



WINDERMERE SECONDARY *Weekly Bulletin*

We would like to acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territory of the *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *seɬíwítlh* (Tsleil Waututh) and *skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish Coast Salish) peoples.

THE WINDERMERE WAY!

- R** Respect
- E** Excellence
- A** Attitude
- C** Courage
- H** Honesty



School Operating Hours: Please note that our office is open from 7:30 am to 3:45 pm.

SEMESTERS

Semester 1	Sep 7, 2021 – Jan 28, 2022
Semester Turnaround Day	Jan 31, 2022
Semester 2	Feb 1, 2022 – Jun 29, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 25	Photo Retake (Morning ONLY)
Nov. 2	PAC Meeting @ 7
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 25 – Nov. 27	Grade 12 Grad Photos
Nov. 25	Parent Teacher Conference
Nov. 26	Pro D Day

Counselor Update

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Rob Rymer back to Windermere. Mr. Rymer will be sharing the Counsellor load of Grade 8 (Li to R) and Grade 9 with Mr. Rob Greenshields.

Coffeehouse Tickets

Hey Warriors, our talented student performers are busy practicing and rehearsing for **Coffeehouse 2021!** The show is this Wednesday October 27! 7pm in the auditorium! Doors open at 6:30pm! We need an audience to cheer them on and show our support! Tickets are \$2, and are available from Mr. Robertson this week during lunch on **Monday and Tuesday in room 117.** Bring your loonies and twonies to the band room and get your tickets for the show! There will be a small treat for you to take home after the show as part of your admission.



Inclusive Halloween

With spooky season in full swing, it's a good time to remember that [cultural appropriation](#) is never in style. Halloween is a scary celebration of creativity, candy, and costumes. It's the one time of year when you can come to class dressed as a unicorn, zombie or your favourite fictional character. However, it is *not* an excuse to mock someone else's culture, racial, ethnic or gender identity.

Whether it is intentional or not, wearing certain costumes has real consequences and negatively impacts the people that deal with this kind of discrimination every day. Let's keep Halloween safe and inclusive by leaving culturally insensitive, racist and sexist stereotypes at the grave.

Putting it simply: to avoid costume stress, think before you dress.

Still unsure? Check out some [creative ideas](#) and ask yourself:

- Does my costume make fun of human traits, identities, cultures, or race?
- Does my costume represent a culture that is not my own?
- Does my costume reduce cultural or identity differences to stereotypes?
- How would someone feel if they saw you wearing their identity as a costume?

Do your part to help keep Halloween safe and inclusive by starting a conversation with your friends and family.

Safe Halloween

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and considerate manner to ensure enjoyable festivities for everyone. Students who do not meet these expectations will be subject to consequences.

With respect to behaviour and conduct, please note that the following are strictly prohibited at school as per the VSB District Code of Conduct:

- Possession and/or use of fireworks and firecrackers
- Possession and/or use of lighters or other incendiary devices
- Possession and/or use of prohibited substances
- Participation in unsafe pranks and games

[Student Services \(ubc.ca\)](#)



Culture is not a costume

Take care in what you wear this Halloween.

students.ubc.ca

Grade 8 Halloween Activity

Attention all grade 8 students. You will be joining your Link leaders on Thursday October 28 during FIT to participate in a fun Halloween activity. Please go directly to your homeroom class at the beginning of FIT on the 28th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Halloween Theme Week

Halloween Theme Week: Monday Oct. 25 - Friday Oct. 29th

Students and staff are encouraged to dress-up next week to spread some halloween cheer. Use the following ideas as your daily outfit inspo, and be sure to wear a costume on Friday, if you dare!



WINDERMERE STUCO PRESENTS...

HALLOWEEN THEME WEEK

OCTOBER 25 - 29

HALLOWEEN THEME WEEK

OCT 25 - MIX AND MATCH MONDAY

OCT 26 - HALLOWEEN COLOURS TUESDAY

OCT 27 - WARRIOR WEDNESDAY

OCT 28 - TWINKLE TOE THURSDAY

OCT 29 - FRIGHTENING FRIDAY

School Active Travel Planning Program (Windermere Update)

Members of the Windermere school community are invited to join an online presentation on infrastructure upgrades in our community. Please see details below.

Cisco Webex Meeting – Survey Data & Infrastructure Upgrades Presentation

Date: October 29, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

*To accommodate for a potentially high volume of participants, we encourage you to sign into the meeting anytime between 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM to avoid overloading the system. Once you are in, please wait for the start of the meeting.

Meeting Link:

<https://vancouver.webex.com/vancouver/j.php?MTID=m4fdcb318ed0c6dc0532e25da409c47f3>

*Please follow the prompt to download app if required or alternatively use this

link: <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html> and click on Webex Meetings to download. This will allow you to see the presentation. If you are using a computer, you can also join directly from your browser if you are having trouble with the app.

Password:

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Call In:

- **Vancouver Local:** 1-604-646-8916
- **Canada/US Toll Free:** 1-855-699-3239
- **Access Code:** 2497 844 0638
- **Participant ID:** As attendee IDs are not assigned to guests, press # to continue

*Please note: Only audio will be available through this option for those who would just like to listen in.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the School Active Travel Planning program, please contact our team at schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca.



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BC Literacy Assessment

November 2-4, 2021: Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 Assessments

The Numeracy 10 Assessment, Literacy 10 Assessment, and Literacy 12 Assessment are graduation requirements. Students in Grade 10 will be writing the Literacy 10 Assessment and Students in Grade 12, who signed up to write in November, will be writing the Literacy 12 Assessment Nov 2-4th. More information about these assessments can be found at:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

All phones and electronic devices must be stored in backpacks before entering the Assessment Room. All backpacks are to be left at the front of the Assessment Room upon entering.

Parent Teacher Conference

We will be having Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 25th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, online. More information to follow.



Student Council is grateful that everyone is back on campus this year, with health and safety in mind. Clubs are meeting, athletics is in full-swing, we have lockers, and the cafeteria is offering delicious meals and snacks again.

To celebrate a return to student life at Windermere, StuCo will be answering the question -- What's Up, Windermere? -- with a monthly newsletter. We'll share highlights from around the school, and celebrate the variety of activities that Windermere has to offer.

Get in touch with StuCo if you would like to contribute an update to What's Up, Windermere.

WHAT'S UP, WINDERMERE?

October 2021

Student Life, News & Events

Warrior Athletics

Congratulations to our Senior Boys', Senior Girls', Junior Boys', and Juvenile Girls volleyball teams on a great start to the season! Go Warriors!



Clubs Days 2021

Student Council would like to thank all the staff and students who participated in Clubs Days earlier this month. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Wesley Zhou, Tiffany Su, Troy Mah and Jordan Dinh.

Land Protectors Club

Land Protectors Club fundraiser for Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society raised over \$531 from card sales and a silent auction for Ms. Yellowknee's beaded heart. A special thanks to two members of our community who donated directly to IRSSS for this fundraiser.

Grad Committee

Grad Committee is now up and running and excited to plan events and produce some grad merch. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be a leader or committee member. We're all excited to make this final year a memorable one for all grads.

Coming Up

COFFEE HOUSE A Windermere tradition returns this year on Wed. October 27 at 7pm in the auditorium. Enjoy a night of musical entertainment by our talented Windermere students. Tickets available from Room 117 for \$2.

HALLOWEEN THEME WEEK Get your costumes ready for the last week of October! Watch for details from StuCo.



Windermere Clubs

EXPAND YOUR INTERESTS – JOIN A CLUB

We have over 30 official clubs running at Windermere this year. Check out the attached list and get in touch with the sponsor teacher and/or student contact for further details. Many clubs are doing a combination of virtual and in-person meetings, usually at lunch, so check-out the official list and make it a goal to REACH out and join a club this year.



Official Windermere Clubs for 2021/2022

Name of Club	Teacher/Staff Sponsor	Location	Student Leader name & contact info	Date/Time for meetings	Description of club
Advertics Business Club	Ms. Chang, Mr. Mazo	110W	Instagram: @advertics.club Reagan Leung reaganleung45@gmail.com	TBD based on member availability	Advertics members will gain experience with creating websites and social media content by participating in digital projects. We also hope to help businesses in our local community promote themselves with establishing a strong digital presence.
Anime Club	Ms. B. Ng (and Lisa Wong from VCH)	Sacred room		TBD	The anime club is where people can come together and enjoy the beauty of anime. A place where you can meet new friends with the same interests. Our activities will consist of, anime movies and shows, games, and fun quizzes with prizes. We are also open to any and all suggestions on new activities and types of anime, as long as it is appropriate.
Best Buddies	Mr. Wynn/ Mr. Raymond	114	TBD	TBD	Best Buddies is a club that plans social events and activities with the Windermere's Life Skills class. In the past, we've organized lunch-time movies, costume contests, potlucks, and basketball free-throw competitions. Membership is open to all Windermere students.
Bike Club	Mr. Tenta Mr. Tam	236 (Tech Wing) 317		TBD	Learn to maintain your bike and maybe go on group rides together.
Chess Club (Semester 1 only)	Mr. Annas	121		Friday lunch	All levels welcome!
Criticulture	Mr. Mazo	216	Instagram: @criticulture_wre	Tues lunch	Students create current events news summaries on social media
Diverse Colours Initiative (DCI)	Mr. Zess	323	Elena Nguyen elenanguyen2005@gmail.com	The club will meet every couple of months according to plans and events made by the members.	Our goal is to create a community for BIPOC youth and allies to express themselves through the creative arts. This will encourage them to pursue safe and expressive hobbies as well as "confront and seek to dismantle barriers of isolation, loneliness, and exclusion that these youth may face due to their identities within the social system that exists".
Finance Club	Mr. Demarco	TBD	Mathew Medhanie matthewmedhanie@gmail.com	TBD based on member availability	For students interested in finance and investment-related topics and activities.

Games Club	Mr. Tam	317		Monday to Friday at lunch	Fostering creativity, developing problem solving and social skills
Garden Club: Windermere Sprouts	Ms. Rempel Ms. Dixon	Courtyard (doors by Cafeteria)	Instagram: @windermereorchard	Tuesdays & Thursdays after school	We grow food and other plants in the schools garden spaces (the courtyard and the orchard in the back field)
Get REAL (Junior and Senior)	Chelan Wallace	209 & 124	chwallace@vsb.bc.ca Instagram: @windermere_getreal	After school TBD	The program is run by our community partner, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House and with the support of Windermere Community Schools Team and Windermere staff. The aim of the program is to build and strengthen life skills, and to provide leadership opportunities for youth in the school and local community. The program is well supported by adult and peer mentors who work to foster new friendships
Grad Committee (grade 12s only)	J. Tong	307	Instagram: @wssgrad2022 Email: wssgrad2022@gmail.com Lead Facilitator: Juana Domingo Morales Grad Merch Leaders: Gabby Araujo, Wilson Zhou Events Leaders: Ashley Stewart, Z Edwards, Sarah Akl Publicity Leaders: Michelle Zheng, Natalie Su	Combination of in-person and virtual, as needed by committees for planning.	Grad Committee organizes events, activities, grad wear and collects photos to make the final year of high school a memorable one! Leaders and volunteers work behind the scenes to incorporate ideas and feedback from grads. If you have an idea to submit to Grad Committee, check out the linktree on our Instagram or contact one of the leaders. Any events or activities will follow covid-guidelines. We don't know yet if the graduation ceremony will be virtual or in-person. Grad Dinner Dance is also TBD based on public health orders.
GSA	Ms. Ma Ms. Nakamura	306	Instagram: @windermere_sogi	Friday lunch	GSA is a club to help amplify LGBTQ2S+ Voices. All are welcome, including allies!
Improv/Acting	Ms. Babcock	115	Instagram: @windyactnimprov Stella Jack-Rennie and Juana Domingo Morales.	Tuesdays at lunch in 115 (Drama Studio)	Students will meet to learn improv and acting skills, play improv games, build confidence, make friends, and eventually host shows for the student body.
Knitting Club	Ms. Rempel	104		Wednesdays at lunch	We chill out and chat while we make many things with string and stabby-shaped sticks in a supportive environment. No experience needed and all are welcome!
Land Protectors	Lee, Melissa Yellowknee, Ms. Lidder, Heather Froste	211	Instagram: @landprotectorsclub	lunch Tuesdays and Fridays	A club for students who wish to learn about and support the TRC and UNDRIP, land protectors and Indigenous sovereignty
LRP Leadership Resilience Program	Chelan Wallace Lisa Wong (VCH)	Sacred room		Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch	The SACY Leadership and Resiliency program (LRP) is a youth leadership and engagement program serving late elementary and early secondary school youth in Vancouver. The program is open to youth attending the schools where the program operates, with priority given to youth who could benefit from increased connection to peers, adults, school and community. The program engages youth in weekly resiliency groups, adventure based programming, and community volunteer experiences to support the achievement of these outcomes. The program is by referral, so please see your school counselor or contact Lisa Wong, youth facilitator for Windermere Secondary. Contact: 604-366-6438 or Lisa.wong9@vch.ca
Main Uh Vent Dance Club	Mr. Hamlen	Dance Studio	Instagram: @windermere-dance Nicole Desengano nicole55angelou@gmail.com	Mondays: 3:15pm-5:30pm (Senior) Thursday: 3:15pm-5:30pm (Junior)	Main-Uh-Vent is a dance company run by alumni and senior students. We meet after school once a week to learn urban choreography, hip-hop history, freestyle, collaboration and choreography creation, as well as performance and competition preparation. Dance Styles include hip-hop, waacking, popping, and urban choreography. Membership by audition.
Math Contest Club	B. Ungurean	313		Tuesdays at lunch & after school	Practice skills and strategies, and enter mathematical contests.
Probability and Stats Club	Maggie	319		Thursdays at lunch	Enrich your math knowledge and develop critical thinking skills by working on probability and statistics activities and questions in a relaxed environment.
Reach for the Top	Maggie	319		Fridays at lunch	Trivia club, similar to Jeopardy. Open to all students.

Running Club	Ms. A. Lee	Meet in the foyer (main entrance)	Steven Lee stevenchong1939@gmail.com	Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7:30am	Running Club helps you keep up your fitness, make new friends and develop new habits! Whether you're new to running or just looking to have a good time, this is the club for you. Meet us every Tuesday & Thursday morning at 7:30am in the foyer for a run, rain or shine.
Sacred Room Drop-In (open to all students)	Heather Froste, Melissa Yellowknee	Tech Building, B328 Exit main doors and follow covered walkway to the Tech Building.		Mondays at lunch: beading workshops Open Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays	Heather, the Indigenous Education Teacher, and Melissa, the Indigenous Education worker, provide support to Indigenous students and families. Heather and Melissa's office is in the Sacred Room, which is safe and inclusive space that celebrates Indigenous knowledge, worldviews, and culture. The Sacred Room is used for multiple purposes and is open to all students. Mondays at lunch Heather and Melissa lead beading workshops. Students are welcome to participate and learn more about the Indigenous cultures and beading techniques. Heather and Melissa are available on Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays. Please stop by to say hello, if you have any questions, and/or you would like support.
Santa's Little Helpers	Ms. Nakamura	306	Instagram: @wresantaslittlehelpers Solomon Wong solomonwong4537@gmail.com	TBD, at lunch and sometimes virtually	Santa's Little Helpers provides volunteers and donations to support non-profit organizations helping the less fortunate. If you are interested in volunteering in the community as a group with us, please get in touch.
Stage Crew	G. Robertson	117		Tbd	Helping to run concerts and special events requiring sound and lighting
Strings Club	A. Lee	325		Tuesdays afterschool	Come and learn to play violin, cello or double bass! Bring your own instrument or you can use one of ours. If you are an experienced player, come and teach others the joy of playing your instrument. We play classical, but especially love anime music!
Student Council (StuCo)	J. Tong	307	Instagram: @windermere_stuco President: Steven Lee stevenchong1939@gmail.com Vice-Presidents: Morgan Garrett, Melody Situ Secretary: Kelly Chan Treasurer: Joyce Wong	General meetings held on the first Monday of each month at 4:30pm on Teams, and all students are welcome to attend. Email Ms. Tong for the Teams meeting link. jtong@vsb.bc.ca	We are the student government of Windermere. Student Council aims to foster a sense of community, and school spirit at Windermere. We organize events, provide support to clubs to collaborate, and are the voice of Windermere students to the administration and school board. We will be keeping health and safety in mind this year as we nurture that Warrior Bear spirit. Nominations open in the spring to serve on StuCo the following school year. All students are welcome.
Student Officials Club (formerly known as "Scorers & Timers")	J. Maitland	Gym	Blesz Hanggoy	As dictated by Athletic schedule	Student Officials is essential to the running of our sports games. Members fill out scoresheets, run the scoreboard/clock, and/or referee games. Don't worry if you have no idea what you are doing; we will teach you!
Weight Room	B. White	Weight Room		Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays after school	Learn how to use the Windermere weight room equipment to stay active and healthy.
Windermere For Wellness	G. Hamlen	virtual only	Instagram: @windermereforwellness Emily Shiu emilyyshiu@gmail.com	virtual only	We aim to educate students and staff about health topics, self-care, and general wellness through writing content for the Instagram account.
Windermere Health Sciences Association	G. Hamlen	virtual only	Instagram: @wrehealthsciences Ruchi Sharma 104ruchisharma@gmail.com	virtual only	Our goal is to support students who are interested in pursuing the field of health sciences through organizing events, and writing articles.
Windermere Marketing Group	J. Tong	307	Instagram: @wremarketing Ali Khan alikhannancouver@gmail.com	TBD	WMG members are interested in the world of marketing. The club organizes an annual case competition, guest speakers (virtual, due to covid guidelines), and other activities where members can learn about the world of marketing and business.

October 25th – 29th Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday 25

Soup: Cream of Spinach

Special: Cobb Salad

Entrée: Beef Sloppy Joes, Sweet Potato Fries, Salad (V* Veggie Sloppy Joes)

Tuesday 26

Soup: Split Pea with Ham

Special: Tuna Melt w/ Veggie Sticks

Entrée: Chicken, Shrimp Jambalaya, (V* Vegetarian Jambalaya)

Wednesday 27

Soup: Cream of Pepper Pot

Special: Butternut Squash Salad w/ Chickpea and Barley

Entrée: Meat Lasagna with Caesar Salad (V Veggie Lasagna)

Thursday 28

Soup: Vegetable Barley

Special: Lemony Pasta w/ Peas and Garlic Straws

Entrée: Roast Chicken Leg, Dijon Mustard Sauce, Roast Potatoes, Peas (V* Stuffer Peppers)

Friday 29

Soup: Corn Chowder

Special: Roast Veg Croissant w/ Fruit (*contains walnuts in pesto)

Entrée: Pizza (Ham and Pineapple, Pepperoni, Veggie, Cheese)

V: Vegetarian, **V*:** Vegetarian Option Available (Limited)

