



# VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome Back Van Tech Students!

September 2022

### Message from the Administration

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians,

The summer break is quickly coming to an end, and our thoughts are beginning to shift to the 2022/2023 school year. If you are new to Vancouver Technical, welcome to our vibrant and exciting learning community. If you are returning to Vancouver Technical, welcome back!

During the past year, our school has provided students with challenging opportunities that have stretched their learning across the academics, athletics, and the arts. We continue to meet the diverse needs of students through several District programs and Special Education programs.

Parent(s)/guardian(s), dedicated and professional staff, as well as an active and engaged student population form the most important partnership with the school. Research informs us that the more involved a caregiver is in their child's life, the more successful that child will be. In these times of pressure to provide for a family, we continue to encourage you to become involved with the school community. You can become involved in many ways, including the Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.).

Students, we encourage you to become active participants in the valuable opportunities for learning extended through our programs, clubs, Student Council, and service activities. The positive engagement of students is reflected in what we believe as a Vancouver Technical school community:

- We do our best to succeed.
- We respect ourselves and others.
- We are responsible for our actions.
- We value the diversity of individuals.
- We create and maintain a safe environment.
- We appreciate the positive things we have in our lives.

Our collective social responsibility offers valuable principles and guides us to be engaged in school life, successful in learning, socially aware, and responsible.

It is a privilege to serve the Vancouver Technical community and work with our family of elementary schools. We are looking forward with enthusiasm and a sense of challenge to the upcoming school year.

We hope the summer break has provided you with an opportunity to rejuvenate and that together we will take advantage of the sense of renewal, excitement, and hope that we experience when we return for the start of a new school year.

~VT Administration 



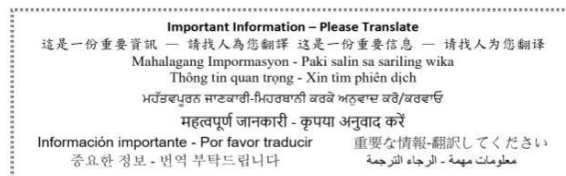
Mr. Roberto Moro,  
Principal (Grade 12)



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



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



## INFORMATION FOR FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

We are really looking forward to welcoming you safely back to school on **Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>** for a student orientation day. This year, we will be holding grade assemblies (approximately one hour long) in the Auditorium at the following times:

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1:00 PM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM

ALL STUDENTS should attend, as we will be covering important information.

Students will begin full instruction on **Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>**, with classes starting at 8:40 AM.

Students can login on MyEd on **Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am** to see their timetables. using their passwords from the previous school year.

If you are a new student to Van Tech, you have been given a generic district password: Dist\$2023 and will be prompted to change your password after you login for the first time. Note, your used ID is your student number. ([LINK FOR MYED HELP](#))

Our priority is to ensure students have complete timetables by having at least eight blocks scheduled. If students are missing classes or would like a timetable change, please contact your grade-based counsellor. The deadline for timetable changes will be *Monday September 19*.

## THE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Counseling Department has a few new faces this year. We would like to welcome Mr. Landry and Ms. Leanne to Vancouver Technical as the Grade 12 and 10 counsellors respectively. We are excited to make connections with students and build community within our grade groups. As a reminder, we offer a variety of services in the counselling department, so swing by and we will be happy to help you!

What we provide students....

### Counselling Services



Anything on your mind? Having troubles with your friends or family? Please come by the counselling suite if you would like to talk. Your information is confidential.

### Courses & Scheduling



If any course conflicts are present in your schedule, or if things aren't working out for you, come by and we will try to work something out for you.

### Anything Else



We will try our best to assist with anything within our abilities, if there is anything not listed, feel free to stop by and let us know what's up!

## Meet the Team...



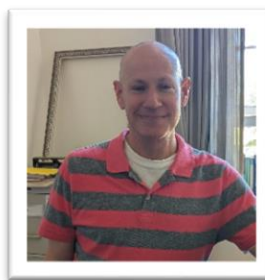
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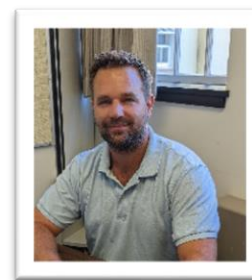
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## GENERAL PROCEDURES

### Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8215 (then select option #1) and leave a message. Information required are:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment) Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

### Late Returns in September

Any students not returning to school on September 7, 2022, must notify the office of the date they expect to return in order to hold their place in classes. If we have not received information about a late return, students may be withdrawn from their classes and the school. Please complete a late return form available in the office and on the website ([HERE](#)).

### Daily Health Checks

Although there are no formal protocols, we encourage all students and staff to complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home. Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

### Masks

Although masks are not required, we remain a mask friendly environment. It continues to remain a personal choice for staff and students to wear a mask.

### Lunch

Lunch service in the cafeteria will begin on **Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Students will be able to eat lunch on site, but we continue to encourage students to utilize our outdoor spaces (garden, front lawn) to maximize physical distancing.

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### Lunchsmart

Lunchsmart™ is available to help students who require help with nutrition services at school. Healthy eating helps children learn. Lunch is provided daily at the school cafeteria. Families may purchase a Lunchsmart™ card and pay the full amount each month. A limited government subsidy is available from CommunityLINK for students who require help with nutrition services at school. To register for the program and/or apply for a subsidy from CommunityLINK, please come to the school office to pick up a form and envelope.

## TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Students will become familiar with the following programs over the school year. We encourage students to note their password in a secure place.

Technology Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	My Weekly Planner	Office 365
LINK	<a href="#">MyEd Website</a>	<a href="#">TEAMS Website</a>	<a href="https://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net/">https://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net/</a>	<a href="https://www.office.com/">https://www.office.com/</a>
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, report cards	Classroom Materials, Student Hub, Career Ed 8 & Career Ed 9	To create plans for FIT sessions.	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
HELP?	<a href="#">LINK FOR MYED HELP</a>	<a href="#">TEAMS TRAINING</a>	<a href="#">How to SIGN UP</a> (will be updated in the fall)	<a href="#">LINK FOR OFFICE HELP</a>
Where can I go to reset password?	Click I forgot my Password, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Click "I forgot my password" button, Office Staff, any teacher	Any teacher, Office Staff

## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Warning Bell	8:35	8:35	8:35	8:35	8:35
<b>Period 1</b>	8:40 – 10:00	8:40 – 9:35	8:40 – 10:00	8:40 – 10:00	8:40 – 10:00
Break		9:35 – 9:40			
<b>FIT</b>		9:40 – 10:30			
Break	10:00 – 10:10	10:30 – 10:35	10:00 – 10:10	10:00 – 10:10	10:00 – 10:10
<b>Period 2</b>	10:10 – 11:32	10:35 – 11:32	10:10 – 11:32	10:10 – 11:32	10:10 – 11:32
Lunch	11:32 – 12:15	11:32 – 12:15	11:32 – 12:15	11:32 – 12:15	11:32 – 12:15
<b>Period 3</b>	12:15 – 1:35	12:15 – 1:35	12:15 – 1:35	12:15 – 1:10	12:15 – 1:35
Break				1:10 – 1:15	
<b>FIT</b>				1:15 – 2:05	
Break	1:35 – 1:45	1:35 – 1:45	1:35 – 1:45	2:05 – 2:10	1:35 – 1:45
<b>Period 4</b>	1:45 – 3:07	1:45 – 3:07	1:45 – 3:07	2:10 – 3:07	1:45 – 3:07

## COURSE DATES

Most student courses in the school run in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. However, there are a few courses that follow a different schedule:

<b>Semester 1 Courses</b> (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 6, 2022- January 31, 2023		
<b>Quarter Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 6- November 10	Q2: November 14- January 31	
<b>Term Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: September 6 - October 20	T2: October 24 – December 5	T3: December 6 – January 31

<b>Semester 2 Courses</b> (Most courses)	Semester 2: February 3, 2023 - June 29, 2023		
<b>Quarter Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: February 3- April 26	Q4: April 27- June 29	
<b>Term Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: February 3 – March 31	T2: April 3 – May 17	T3: May 18 - June 29

<b>Full Year Courses</b> (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)	September 6, 2022- June 29, 2023
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## SCHEDULE ROTATIONS

Each semester, the schedule will rotate between AM and PM classes.

### SEMESTER 1

September 6- October 7	Rotation 1: Period 1- Period 2- Period 3- Period 4
October 11- November 10	Rotation 2: Period 2- Period 1- Period 4- Period 3
November 14- December 14	Rotation 1: Period 1- Period 2- Period 3- Period 4
December 15- January 31	Rotation 2: Period 2- Period 1- Period 4- Period 3

### SEMESTER 2

February 3- March 8	Rotation 1: Period 1- Period 2- Period 3- Period 4
March 9- April 26	Rotation 2: Period 2- Period 1- Period 4- Period 3
April 27- May 29	Rotation 1: Period 1- Period 2- Period 3- Period 4
May 30- June 29	Rotation 2: Period 2- Period 1- Period 4- Period 3

## COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TIME

This year the Vancouver School Board calendar will include eight (8) days on which the school day is shortened for students. The school day remains the same length for school staff. These periods of time, called Collaboration Planning Time, provide the opportunity for school staff to come together to engage in activities and discussions specific to their unique school community to support and enhance student progress and achievement. During Collaboration Planning Time, teachers work directly with peers within the school setting to share, discuss, and learn from each other to enhance their teaching practice within the "Four Pillars" of education:

Curriculum   ♦   Instruction   ♦   Assessment   ♦   Social / Emotional Learning.

During Collaborative Planning Times, *students are not expected to be at school*. To ensure that instruction is equitable during all periods, some Collaborative Planning Times will be scheduled in the morning during the AM- Period 1 (**8:40 AM – 10:00 AM**) or the PM- Period 4 (**1:45 PM – 3:07 PM**). As a reminder, the Provincial government sets out minimum hours of instruction for all grade levels. The Vancouver School Board calendar, with Staff Collaboration Planning Time included, still meets all Provincial requirements.

The Collaborative Planning Time dates are as follows:

*(Students are not expected to be in classes during these times)*

<b>AM</b> (8:40 AM – 10:00 AM)
September 14
November 9
March 1
April 19

<b>PM</b> (1:45 PM – 3:07 PM)
December 7
January 11
May 10
June 7

## FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)

For the second year, FIT time will be included in the bell schedule for secondary schools in Vancouver. FIT happens two times per week, 50 minutes on:

- Tuesday mornings (**9:40 AM – 10:30 AM**)
- Thursday afternoon (**1:15 PM to 2:05 PM**).

FIT is intended for student support and other learning opportunities. We appreciate the students, families and staff that participated in the feedback surveys last school year. We have utilized this information to improve the FIT model for the 2022-23 school year.

In the fall, teachers will communicate with students how to best utilize this time in support of their academic success. Vancouver Technical Secondary, along with the VSB, is excited that this year's schedule incorporates flexibility and remains committed to continuing the work and conversations around structures that best support learning for all students.

Details:

- 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
- You will need to sign up for sessions each week via <http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net>

## REPORTING INFORMATION & DATES

Students receive report cards that include grades, work habits and comments providing families with the students' current progress in their courses throughout the year.

In addition to report cards, teachers may provide students with important notices and anecdotal subject reports that parents should review. 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 Final Semester Report unless specified by the teacher.

Please note, your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. ***It is recommend that you download and save a copy for future reference.***

	Interim Reports	Mid Semester Report	Parent Teacher Conferences	Final Semester Report
Semester 1 Reporting Schedule	October 14, 2022	November 25, 2022	December 1, 2022	February 10, 2023
Semester 2 Reporting Schedule	March 10, 2023	April 28, 2023	May 4, 2023	June 28, 2023



## LOCKER DISTRIBUTION

Locker sign up information will be provided during your grade assembly on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Important Information:

- Ms. Kauldher ([skauldher@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:skauldher@vsb.bc.ca)) is the Administrator contact for any issues regarding lockers
- If you choose a locker before registering online, your lock will be cut & contents removed
- Lockers should not be shared at this time
- Instructions for sign up will be provided to students at the grade assembly on September 6 and during Period 1 classes on September 7

Distribution times – registration is open:

- Grade 8s – during Grade assembly on September 6<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 9-12s – During Period 1 FIT on September 8<sup>th</sup>

Note: Grade 12s will have the opportunity to participate in the Grad Hallway Locker Fundraiser. Details will be shared during the grade assembly.

All students needing to purchase a lock, please bring \$12 (cash or cheque) to the Accountant in the Office. If you require a lock for PE, we are suggesting you purchase 2 locks (\$24)

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### Schedule:

Schedule is by Student LAST names and is tentative.

DSP, LAC (SR/JR)

8:40- 9:00 **or** 10:00- 10:15



### GRADE 11

A-L	9:00 – 9:30 AM
M-Z	9:30 – 10:00 AM

### GRADE 9

A-L	12:20 – 12:50 PM
M-Z	12:50 – 1:15 PM

### GRADE 10

A-L	10:15 – 10:45 AM
M-Z	10:45 – 11:15 AM

### GRADE 8

A-L	1:20 – 1:45 PM
M-Z	1:45 – 2:05 PM

### GRADE 12

A-L	2:10- 2:30 PM
M-Z	2:30- 3:00 PM

*\*Any students who missed their photo time will be called down with the 2:30 pm group.*

To access photos this year, students and staff will be given a card with their unique access code to keep after their photo is taken. This card will have a special QR code that they can scan and be taken straight to their personal gallery. Families will also have the option to log in online with just the access code. Go Cards will be distributed to students in the first weeks of school.

Need retakes? Put **Oct 20, 2022** in your calendars. More details to come.

## GRADUATION ASESSEMENTS

Graduation assessments are not associated with any course mark, but their completion is part of the BC Graduation Requirements.

Students in Grade 10 will be scheduled to write two Provincial Assessments to assess their proficiency in numeracy and literacy.

Students that are in Grade 12 will be scheduled to write the literacy assessment. In addition, students in French Immersion will also complete a French Immersion Literacy assessment. We have tentatively scheduled these assessments. Details of times and room numbers will be provided closer to the date.

Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars by clicking the links below.

Grade	Assessment Date (tentative)	Assessment	Link
10	January 25, 2023	Numeracy	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment</a>
10	April 26, 2023	Literacy	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment</a>
12	November 2, 2022	Literacy	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment</a>
12	<b>SEMESTER 1 STUDENTS:</b> January 25, 2023 (written)  January 16-27, 2023 (oral)  <b>SEMESTER 2 STUDENTS:</b> June 21, 2023 (written)  June 12-23, 2023 (oral)	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – (French as a Second Language- Immersion)	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12</a>



## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
<b>August</b>	
Wed, Aug 31, 2022	Grade 8 Orientation – 10am to 12pm
<b>September</b>	
Mon, Sep 5	Labour Day – Stat Holiday – school is closed
Tues, Sep 6	First Day of School - Orientation
Wed, Sep 7	First full instructional day – Semester 1 begins
Thurs, Sep 8	Photo Day
Wed, Sep 14	Collaborative Day (Classes begin at 10:10am)
Fri, Sep 23	Professional Development Day (no classes in session)
Tues, Sep 27	PAC Meeting – 7pm Library
Fri, Sep 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Stat Holiday – school is closed
<b>October</b>	
Mon, Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day – Stat Holiday – school is closed
Thurs, Oct 13	Flex Humanities Parent Info Night
Thurs, Oct 20	Photo re-takes
Fri, Oct 21	Professional Development Day (no classes in session)
Tues, Oct 25	PAC Meeting – 7pm Library
Wed, Oct 26	Summit Parent Info Night
<b>November</b>	
Wed, Nov 9	Collaborative Day (Classes begin at 10:10am)
Thurs, Nov 11	Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday – school is closed
Tues, Nov 22	PAC Meeting – 7pm
Fri, Nov 25	Professional Development Day (no classes in session)
Nov 29-Dec 4	Grad Photos at Artona Studios
Wed, Nov 30	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
<b>December</b>	
Thurs, Dec 1	Parent/Teacher Conference
Wed, Dec 7	Collaborative Day (Classes end at 1:40pm)
Fri, Dec 16	Last day of school before Winter Break
Dec 19 - Jan 2	Winter Break
<b>January</b>	
Mon, Jan 2, 2023	Winter Break
Tues, Jan 3	School re-opens



## STAY CONNECTED

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



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