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Roberto Moro Principal Gr 12



David Cacchioni Vice Principal Gr 9, 11



Janet Thompson Vice Principal Gr 8, 10



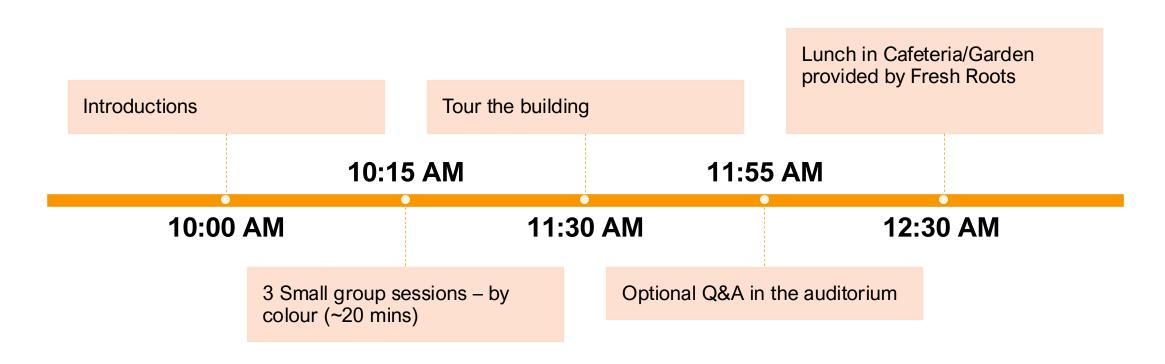
Leanne Hagglund Grade 8 Counsellor



Kim Kwan School Resource Teacher

Grade 8 TEAM

SHAPE OF THE DAY



Summit Students will be meeting at 1:00 pm with Mrs. Sanderson & Ms. Lee (406)

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MEET BACK HERE (OPTIONAL)



FOR QUESTIONS AT..

11:55 – 12:15 PM – Optional Q&A in the auditorium

DEVELOPING SELF-ADVOCACY AT VAN TECH AND BEYOND







ADDITIONAL INFO

- Lockers
- Course Changes
- Lunch Cards
- Understanding Schedules





FRESH ROOTS

Sustainable Farming, Experiential Learning, and Youth Leadership

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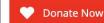


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Announcements

School Start up Assemblies & MyEd Schedules

Summer Office Hours

Notice of Late Return - September 2025

2025-2026 School Calendar

Witnessing Excellence at VSB's National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

A little rain didn't dampen spirits on Friday June 20, when students and staff from across VSB gathered to celebrate...



WHAT WILL THE FIRST WEEK LOOK LIKE?

TUES SEPT 2	WED SEPT 3	THURS SEPT 4	FRI SEPT 5
Grade Assemblies Auditorium	First Full day of instruction	Full day of instruction	Full day of instruction
1pm: Grade 8 1 hour + Locker Lock Timetable	Grade 8 Agenda (map, bell schedule) distribution in P1	Photo Day Yearbook/Student ID	Gr 8 Assembly FIT Auditorium 8:40



A LOOK AT A GRADE 8 SCHEDULE...

Typical School Day for Grade 8 Student

- 4 courses for half the year
- Each class occurs everyday
- Attend 4 different classrooms
- Work with 4 different teachers

For Example....

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Math 8	Science 8
English 8	PHE 8
Fine Arts Rotation	Social Studies
French 8	Applied Skills Rotation

SEMESTER SCHEDULE & DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GRADE 8



	\$1R1D1 - \$1R1 DAY 1	\$1R1D2 - \$1R1 DAY 2	S2R1D1 - S2R1 DAY 1	S2R1D2 - S2R1 DAY 2
P1-Period 1	MMA08-007 MATHEMATICS 8 Shapcott, Anstie 306 (#527)	MMA08-007 MATHEMATICS 8 Shapcott, Anstie 306 (#527)	MEN08-006 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8 Adamson, Ashley 406 (#551)	MEN08-006 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8 Adamson, Ashley 406 (#551)
P2-Period 2	MPHE-08-003 PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8 Kerklaan, Michael GYM	MPHE-08-003 PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8 Kerklaan, Michael GYM	MMU08BA1-002 MUSIC 8: BEGINNER BAND Riegert, Elizabeth 511 (#567)	MMU08BA1-002 MUSIC 8: BEGINNER BAND Riegert, Elizabeth 511 (#567)
P3-Period 3	MSS08-003 SOCIAL STUDIES 8 Miller, Sarah 208 (#509)	MSS08-003 SOCIAL STUDIES 8 Miller, Sarah 208 (#509)	MSC08-006 SCIENCE 8 Cao, Alex 300 (#520)	MSC08-006 SCIENCE 8 Cao, Alex 300 (#520)
P4-Period 4	[S1T1] MADW-08-305 WOODWORK 8 VanKreuningen, Jeffrey 609 (#578) [S1T2] MADDL08-305 BUSINESS ED 8 Stokovac, Lucio 605 (#573) [S1T3] MADT-08-305 TEXTILES 8 Wong, Adeline	[S1T1] MADW-08-305 WOODWORK 8 VanKreuningen, Jeffrey 609 (#578) [S1T2] MADDL08-305 BUSINESS ED 8 Stokovac, Lucio 605 (#573) [S1T3] MADT-08-305 TEXTILES 8 Wong, Adeline	MFR08-008 FRENCH 8 Legge, Audrey 611 (#583)	MFR08-008 FRENCH 8 Legge, Audrey 611 (#583)

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME "FIT"

Flexible Instructional Time

- 40 minutes Monday & Friday mornings (8:40 to 9:20), and Tuesday & Thursday afternoons (1:20 to 2:00)
- Designed to support personalized student learning choices & provides flexible learning environments

Some examples of how FIT is used:

- Enriched & learning support for individuals or small groups
- Opportunities for students to collaborate with peers
- Cross curricular and/or project-based inquiry
- Development & presentation of capstone projects
- Grade-wide assemblies & experience days





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BREAK	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM
BLOCK 2	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
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Aug 25, 2025

Please visit the VSB District "Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year" website for information pertaining to all Grade 7 students preparing for Grade 8.

Contact Information for Grade 8 Families 2025-2026 Contact for Grade 8 Families.pdf

Important dates for the 2025-2026 school year

- 1. Friday, August 29 Student Schedules Posted
 - By 3:00 pm, schedules will be available on students' MyEducation BC accounts.
- · Instructions for accessing accounts will be shared in the September Van Tech Family Bulletin.
- 2. Tuesday, September 2 First Day of School Grade Assemblies Only
 - · Grade 8s meet at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium.
 - · Students will receive their schedule, agenda, lock, and locker.

These activities should take approximately 60 - 90 minutes.

- 1. Wednesday, September 3 First Full Day of Classes
 - · All students report to Period 1 at 8:40 am.



SO MANY QUESTIONS...

Who do I contact with questions/concerns about....?

content, progress, learning in a course	Classroom Teachers	
registration for next year's courses	Grade Counsellor	
graduation requirements	Grade Counsellor	
support for my child with learning needs	Program Case Manager/School Based Resource Teacher (SBRT)	
support for my child with social emotional needs	Grade Counsellor; Youth & Family Worker	
support for technology	Grade Counsellor	
support for family around food security	Grade Counsellor; Youth & Family Worker	
support for Indigenous learners	Indigenous Education Team	
support for substance use/misuse	Grade Counsellor & Supporting and Connecting Youth (SACY) Engagement & Prevention Worker	
inquires of Athletic Teams	Athletic Director	
support for transition to grade 8	Community School Team Coordinator	
support for language interpretation	Grade Counsellor	
inquires about French Immersion Program	French Immersion Department Head	
inquires about French Placement Exam	Modern Languages Department Head	
support for English Language Learners (ELL)	Classroom Teacher or ELL Department Head	
support for International Program students	International Student Advisor	
student registration packages	Student Records Clerk	
student transcripts	Student Records Clerk	
student MyEd password assistance	Office, Grade Administrator	
student VSB password assistance (TEAMS)	Classroom Teacher; Grade Counsellor	
general inquiries about school procedures	Administrative Assistant, Grade Counsellor	

SOLVING A PROBLEM AT SCHOOL

HOW PARENTS CAN SOLVE A CONCERN AT SCHOOL

Contact and book appointment with the teacher involved.



Talk privately with the teacher. Most concerns should be resolved at this point



If problem is not solved or if still dissatisfied, arrange to meet principal or vice-principal



Talk privately with the principal or vice-principal



Is new information available to solve concern?



Principal or vice-principal will meet with the teacher



Meeting will be held with all parties if necessary to resolve the problem



If resolution is not reached contact the Office of the Superintendent.



Meet or talk privately with appropriate District Staff Member in the Office of the Superintendent

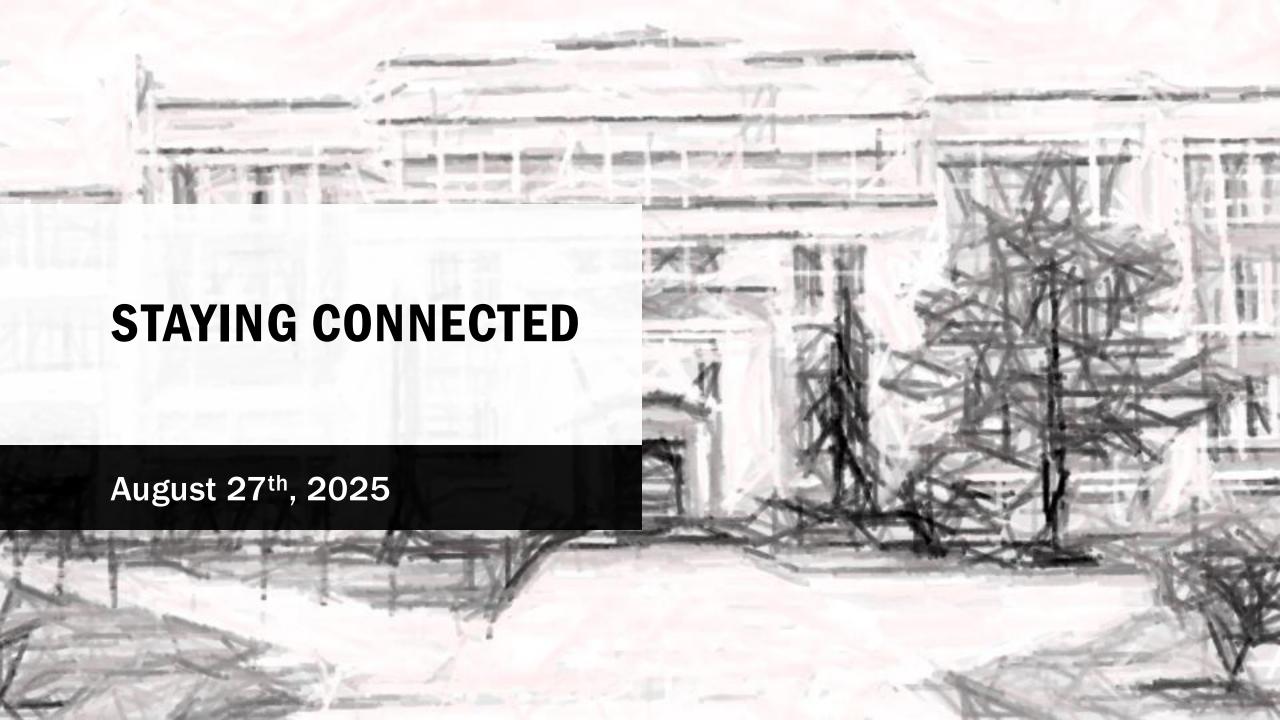


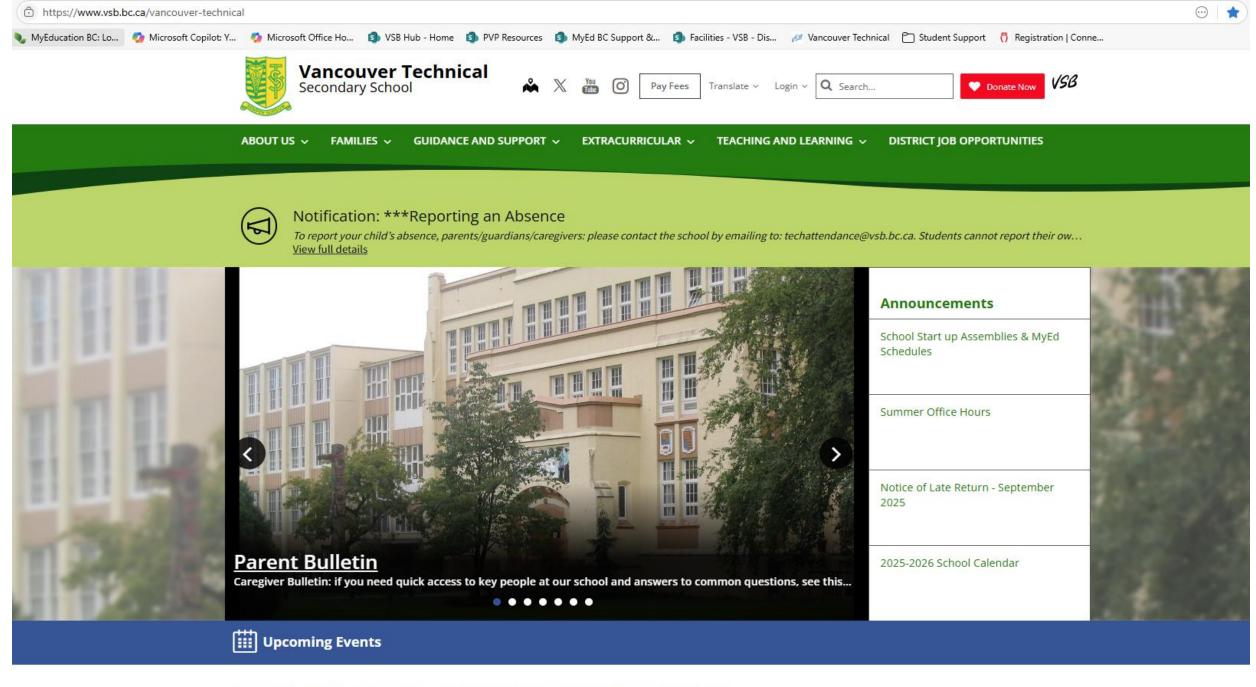
District staff will confer with principal or vice-principal and parent



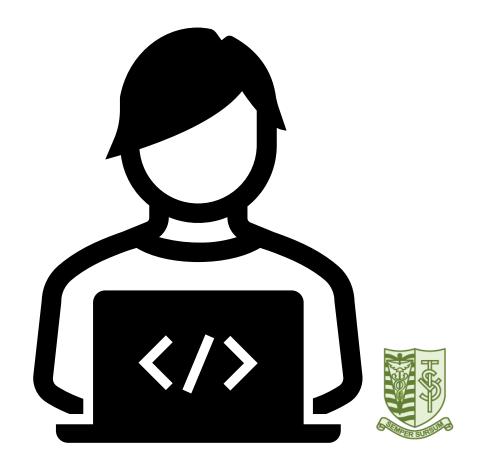
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TECHNOLOGY TOOLS



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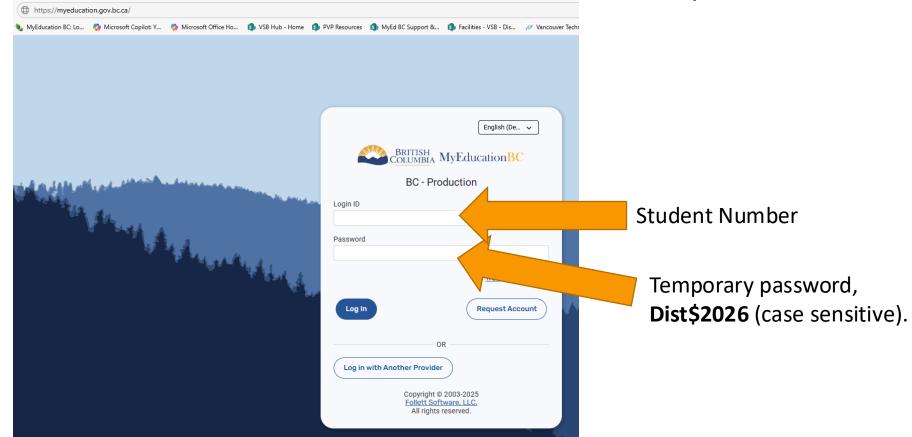
-My Education BC or "MyEd" is a Student Family Portal where families can access their child's educational information.

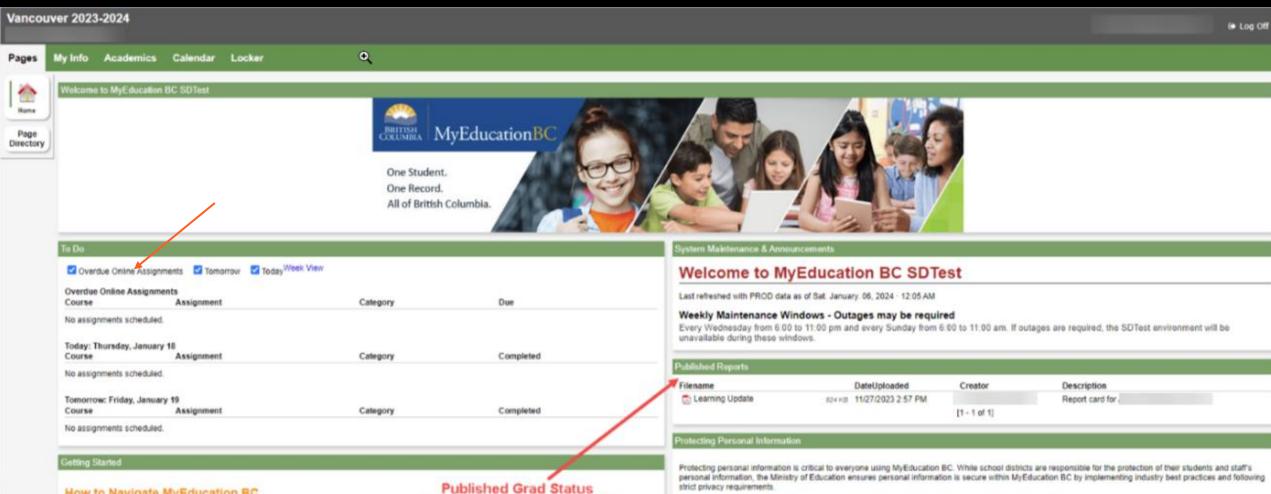
- This is where Learning Updates will be posted and stored
- Attendance
- Schedule
- Course Selection

MYED



- This is a SHARED account between student/families





How to Navigate MyEducation BC

Report will be displayed here

There are two major sections of MyEducation BC: Tabs and Pages.

The Top Tabs menu contains subsections to access information or perform tasks. Depending on your access and role, what Tabs you see will change.

The Pages top tab shows this landing page and is where you will be able to access pages in which you are a member (e.g., school, class, or district pages). Click on

Learn more about how personal information is protected within MyEducation BC by visiting the following links:

- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- School Act
- Independent School Act

REPORTING

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	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning

CAREER EDUCATION 8 APPLYING

Ms. Sangeeta Kauldher Sonja Rondestvedt

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/career-education/8

This year Career Education 8 was delivered online through Teams. In Career Education 8, students begin to explore the concepts of potential preferences in their future employment, learning styles, interests, skills and what motivates them. Students developed the knowledge, skills, and attitudes, which will assist them in making informed decisions as they plan future education and career paths. Students are encouraged to check Teams for feedback on their assignments and final self-reflection.

We have been impressed with you/ your child's resilience, flexibility and adaptability this year. We know this has been a year of change and the Grads of 2025 have taken it in stride! Please note, students will be completing Career Education 9 next year. Have a good summer!

ABSENT: - LATE: -

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8

APPLYING

Ms. Dorothy Leung

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/english-language-arts/8

During the second half of this Quarter, students in English Language Arts 8 concentrated on developing their writing skills, read for enjoyment and wrote in their reading journals, as well as experienced a variety of poems and learned about poetic language. ______ effectively used writing processes to plan, develop and create well thought out written assignments. Paragraphs and essays included ideas and supporting evidence. Reasoning was clear but would have benefited from more development and discussion. Story writing was clear, and plot was thoughtfully developed. In regard to work habits, this student arrives to class on time, listens attentively to all instructions, and hands work in on time. This student was a pleasure to work with during this Quarter.

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FRENCH 8 EXTENDING

Frances zztoc Renzullo-Cuzzetto

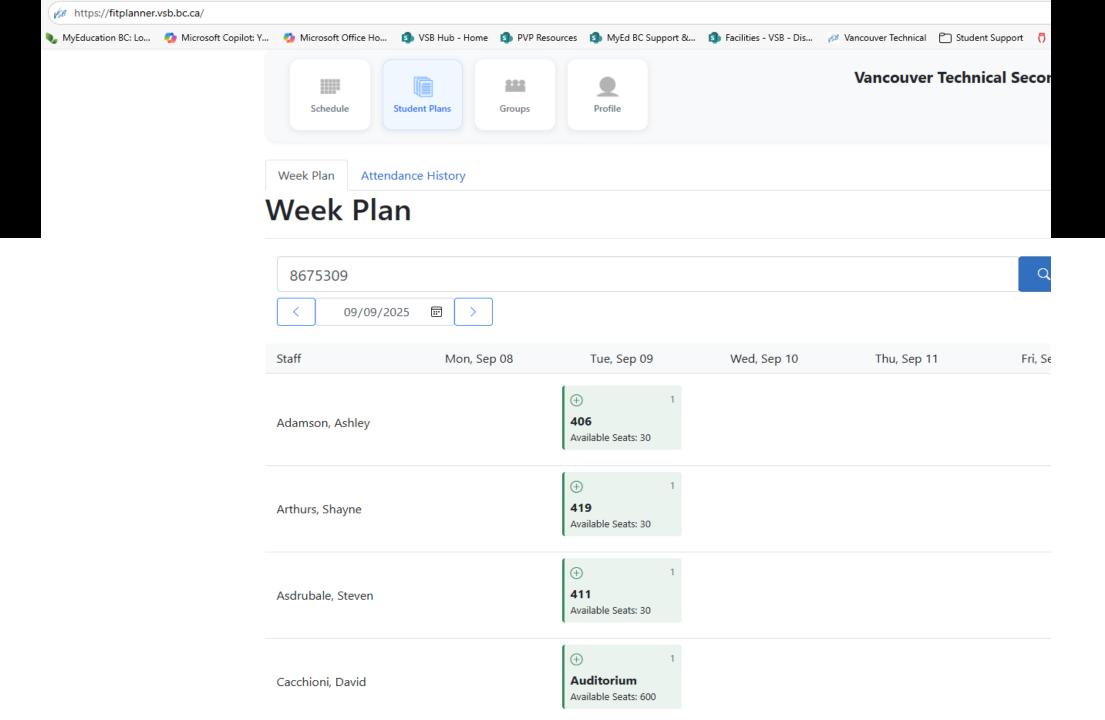
https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/curriculum/core-french/8

During this final quarter, we have focussed on: expressions with the verbs 'avoir' and faire', possessive pronouns, family members, picture book activitie, sentence writing and the completion and presentation of our Research/Inquiry project on French speaking countries.

was an ideal student in French 8. Her respectful demeanor and her attention to detail are outstanding. Her commitment to learning French was always evident and this was reflected in all her in-class assignments, homework and quizzes. scored 100% on almost all her quizzes. Her research project on Luxemburg was well-researched and well-organized. She paid attention to the small details, and this came through in her presentation. Her oral presentation was challenging for her in terms of speaking in front of an audience, but she managed to overcome her fear and presented confidently to her audience. Brayo

enjoyed learning French and "enjoyed being able to improve little by little every day." Next school year, will be taking Spanish 9 and I know she will apply the same diligence to her new language. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. She has been a true pleasure to teach. Merci d'être une étudiante formidable!

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WHAT CAN OUR STUDENTS ACCESS?

Breakfast Club & BASE Space

Sports – Aquatics, Cross Country, Field Hockey (Girls), Rugby (Boys), Soccer (Boys), Volleyball (Girls) all start in the first month. Three "seasons" per year.

Clubs – Clubs day end of September/early October.

Getting involved is the best way to help guarantee a good start. Connection is everything.

MANAGING HOMEWORK

- Build 'Learning Behaviours' or habits and focus less on hours logged.
- Use routines and model what studying/working is for your kid.
- Let your kid make choices within a pre-determined structure.
- Teach your kid how to do informal check-in's with teachers and then talk to them about it.

STAYING CONNECTED BUT NOT SMOTHERING

Statistically speaking, you're never going to feel as underappreciated as you will with a teenager.

Teenagers are searching for independence. #obviousfacts

Your job is to help them experience this WITH them in a supportive environment. You're the social safety net.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

In High School, the PAC looks a lot different than elementary...

- 1. Deciding on school PAC funds to give out.
- 2. Learning about what's happening in the school.
- 3. Presentations from school or community people sometimes.
- 4. AGM Wed, Sept 24 @7:00 pm, in the library. Tues/Wed alternating.

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