



University Hill Secondary School

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Community Newsletter

Important Information – Please Translate

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महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

Acknowledging that we live, work, play and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and selilwiltulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November 4, 2022

Dear Students and Families,

Today is [Support Staff Appreciation Day](#)! It takes a team to nurture a caring community, and we are grateful to our amazing teaching assistants, multicultural workers, youth workers, settlement workers, Indigenous Education Enhancement workers, office staff and engineering and custodial team for the amazing work they do every day connecting with our students and families as well as supporting the day-to-day running of our school. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank all our support staff.

We are delighted to welcome Stephanie Angel-Garay to our University Hill Secondary community. Stephanie is our new Spanish-speaking Settlement Worker, and she will be available in person at University Hill on Wednesdays and available by email at sangelgaray@vsb.bc.ca. Student and families are welcome to connect with Stephanie for support and can also visit the [Settlement Workers in Schools \(SWIS\) website](#) for more information.

We are also celebrating the work of Teaching Assistant, Barry Armstrong. Barry has worked at University Hill for three years supporting students in their learning. Barry is off to explore a new career, and we wish him all the very best!

At our PAC Meeting this past month, we had the pleasure of hearing from Shelby Gindl and Carmen Kaufmann, our SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth) Student and Parent Workers. If you have any questions about how you can support and connect with your students, you are invited to reach out to Shelby (sgindl@vsb.bc.ca - SACY Student Worker) or Carmen (ckaufmann@vsb.bc.ca - SACY Parent Worker). You are also welcome to access resources on the [SACY website](#).

At our PAC meeting we also shared information about the one-time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) to help with food and nutrition support as well as offsetting costs for students and families. Thank you to families that were able to give us input and feedback through the survey we sent out last week. Thank you as well to our student council for your input. We are taking all feedback and creating a draft plan that we will share with the community in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, you are most welcome to connect with me.

At our assemblies next Thursday, we will take time as a school community to remember the sacrifice and courage of our veterans. We also honour Indigenous Veterans' Day on Tuesday, November 8th and invite you to read through Indigenous Remembrance Day Poetry shared by our VSB Indigenous Education Department [VSB Indigenous Ed - November Newsletter](#) .

In this newsletter, you will find more information about Athletics, Counselling, PAC, Mid-Semester Reports, and upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews. We also highlight the anonymous [Erase Report It Tool](#) as a way for students to be able to send secure, anonymous and confidential messages to our school district's safe school coordinator, who will follow up on it right away.

Thank you for taking the time to go through this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood
Principal

Inspiring an ethical, caring community of evolving global citizens who live meaningfully, creatively, and mindfully.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps us answer the questions: Where am I now? Where am I going? How do I get there? Each Reporting Period is an opportunity to celebrate learning and offer feedback for future learning. All reports will be published to the MyEducationBC Information System. Please ensure you are able to log on to MyEd using the instructions on the next page of this newsletter. Semester 1 Reports will be published on the following dates:

- November 25, 2022 – Mid Semester 1 Report
- February 10, 2023 – Final Semester 1 Report

There will be two Virtual Parent Teacher Conference Evenings one for each Semester. Both will be from 4:00 – 6:30 pm

Semester 1	Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Semester 2	Wednesday, April 19, 2023

PARENT TEACHER "VIRTUAL" CONFERENCES - "ON TEAMS"

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 – 6:30 pm – By Appointment

Please review the email that was sent on Monday, October 31st with the conference appointment on-line booking information. It was sent to all families and has been posted on the school website as well. - Click on "Publications", under the "About Us" tab

Reminder there will be an early dismissal for all students at 2:06 pm to accommodate the conferences and a Collaborative Day on Thursday, November 10th. The adjusted bell schedules are as follows:

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 (Early Dismissal)	
Period 1	8:40 – 10:00
Period 2	10:05 – 11:26
Lunch	11:26 – 12:20
Period 3	12:20 – 1:10
Period 4	1:15 – 2:06

Thursday, November 10, 2022 (Late Start)	
Staff Collaborative Time	8:40 – 9:30
Period 1	9:30 – 10:26
Period 2	10:30 – 11:26
Lunch	11:26 – 12:20
Period 3	12:20 – 1:16
F.I.T.	1:20 – 2:11
Period 4	2:15 – 3:06

SCHOOL/OFFICE INFORMATION

MyEducationBC Accounts

Reminder that MyEducationBC is the student information system for the Vancouver School Board. A Student/Family Portal Account has been created by the district for all students at University Hill Secondary School. This account is a shared account where students and parents can access student schedules, daily/class attendance, course grades and report cards. It is imperative that you share the account information (password) as a family (with your child). Your login for this account is your child's student number.

Please use the website to login: [MyEducationBC Account](#) and the instructions for set up of account: [MyEd BC Student Family Portal](#)

Click on the link to UHILL's [School Technology Guide](#) if you require assistance.

Absences

Parents/guardians reminder you should now be reporting absences to the office by email at uhillswitchboard@vsb.bc.ca. Emails should be sent using a parent/guardian email address and should provide the **students name, date of absence, grade, student number and reason for the absence**. **For extended absences** parents/guardians must email the student's counsellor. A student should also be provided a note for their teachers. Students must be reminded that falsifying attendance notes is unacceptable. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work that is missed, regardless of the reason for the absence. Exceptions to this may be granted due to unforeseen circumstances. If a student becomes ill while at school, or has an appointment during school time, student's must sign out at the office. Students will only be released with parent permission. Students who are ill should not come to school and if they attend school and is deemed to be unwell, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child.

Medical Alerts

If your child has important health alerts, please update the school office with written documentation.

School Fees/School Cash Online

If you haven't already done so, please check and register for "School Cash Online" and pay for any outstanding or new school fees or items. The following link will take you to the website: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>. This is the preferred method for paying for all items for school including: yearbooks, school fees, workbook fees, etc. This method is also a quicker way to receive a refund if one is required. Thank-you your attention and consideration in this method of payment.

Yearbooks

A limited number of Yearbooks are still available to order. The Yearbook is packed full of memories to cherish for a lifetime. The book will be filled with pictures of staff, students, events, holidays, etc. Reminder to purchase yours as soon as possible as over 80% have already been sold.

COUNSELLING CORNER

We encourage all parents to see their student's Microsoft grade teams, and school team for specific information. Grade 12 students – Please continue to check Teams so you can be on top of your post-secondary information and needs.

Our aim is to provide guidance and information to students/parents/guardians in order to help support our students. We strongly encourage students/parents/guardians to visit our counselling website for important upcoming events, deadlines, and resources for well-being. <https://uhillcounselling.weebly.com/>

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians of the counselling resources for students and families. These include: Anxiety Canada, Kelty Mental Health and Family Smart.

We would also like to remind students that we continue to be here to support them too. The best way to meet with us is to email their respective counsellor to book a meeting (in person, online, or by phone)

Emily Chen	Grades 8 – 12, Last name A – Ki, & Strategies	Email: ehchen@vsb.bc.ca
Susan Hornby	Grades 8 – 12, Last name Kl – T, & Transitions	Email: shornby@vsb.bc.ca
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SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS – REPORT IT TOOL

Hello University Hill Secondary Students! It's Mark, your friendly Safe and Caring Schools support worker. You may already be aware of this helpful resource, but I wanted to share with you the link to the [erase|Report It](https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/) tool. The [erase|Report It](https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/) tool lets you send a secure, anonymous and confidential message about concerns you're having to your school or school district's safe school coordinator, who will follow up on it right away. You do not have to provide your name unless you want to.

Here's the link to the url: <https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/>

Here is also a [PowerPoint](#) that provides some details about how to access and use this tool. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at mlieberman@vsb.bc.ca, come see me in my office beside your counsellors (rm. 1B8-8), or you can speak directly with your teachers, counsellors, or administrators about your concerns and how to report them.

ATHLETICS

The Fall season is coming to a close. Our volleyball programs have been doing well, and playoffs are about to start for all our teams! The senior girls' volleyball team is 2-3 at the moment in league play and are starting to gel as a team as playoffs near. The juvenile girls' team has been playing very well and been unlucky not to pull out a few more wins but will be entering playoffs playing some good volleyball of late! The senior boys' soccer team had a strong season and unfortunately came up short in their playoff match on Tuesday, congrats to the team and the graduating seniors. Our Cross-Country team has finished up league meets and had some strong results with Cameron Haime qualifying for provincials as an individual! Our swim team had a fantastic zone meet, with 4 swimmers making provincials next week: Will Hu, Ian Cho, Emma Liu and Kris Yang as well as a boy's relay team!

Winter Season

- Our basketball program has already started practices, and we have 6 teams, 4 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams. League seasons to start in December.
- Our Table tennis team is about to do tryouts and we are looking forward to what the teams will accomplish this year, the girls were the best team in the city last year!

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Reminder of the upcoming Immunization Clinic on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at UHill. This is mainly for the grade 9 students. However, there are approximately 60 students that have also been given consent forms. Signed consent forms are due to the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this clinic, please contact Katie Wanamaker-Briggs at 604-261-6366 extension 3333 or by email at katie.wanamakerbriggs@vch.ca

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The PAC encourages parents and guardians to get involved in PAC. It's a great way to meet other parents and to make a positive difference at your child's school **and visit the [UHILL PAC Website](#) to keep informed.**

Reminder of the 2022 – 2023 PAC Meetings dates:

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| • November 24, 2022 | • April 27, 2023 |
| • January 26, 2023 | • May 25, 2023 |
| • February 23, 2023 | • June 22, 2023 |

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Artona Photo Studios were here at UHill on September 9 and 29, 2022 to take school photos. All the photos are now available to view online. To view and order photos see the Artona Website https://www.artona.com/schools/UHIL/programs/school_photo

If you ordered a package to be delivered to the school, they have arrived. Please ask your student to pick it up from the office at their earliest convenience.

Graduation Photo Session Dates are January 22 to 24, 2023

Reminder that Grade 12 students can now book their 30 minute appointment at <https://artona.com/schools/UHIL/programs/graduation>. If you have any questions in regard to school or graduation photos please contact Artona Studio directly - click on "contact us" on their website or call 604-872-7272.

ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE STAFF

Administrative Team:

Michelle Wood – Principal
David Bach – Vice Principal
School Trustee - Jennifer Reddy
Director of Instruction – Shannon Burton

Office Staff:

Christine Chen – Student Records
Holly Low - Accountant
Tina Matsalla – Office Admin Assistant
Mandana Shojaat – Receptionist & First Aid Attendant

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

November 2022

01/02 Gr. 12 Literacy Assessments
02 Take Our Kids to Work Day – (Grade 9 students)
02 Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler Opens at 9:00 am
04 to 06 Senior Band & Orchestra Retreat in Harrison
09 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual) 4:00 – 6:30 PM
09 Early Dismissal at 2:06 pm
10 CPT in AM – Classes begin at 9:30 am
10 Poppy Distribution in Period 1 Class
10 Remembrance Day Assemblies – Period 1 Gr. 8/9,
Period 2 Gr. 10/11, Period 3 – Gr 12s
11 Remembrance Day – School Closed
23 Immunization Day #1 – for Gr.9's
24 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
25 Mid Semester Report Cards Published
25 Non-Instructional Day Indigenous Focus (District Wide)
29 Concert Choir 8 (Rotation #2) Concert 6:30 pm

December 2022

2 Junior Band & Orchestra Winter Concert 7:00 pm
13 CPT in PM – Early Dismissal at 2:16 pm
14 Concert Choir / Sr Band & Orchestra Winter Concert 7:00 pm
19 to 30 Winter Break

January 2023

02 Winter Break Continues
03 School Reopens after Winter Break
19 CPT in AM – Classes begin at 9:30 am
22 - 24 Grad Photo Sessions at Artona Studios – by appt
23 - 24 Gr. 10 Numeracy & Literacy
24 Concert Choir 8 (Rotation #3) Concert 6:30 pm
25 Gr. 12 Literacy Assessments (Make up session only)
26 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
31 Last Day of Semester 1

February 2023

01 Cross Boundary Applications Accepted Feb 1 to 28 only
01 Semester Turnaround Day
02 Semester Turnaround Day
03 First Day of Semester 2
10 Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published at 3:00 pm
14 CPT in PM – Early Dismissal at 2:16 pm
17 Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
20 Family Day – School Closed
23 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm

28 Last Day for Cross Boundary Applications

March 2023

02 Junior & Senior Band Concert 7:00 pm
08 Concert Choir 8 (Rotation #4) Concert 6:30 pm
10 Interim Report Published at 3:00 pm
13 to 24 Spring Break
27 School Reopens after Spring Break
30 CPT in AM – Classes begin at 9:30 am

April 2023

04 Concert Choir / Jr. & Sr. Orchestra Concert at 7:00 pm
07 Good Friday – School Closed
10 Easter Monday – School Closed
18 Vocal Solo Night 7:00 pm
19 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual) 4:00 – 6:30 pm
19 Early Dismissal at 2:06 pm
20 CPT in AM – Classes begin at 9:30 am
24 Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
25 to 26 Gr. 10 Numeracy & Literacy Assessments
27 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
28 Mid Semester Report Cards Published

May 2023

01 Grad Ceremony Ticket Sales on School Cash Online to May 26
15 Concert Choir 8 (Rotation #5) Concert 6:30 pm
16 CPT in PM – Early dismissal at 2:16 pm
19 Non-Instructional (School Based)
22 Victoria Day – School Closed
24 Immunization Day #2 – for Gr. 9's
25 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
30 Junior Orchestra & Band Spring Gala Concert @ UBC 7:00 pm

June 2023

01 Concert Choir/Sr Band & Orchestra Spring Gala Concert @ UBC 7 pm
02 Grad Assembly/Rehearsal, Gown & Ticket Pickup at 1:45 pm
07 Graduation Ceremony at Chan Centre 4:00 pm
13 CPT in PM – Early dismissal at 2:16 pm
19/20 Gr. 10 Numeracy & Literacy (Make up session only)
20 Concert Choir 8 (Rotation #6) Concert 6:30 pm
22 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
26 Yearbook Distribution June 26 to 28
29 Last day of Student Attendance
29 Semester 2 Final Report Cards Published at 3:00 pm

