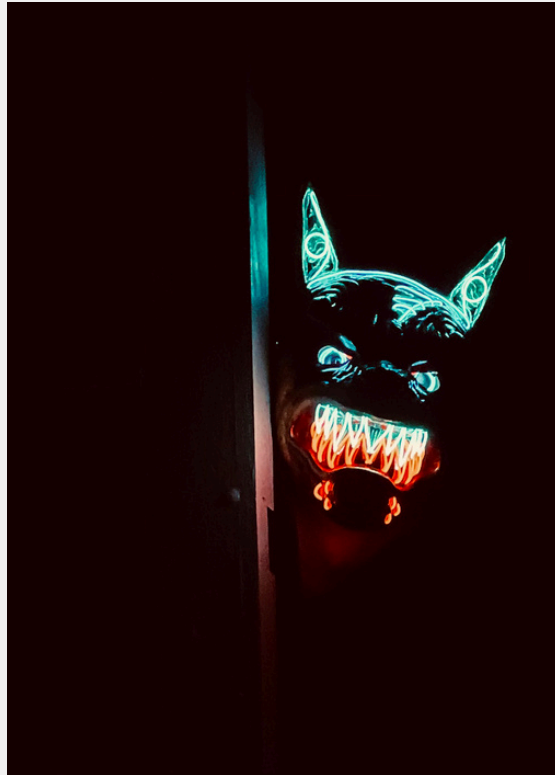
Classes from multiple subject areas created posters focused on Indigenous place names in both French & English and Indigenous languages from around BC and the world. Each poster is unique and includes the Indigenous place name, meaning in English and French, and a story. The posters are currently on display in the front foyer of our school by the Truth and Reconciliation case which was updated by student and staff volunteers. This school project was inspired by recommendations for Truth and Reconciliation in Sam George's memoir "The Fire Still Burns".

English First Peoples 11 students have created a list of questions about the posters for period 2 classes at Windsor to do as a collaborative and interactive extension activity. We greatly appreciate this important work for Truth and Reconciliation by Windsor students and staff.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Windsor Student Council organized a fantastic Haunted House for Halloween this year. Students and staff were able to walk through the interactive experience at lunch all week. Enjoy the photos!



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## LIBRARY NEWS

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The Windsor Library is pleased to report that, as a result of the generous donation and support of the Windsor PAC, all Windsor staff and students now have access to our new subscription to [Noodle Tools](#) for individual inquiry-based projects and collaborative learning. This tool will complement the work that students are already doing in their classes when they conduct effective research, cite their sources and create annotations for the sources they are referencing.

What is NoodleTools?

NoodleTools is an award-winning online research management platform that promotes critical thinking and authentic research. Students stay organized as they evaluate information, build accurate citations, archive source material, take notes, outline topics, and prepare to write. Three differentiated levels support individual students across grades and abilities.

From: [Product Overview\(noodletools.com\)](https://noodletools.com)

Noodle Tools allows students to create and save all their work from the time they register for an account, until they graduate from Windsor. They can use Noodle Tools to cite sources, take notes, outline their ideas and share with their instructors. Many of the [databases used by the students in the library](#) are directly connected to Noodle Tools, so students can export their cited sources directly to their current projects.

Mr. Roberts' Science 10 class were the first cohort to use this effective research tool in their current work for their Epigenetics assignment, and Ivy Chou's Science 8 students will be using Noodle Tools in the next weeks when they conduct their research for the inquiry-based project on Diseases.

Please see the [Windsor Libguide](#) for further information about Noodle Tools. And many thanks to the Windsor PAC for supporting this library initiative!



## SCHOOL FEES

Course fees have been added to your account. 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.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

- Email [windsor@sd44.ca](mailto: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

Parking is at a premium during the school day and with the need to provide adequate parking for school and district staff, guests, community, and students, we request that everyone adheres to the parking guidelines we have in place.

**1. Broadview Lot:** Parking is for school & district staff and visitors. Students may not park in this lot. Parents, please park in the available visitor spots. Please do not drop off students in the Broadview parking lot.

**2. Lytton Lot:** Parking is for staff and students.  
If this lot is full, students will need to park off school site.

We have also noted an increase in the number of vehicles parked illegally including in areas clearly marked as no parking. For example, vehicles parked in yellow zones, areas marked for emergency vehicles, and in front of waste disposal bins.

While we have been reluctant to do so, having vehicles towed is an option. Vehicles parked in no parking zones and students who continue to disregard the parking guidelines may be towed. If your vehicle is towed, please contact Payless Auto Towing.

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.



## **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 make sure that as a community we are looking out for each other and those students who are in need are priority for this program.

## **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!