



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Family Bulletin

October 2022

Dear Vancouver Technical Community...

Wow! The first six weeks have flown by! Our entire school community—students, parents, and staff deserve a big thank you for working together to quickly settle into classes. The school year will once again be a semester system in which students receive daily instruction in 4 classes for the first half of the year before moving on to 4 new courses in the second half of the year. Students will continue planning individual FIT (Flexible Instructional Time) sessions for themselves every Tuesday and Thursday.



Guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, students have been doing their part to unlearn, relearn, and retell the history of Canada at Vancouver Technical Secondary. On September 29th, we took time to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in different ways as a school community. Staff and students took time to learn about the

lasting effects of the mistreatment of Indigenous people in Canada as well as celebrate Indigenous stories through grade assemblies. In these assemblies, there were featured teachings from Ms. Bighorn, Van Tech Alumni- Trixie N, (Grad 2021) and Rachel W. (Grad 2018) and students enjoyed a concert from Vancouver-based hip hop and spoken word artist, beat-boxer, cultural dancer and youth educator- JB the First Lady. Students were also able to see art from Xwalacktun, who is carving a piece for the front foyer of our school.



Extracurricular offerings in athletics and student clubs have started up as well. Overall, students seem keen to connect socially with their friends as they engage in all the different learning opportunities provided at school.

Athletics

Our Fall teams are in full swing. Students are participating in practices, games, and tournaments! The following Fall teams are being offered this season. Please check out the Student Hub > Athletics Channel for more details:

- Senior (grades 11-12) Girls Volleyball
- Junior (grade 10) Girls Volleyball
- Juvenile (grade 9) Girls Volleyball
- Bantam (grade 8) Girls Volleyball
- Senior (Grade 11-12) Boys Volleyball
- Junior (Grade 10) Boys Volleyball
- Grade 10-12 Boys Soccer
- Grade 8-9 Boys Soccer
- Aquatics
- Gr. 8-9 Boys Rugby
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey

Student Clubs

Student Council hosted a Clubs Day on September 22! 23 student clubs were featured in the cafeteria during lunch and FIT. This year's clubs include:

- Club Name
- Book Club
- GSA - "Gender Sexuality Alliance"
- Chess Club
- Van Tech STEM Club
- Garden Club
- Business Club
- Van Tech Athletic Council
- Van Tech UNICEF Club
- Key Club
- Van Tech E-Sports Club
- Thirst Project
- Blood Club
- Games Club
- FemminAction
- Ethics Bowl
- Fine Arts Club
- Van Tech Outdoors Club
- Van Tech Coding Club
- Band Club
- Van Tech Newspaper Club
- The Agency
- Social Justice Club
- Dance Club

To find out more details on clubs, please see our website- [HERE](#). We continue to encourage our students to get involved in our school community!

Vancouver Technical Administration



Mr. Roberto Moro,
Principal (Grade 12)



Ms. Sangeeta Kauldher,
Vice Principal (Grades 9,11)



Mr. Adam Tuerlings,
Vice Principal (Grades 8,10)

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Friday October 14	Semester 1 Interim Reports (Published to MyEd)
Wednesday October 19	Live Differently Assembly (P1: Gr 9- GYM, P2: Gr 8- GYM)
Thursday October 20	Photo Retake Day (Cafeteria)
Friday October 21	Professional Development Day (Classes NOT IN session)
Tuesday October 25	PAC Meeting, 7pm (Library)
Wednesday November 2	Tech Day
Wednesday November 9	Collaborative Planning Day (Classes begin at 10:10am) Grade 12 Info Night, 7pm (Auditorium)
Thursday November 10	Remembrance Day Assemblies
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day (Stat Holiday – school is closed)

REPORTING & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INFORMATION

All students will be receiving an interim report on Friday, October 14th. These reports will include a work habit and comment for each Semester 1 class. Please note that your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. Semester 1 interim reports will be available until November 25th, 2022. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.** Detailed information on how to access this report will be sent to families later this week.

If your child receives an Incomplete/In Progress Report (also known as an "I" Report) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to complete the missed work. Please note, that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for the semester 1 Final Report unless specified by the teacher. The end of the semester is the end of the course and teachers are unable to accept and assess work after the semester ends. If you have any questions about your child's progress, you are welcome to email the teacher or grade counsellor directly. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

GRADE 8/9 INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Career Education & Core Competencies 8 AND 9 will be delivered over MS TEAMS this year. We encourage families to remind their children about checking this TEAM as the first assignment has been posted. This course is a part of the grade level package of courses and is a ministry requirement. Most assignments are based on career exploration and being an educated citizen of the world. We will continue to go over information in Grade assemblies during FIT (Grade 8- December 8 Grade 9- December 6 (tentatively)) as well as posting on the Student Hub.

Grade 8s and 9s will each have an assembly on October 19th with the LiveDifferent group that does high energy and uplifting presentations focused on the theme- design your very own LiveDifferent Day. LiveDifferent creates space for your students to explore important values, build stronger relationships, and be activated in kindness. This year, we will explore the topic of resiliency - how can we become stronger from life's challenges?

GRADE 9 TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK - NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Take Our Kids to Work (TOKW) Day is back for 2022! We're encouraging all our Grade 9's to go with a family member or family friend to their workplace. Please make sure to read the information document and complete the form required. **This form gets returned to Mr. Van in the Counselling Suite before or on Monday, October 25th**-earlier the better!

Please see <http://www.mrvan.org/grad-2026-blog/take-our-kids-to-work-day-2022> for detailed information. Please note, there are paper copies of the form in Mr. Van's office. Feel free to contact Mr. Van with any questions: nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

Students who are in Grade 12 will be scheduled to write the literacy assessment on November 2, 2022. Details of times and room numbers will be provided closer to the date.

Students and families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars by clicking the link below.

Grade	Assessment Date (tentative)	Assessment	Link
12	November 2, 2022	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday November 9th, 2022 @ 7:00 PM.

We will be hosting a Grade 12 Family Information Session. We hope students and families can attend as families will have an opportunity to meet Grade 12 counsellor, Mr. Landry, hear information on graduation, required courses, opportunity to ask questions and much more! For those of you who cannot make it, we will be posting the slide deck on the website after the session.

TECH DAY

On **Wednesday November 2, 2022**, Vancouver Technical will be holding a "Tech Day". There will not be "regular classes", as we have pooled FIT time to structure this day. The intention of this day is to provide unique learning opportunities for students outside the curriculum. November's Tech Day theme is **FIND YOUR FIT**, exploring careers and future plans. Students will have a variety of workshops to choose from including: transition within high school, transitioning out of high school, post secondary information, living library focussed on Career Journeys and more! Grade 9 students will also have an opportunity to participate in Take Our Kid to Work day. However, activities will still be available to grade 9 students during this day.

Students will also have an opportunity to complete their core competency self assessment for their report card. Note: To accommodate this schedule, there will be No FIT sessions during: Oct 31- November 18. We will follow a MWF bell schedule in which classes are all 80 mins.

Schedule for TECH Day:

Session 1: 8:40- 9:40

Session 2: 9:45- 10:45

Session 3: 10:50- 11:50

Session 4: 12:40- 1:40

Session 5: 1:45- 2:45

Core Competency, Self Assessment: 2:45- 3:05

FAMILIES, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Would you like to participate in this year's Living Library? This event is an opportunity for our grade 10 students to have conversations with people in a variety of fields that can inspire students about different career options. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would be a great fit for this event, please complete this [FORM](#) or email Sangeeta Kauldher (skauldher@vsb.bc.ca) with any questions.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)- REMINDER

? **What is FIT?** Tuesdays and Thursdays, students are provided with 50 minutes of Flexible Instruction Time (FIT). FIT is intended for learning opportunities and student support.

As a reminder to students:

- This is school time (instructional time) and students get a choice of how to spend it doing school work or student interest activities.
For example, students may participate in weekly classes, collaborate with peers, see individual teachers, or pursue learning activities that may fall outside of their scheduled classes
- Staff and supports will be available for students.
- All students are expected to be in a school space with a teacher
- Students are expected to sign up for a teacher each week via:
<http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net> (attendance is taken)

VSB CAREER PROGRAMS

The VSB Career Programs has organized several info sessions to provide information and Q&A for students interested in post-secondary and trades programming from VCC and True Mechanical. Please note that these info sessions are virtual and will be held on TEAMS. We encourage interested Grade 10 & 11 students to attend!

Date and Time	Program Name	Link to Join the Meeting
October 25, 2022 3:30pm to 4:30pm	Health Care Assistant - VCC	Click here for meeting link.
November 2, 2022 3:30pm to 4:30pm	Plumbing - True Mechanical	Click here for meeting link.
November 9, 2022 3:30pm to 4:30pm	Automotive Collision and Refinishing - VCC	Click here for meeting link.
January 18, 2023 3:30pm to 4:30pm	Hairstylist - VCC	Click here for meeting link.

ATHLETICS

The 2022-2023 athletics fall season is off to a hot start at Van Tech! With 12 teams involving over 200 student-athletes representing our school, we provide one of the largest athletics programs in the VSB. Aquatics and cross country just had their first meets this past week, and junior (grade 10) and senior (grade 11/12) boys and girls volleyball, boys soccer, and girls field hockey all just played their first games as well. Bantam (grade 8) and juvenile girls volleyball, and grade 8-9 boys rugby have their first games next week.

Team members are reminded to submit their permission forms and uniform deposit cheques to their coaches, fill out their online medical and emergency contact information on Teams, and pay their athletic fees on School Cash Online.

If you missed the boat on tryouts and registration, aquatics, cross country, girls field hockey (which we are offering for the first time in at least 30 years), and grade 8-9 boys rugby still have spots available. If interested, check out the Athletics Channel on the Student Hub on Teams. No prior experience is necessary!

Basketball, which plays in the winter season, has already held weekly open gyms for anybody wanting to improve their skills under the guidance of our coaches before tryouts. All are welcome!

It's already shaping up to be a memorable athletics school year! Check out our Instagram account and give us a follow for media and updates @vantechathletics! #gotechgo

Senior Girls Volleyball, Tournament in Victoria



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Students who require a retake must bring their ID card to the camera, the photographer needs to scan the QR code on it.

Photos from the original photo day have now been loaded to the website for you to view. If you are having problems with the QR code on your photo access card go to the following website and enter the 16 digit code provided on the card. If you have lost your photo access card click the "I lost my photo access card button" https://artona.com/student_requests/digit_code

If anyone has any questions or needs assistance, the Artona online support team is available to [live chat seven days a week here](#).

RETAKES SCHEDULE- October 20th, 2022

Grade	STAFF	12	11	10	9	8	Last Call
Time	8:00- 8:40	8:40- 9:05	9:05- 9:30	9:30- 9:55	10:20- 10:45	10:45- 11:05	11:05- 11:20



Graduation Photos

November 29 - December 4, 2022

To book a session: <https://www.artona.com/schools/VANT/programs/graduation>

MESSAGE FROM PAC

We invite all parents/caregivers of Van Tech students to join us for PAC meetings! October's meeting will focus on our first 2022/23 distribution of PAC funds and we are planning a series of guest speakers at future meetings. PAC meetings are an opportunity for folks to hear from, and ask questions of, the school administration and we welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings! Our meetings will follow a hybrid model of in person and on zoom. Agendas, with Zoom links, can be found on the [PAC webpage](#) along with notes from previous meetings.

Join us at the next meeting on October 25th at 7pm in the Library - all are welcome!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87695265597?pwd=K3VwRCsxRTVsbVFamIJ3djl0NnNsdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 6453 1852 Passcode: 859199

Your PAC executive,

Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Shawna Deagle (Treasurer), Tina Kaminski (Secretary)



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We will continue to stay connected and update our community via:



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