The STKAYE

Westshore Secondary

Colwood and Sooke Campuses

November 2026

Outdoor Education Canoeing!

This year we introduced Outdoor Education 12 to our timetable as a Wednesday elective class! Students in the class had a chance to participate in a canoe journey with our RCMP liaison officers on Langford Lake this month! Other exciting opportunities in the class include a bike workshop with Capital City Bikes, a presentation from Metchosin SAR, hiking the local mountains and learning about Indigenous plants with Role Model Janine Bradley!



What's Up Westshore!

Dear Westshore Students and Families,

As we step into November, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Learning Conferences

One of the highlights of this month is our upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences. These conferences are a great opportunity for families and teachers to discuss student progress, share insights, and set goals for the rest of the year. I encourage all families to take part whether in person or virtually to ensure we work together to support each student's success. Learning conferences will take place on Thursday November 26th. Additional information coming soon!

A Note on Attendance

Consistent attendance and punctuality are key to student success. Maintaining strong attendance helps our students stay engaged in their learning and build consistent progress. We also want to emphasize the importance of staying for the entire scheduled block. Leaving early can result in missed assignments, discussions, and collaborative learning opportunities. If your student needs to leave early for an appointment or other reason, we ask you to kindly email or call us at the school to excuse the absence. westshoresecondaryschool@sd62.bc.ca or 250-474-2505

Thursday Support Room

If your student is needing additional extra support with classroom assignments, we have a support room available at WS Colwood every Thursday from 9:45-2:00pm. Students are welcome to attend opposite their scheduled class. Please call the office or speak to your classroom teacher for more information.

With gratitude,

Gillian
Vice-Principal

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PEKELANEW – The Moon That Turns the Leaves White

This is the moon of the turning white season (frost). This moon brings the first frost. The leaves lose their colours and turn pale. Deer hunting is the activity during this moon. The earth is cooling down and the people turn their efforts to hunting.

Upcoming Important Dates!

November 2-6th: Grad Assessment Week
November 4- Kookum Jo-Ina visits WS Colwood
November 5- Lockdown Drill WS Sooke
November 6- Let's Get Visible Day!
November 8- Indigenous Veterans Day
November 9- Lockdown Drill WS Colwood
November 10- Remembrance Day Assemblies
November 11- Remembrance Day (No School)
November 12- Photo Re-Take Day (WS Colwood)
November 12- Last day of Q1 Classes
November 13- Transition Day (no scheduled classes)
November 16- First Day of Q2 Classes
November 25- Indigenous Learners Day at Camosun
November 26- Early Dismissal
November 27- PRO-D (no classes in session)

Student Leadership Group!

Are you interested in making a difference at our school? Join the Student Leadership Group! This is a great opportunity to share your ideas, help plan school events, build leadership skills, and make a positive impact in our school community. All students are welcome. Come be a leader and help make our school an even better place to learn and grow! 🌟

Please see Gillian in the office to sign up!



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Westshore CLUBS!

There are lots of great opportunities for students to get involved each week!

🏀 Basketball
Monday at lunch
Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

🌈 SOGI Club
Tuesday at lunch

🎲 Dungeons & Dragons Club
Wednesday after school

♟️ Board Game Club
Thursday at lunch

We encourage all students to join in, try something new, connect with others, and have some fun! Whether you're interested in sports, games, leadership, or meeting new friends, there's a club for everyone. Come check them out!



THANKS TO ALL THE STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK! IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER IN A POSITIVE AND FUN WAY!

Westshore School Goals 2026-27

We are excited to introduce our school goals for the year ahead. These goals will guide our work as we continue to create engaging learning opportunities, support student well-being, and help every learner build a successful path toward their future.

Goal #1: Continue to implement strategies and supports to increase Dogwood Diploma completion and strengthen individual pathways for all learners

Goal #2: To improve student literacy and numeracy skills to support engagement, confidence, course completion and successful graduation pathways.

Goal #3: Continue to enhance career, life and transition readiness through experiential learning opportunities for all Westshore students.

Stay tuned for monthly updates as we share new strategies and successes towards our school growth plan!

Remembrance Day

As we approach Remembrance Day, students will be learning about the importance of honouring those who have served and sacrificed for our country. We look forward to coming together for our upcoming Remembrance Day assemblies as a school community to reflect, remember, and give thanks. Lest we forget.

Westshore Sooke- Monday November 9th:
10:30am and 1:30pm

Westshore Colwood- Tuesday November 10th:
10:35am (at Colwood Elementary)
12:30pm (at WS Colwood)

Coffee with a Cop is BACK!

We are so excited to welcome back the youth outreach team,
Cst. Kelsi Yoxall from the Westshore RCMP and
Caitlin Anderson from Pacific Center Family Services to share treats and connect with Westshore students!
Upcoming visits:
Thursday November 12th: 9:50-10:15 &
Tuesday November 17th: 12:50-1:15pm



Westshore Secondary PAC!

Please join us at the next PAC meeting: November 24th at 6:30pm on MS Teams.
All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to discuss our budget and plan for the year ahead.

Your PAC executive for 2026/27 are:
President - Sandra Arnold
Vice President - Eddy Piasentin
Treasurer - Fiona Perestam
Secretary - vacant
SPEAC rep - Leigh Hoban
Director at Large - Mariann Peeke-Vout

If you are interested in joining the executive or have any questions for the PAC, please attend the November meeting or email us at westshore.pac@gmail.com

Please visit our school website for information and school updates: https://web.sd62.bc.ca/westshoresecondary