



University Hill Secondary School

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Community Newsletter

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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 sel̓ilwítulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Families,

October 7, 2022

It has been a delight getting to know you over the past month. Thank you to all students, families, and staff for welcoming me to the University Hill Secondary School community. I have enjoyed our conversations and look forward to continuing to get to know you throughout the year. Thank you as well to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive for hosting our first PAC meeting of the year on Thursday, September 29th. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was a joy to meet and connect with families in person.

Over the past month, we have had the pleasure of welcoming three new district support staff to our school. We are pleased to welcome Trent Gauthier, our Indigenous Education Enhancement Worker who is at University Hill on Mondays. Thank you to Trent for leading 30 of our staff through an Indigenous Sharing Circle during the September 23rd Professional Development Day and for co-planning our Orange Shirt Day Assembly on September 29th. We are grateful to Trent for his leadership as we continue to embed the [First Peoples' Principles of Learning](#) into our teaching and learning and work together towards Truth and Reconciliation.

We would also like to welcome Shelby Gindl, our Supporting and Connecting Youth (SACY) Worker who is at University Hill on Fridays. Shelby is a wonderful resource for student and families looking for more support and is looking forward to introducing herself at our next PAC meeting coming up on Thursday, October 27th at 7:30pm.

The third person we would like to welcome is Niloofar Shafaeizadeh, our Farsi-speaking Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Worker who is also at University Hill on Fridays. Niloo is looking forward to connecting with the University Hill Community; if there are any students or families that would like extra connection in Farsi, you are welcome to connect with Niloo by emailing her at nshafaeizadeh@vsb.bc.ca.

We would also like to take a moment to congratulate Ms. Jaswinder Sodhi, who is named as a [Finalist for the 2022 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education](#) for her outstanding extracurricular leadership. Ms. Sodhi will be attending the ceremony at Government House in Victoria next week. Congratulations Ms. Sodhi!

In this newsletter, you will find more information about our Fall Athletics, Clubs, Literacy 12 Assessments, and Communication of Student Learning. Thank you for taking the time to go through this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning. We wish you all a restful, relaxing and rejuvenating Thanksgiving long weekend.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood,
Principal

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

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.

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.

School Forms

Reminder to return all your school handouts to the office, verify the Student Verification Form and ensure the school profile is correct. Also, if your child has important health alerts, please update the school office with written documentation.

Yearbooks

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. Over 90% have already been sold already. Purchase yours early as we sold out last year.

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 above. Semester 1 Reports will be published on the following dates:

- October 14, 2022 – Semester 1 Interim Report
- November 15, 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

COUNSELLING CORNER

Upcoming Mandatory Information Sessions for Grade 12 students

- October 18 - Grade 12 Information Assembly (during FIT) Grade 12 students are to report to the LLC for an information session about all things post-secondary from the counselling team.
- October 20 - For Grade 12 Whitecaps Students, their information session will be with Ms. Watanabe (during FIT) in the LLC.

We encourage all parents to see their student's Microsoft grade teams, and school team for specific information.

Also please take a moment to view from [Family Smart Monthly Events Fall Series 2022](#) Family Smart

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/>

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Susan Hornby	Grades 8 – 12, Last name Kl – T, & Transitions	Email: shornby@vsb.bc.ca
Elizabeth Watanabe	Grades 8 – 12, Last name U – Z, & Whitecaps FC	Email: ewatanabe@vsb.bc.ca

ATHLETICS

Athletics are back! We are so excited to offer a full slate of sport offerings. Fall sports are in full swing, with Volleyball for Grades 8-12 for the girls and senior team for the boys. We have a senior boys soccer team in competition as well as a cross country team running a meet already! We have a swim team as well, which will compete in the district meet at Watermania in late October (28th).

The next sport leagues will be in the winter season, which begins in November. We are in the process of taking signups for the sports that can potentially run (on the tackboard outside the PE Office/Gym).

Here is the list of winter sports:

Basketball (boys and girls all grades), and Table Tennis (boys and girls all grades)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Mr. J. Hodgson, Athletic Director at jhodgson@vsb.bc.ca

Click the link to the Vancouver Secondary Schools Athletic Association Website - [VSSAA Website for more information](#).

CLUBS

We are excited to offer a Clubs Day on October 14 after school in the Lower Learning Commons and Cafeteria. This is an opportunity for students to get information about all the clubs to help them decide whether they want to sign up. Students in Grade 8 and 9 will be dismissed at 2:45 pm to get a head start on checking out the clubs and Grade 10 - 12 will be dismissed at the regular time.

LITERACY ASSESSEMENTS (FOR GRADE 12)

Grade 12 Literacy Assessments will take place on November 1 and 2. Students in Grade 12 will all be registered for the session and the schedule for both days will be distributed to students shortly.

Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments will take place in January 2023.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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

Some Frequently asked Questions about school photos...

What if students miss original photo day and retake day?

If students wish to have an Artona school photo taken, they can come to our [in-studio retake day](#) at our Vancouver studio, which is scheduled for November 19, 2022.

When are photo packages delivered?

For our bulk delivery schools, photos ordered 8 days after photo day will be delivered in two weeks. Photos ordered 8 or more days after original photo day will be delivered to the home within 2-3 weeks and subject to a \$7 mailing fee.

Can a student return their package to have it reprinted with the retake photo?

Unfortunately, no. All orders are final sale and can not be exchanged for the retake image. This policy is displayed on our website before checking out. That said, it is important to us that our students and families are happy with their photos. If anyone is unsatisfied with their order, please advise them to [get in touch](#) with our customer service team.

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 regards to school or graduation photos please contact Artona Studio directly - click on "contact us" on their website or call 604-872-7272.

TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Take your Kids (Grade 9 students) To Work Day is on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. More information for Students and Parents to follow.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Please find below the link to the U-Hill PAC Newsletter and minutes from last week's General Assembly PAC Meeting on September 29, 2022. <https://uhillpac.ca/2022/10/04/september-general-assembly-minutes/>

Reminder of the 2022 – 2023 PAC Meetings dates:

- October 27, 2022
- November 24, 2022
- January 26, 2023
- February 23, 2023
- April 27, 2023
- May 25, 2023
- June 22, 2023

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

October 2022

- 10 Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
- 14 Interim Reports Published at 3:00 pm
- 18 CPT in PM – Early Dismissal at 2:16 pm
- 21 Non-Instructional Day (Province Wide)
- 27 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm

November 2022

- 01/02 Gr. 12 Literacy Assessments
- 02 Take Your Kids to Work Day – (Grade 9 students)
- 09 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 6:30 PM
- 09 Early Dismissal at 2:06 pm
- 10 CPT in AM – Classes begin at 9:30 am
- 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)

December 2022

- 13 CPT in PM – Early Dismissal at 2:16 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 to 25 Gr. 10 Numeracy & Literacy / and
Gr. 12 Literacy Assessments
- 26 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 31 Last day of Semester 1

February 2023

- 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

March 2023

- 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

- 07 Good Friday – School Closed
- 10 Easter Monday – School Closed
- 19 Parent/Teacher Conferences 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

- 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

June 2023

- 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 / Gr. 12 Literacy Assessments
- 22 PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 29 Last day of Student Attendance
- 29 Semester 2 Final Report Cards Published at 3:00 pm

