

Friday September 15, 2023

Good afternoon Osler Community,

Students in classes
Meet the Teacher September 20th
Classroom Photos
Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

Students in classes!

On Monday students were placed in their 2023-2024 classes! With much excitement they walked down the hallway or climbed the stairs to the second floor to meet their new teacher and classmates. It has been a productive week with students beginning to learn their new routines and get used to their new environment. This can be a little anxious for some. Taking time to connect with your child asking questions about their new classroom, classmate and teacher will help them feel supported and comfortable connecting with you if questions do arise.



Meet the Teacher

This Coming Wednesday September 20th parents and caregivers are invited to come to their children's classes and meet the teacher! There will be 2 time slots where you can join other parents in learning more about the school year:

1. 3:10-3:30 meet the teacher in their classroom
2. 3:30-3:50 meet the teacher in their classroom
3. Then it will be time to join the school community in the Gym to learn about school items and meet the PAC!

Division, Grade,	Teacher	Room
1 Grade 6/7	Mr. Coutts	Room 215
2 Grade 6/7	Ms. Tayler	Room 214
3 Grade 6/7	Mr. O'Hara	Room 212
4 District	TBA Sessions available once this position is filled	Room 213
5 Grade 4/5	TBA Sessions available once this position is filled	Room 111
6 Grade 4/5 Ms.	Ms. Cogan	Room 110
7 Grade 3/4	Ms. Jackson	Room 101
8 Grade 2/3	Ms. Leung	Room 102
9 Grade 2/3	Ms. Roopra	Room 104
10 Grade 2	Ms. Jay	Room 103
11 Grade 1	Ms. Shirai	Room 108
12 Kindergarten	Ms. Papagiannis	Room 109



Looking towards Grade 8! District Choice Program Website

Grade 7's please take a moment to review the programs offered in secondary for the 2024-2025 school year. The dates come up sooner than you think!

[District Choice Program Website](#)



Cross-Country & KM Club

Once again, Osler will be training a Cross-Country Team! We are pleased to invite all interested runners in Kindergarten through Grade 7 to run with us and develop their running and endurance skills. Practices run on **Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:50 am** and will begin this upcoming **Tuesday, September 19th in the Gym.**

For detailed information about required practices, mini-meets, and the cross-country city finals, and to sign up, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/Pqcn5DGSSR>

Looking forward to an eventful season.

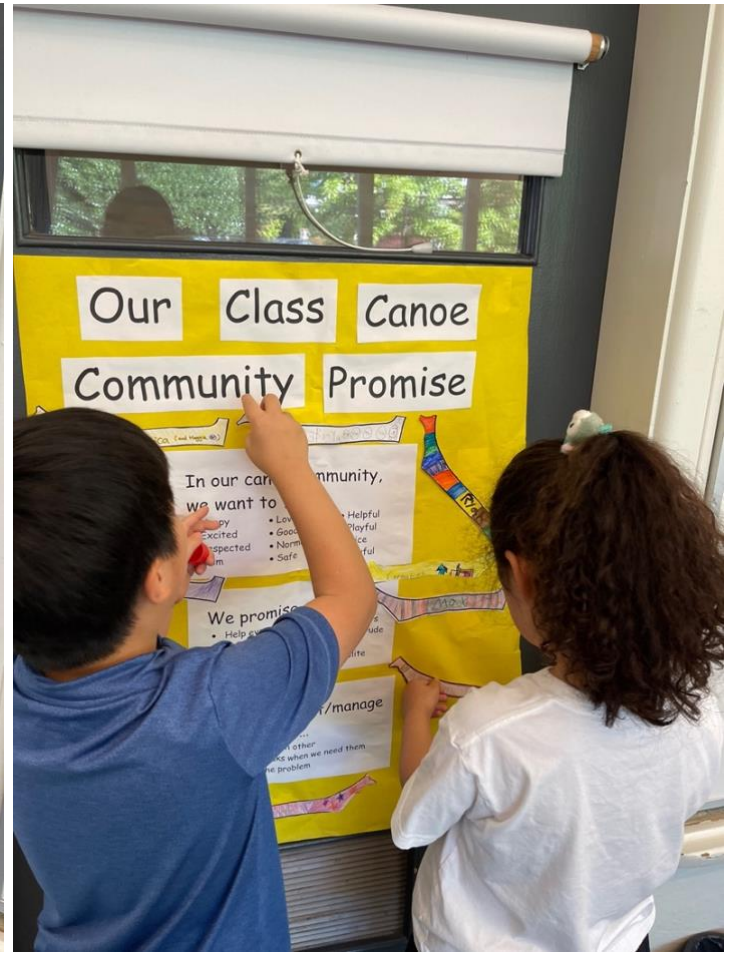
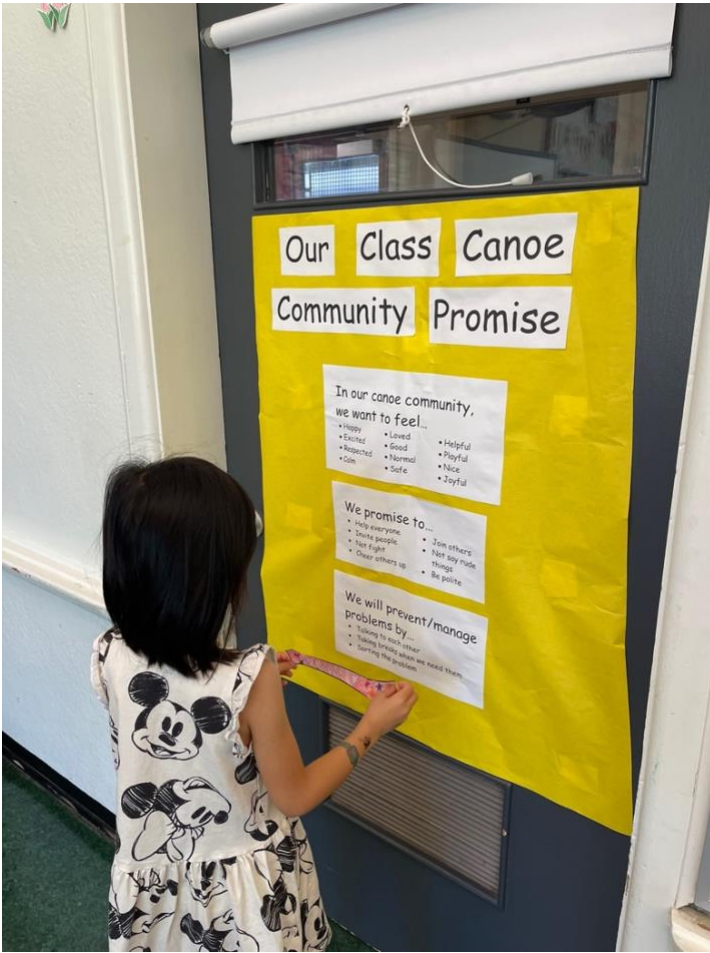
KM Club will take place on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons**, roughly from 3:05 to 3:20. Runners will meet on the basketball courts located at the back of the school.

We invite all interested students, from Kindergarten to Grade 7, [to register online through this link](#). **Our first run is scheduled for Monday, September 18th.**

Ms. Tayler, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Papagiannis, & Ms. Shirai 😊

Photos from the classroom!

Ms. Jessica's class learning building their community!



Join Us For Generation Health This Fall!

Learn about healthy eating & physical activity and build long-lasting healthy habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is free, interactive and FUN!

Delivered through YMCA BC starting October 2023 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Interested? Register today!
 Call 1-888-650-3141 or email generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca

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STUDENT THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL: Notice to our students and parents/guardians/caregivers

The Vancouver School District and our community partners are committed to having safe, caring and inclusive schools. In the event that a student makes a threat of violence or harm to other students, staff or the school community the school will initiate the VSB student risk threat assessment process.

THE VSB STUDENT THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS

What behaviours initiate a student threat risk assessment?

A Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated for behaviours including:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill;
- Verbal/ written/ drawn threats to harm or kill others;
- Online threats to harm or kill others;
- Possession of weapons (including replicas);
- Bomb threats;
- Fire setting;
- Acts of racism, discrimination or hate
- Sexual intimidation or assault; sextortion
- Gang related intimidation and violence

Duty to report threat making behaviour

Maintaining a safe, caring and inclusive school community is the responsibility of everyone in the school community. Students, staff, parents/ guardians/ caregivers and community members **must report** all threat related behaviours to their school administrator.

What is a threat?

- An expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something.
- Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, made through gestures or posted on the Internet.

Duty to Respond

All threats must be taken seriously and require a response that includes investigation and intervention. Our goal is to respond to threats and maintain a safe and caring learning environment.

Each school has a multi-disciplinary School Threat Risk Assessment Team which will include the School Administrator(s) and Area or School-based Counsellor(s) and can include, as needed, district resource staff and community partners in the threat assessment process. Community partners may include Child and Youth Mental Health, Child and Adolescent Response Team, VPD and RCMP.

What is the purpose of a Student Threat Risk Assessment?

The VSB student threat assessment process is used to:

- ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.
- ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behaviour.
- be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.
- promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What happens in a Student Threat Risk Assessment?

- Information is gathered from multiple sources including open source digital publicly available data. This may include interviews with the threat-maker, student(s), staff and parents/ guardians/ caregivers to assess the level of risk.
- The School Threat Assessment Team examines the information collected and in consultation with community partners, determines the level of risk.
- Appropriate intervention plans are developed, implemented and shared with parents/guardians, staff and students, as required. Information shared throughout the risk/threat assessment process will respect the individual's right to privacy and the safety of all.

Can I refuse to participate in the threat assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the Threat Risk Assessment process. However, if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process, by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring environment for all.

Collection Notice

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online sources is only obtained from open source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

Enjoy your weekend,

Rosemary Thomas
Principal at Osler