



November Family Bulletin

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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November News

Van Tech is bustling with activity! Last month, we saw a flurry of events: Student Council elections, Spirit Week, and a Halloween Fashion Show. The UNESCO Club launched a mentorship program, the FIT Boxing club resumed, and various student groups enjoyed week-long outdoor camps. Seniors explored post-secondary options at our Careers Program assembly and Post-Secondary Fair. November promises to be just as exciting, with events for caregivers too. Read on for all the details!

In addition to these exciting events, we want to remind our community about the support available for families.

The Student Affordability Fund provides financial from the Ministry of Education and Childcare for VSB families who are struggling to pay for costs associated with their child(ren) going to school. Caregivers can get financial help for: i. Basic school supplies (e.g. pens, paper) ii. Education-related fees (e.g. additional supplies for ADST, culinary and art classes, workbooks, camps, field trips, relevant cultural events, clubs, and instrument and equipment fees or other fees charged by school districts) iii. Clothing/footwear required for school sports and other school activities

If you would like financial support, please contact our Principal, Mr. Moro, or your child's grade counsellor.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



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Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)

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Parents as Education & Career Coaches

Join EducationPlannerBC's Virtual Presentation on Wed, Nov 6 from 6:30–7:45 pm

Learn about post-secondary education, career opportunities, and how to support your student's future. Explore our website to search programs, discover trades, and find resources on financial aid, admissions, and more. Learn to create an account and apply to post-secondary institutions in B.C. Register using the QR code or [clicking the link here](#).



Parent/Caregiver – Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held in the Main Gym on Thurs, Nov 7 from 3:15–4:30 pm and 5:15–7:00 pm.

General booking is open until Nov 7, 9:00 am. See booking details on the [school website HERE](#). We will have several school clubs with table set up for fundraising: Jazz Cabaret tickets, donations, coffee, bake sales etc. Please bring cash if possible.



Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

The clinic will be on Nov 18. Consent forms from Vancouver Coastal Health have been distributed, detailing your child's vaccination history and recommended vaccinations for 2024-2025. Students will be called alphabetically to the cafeteria. Please ensure your child wears a short-sleeved shirt and has breakfast/snack that day. For questions, contact Public Health Nurse Jasy Huang at 604-872-2511 (ext. 3624) or jasy.huang@vch.ca.

Mental Health Family Night

Concerned about your teen's mental health in the digital age?

Join us for a screening of Screenagers: Next Chapter, a documentary by Dr. Delaney Ruston, exploring teen stress, anxiety, and depression. The film offers practical strategies to build emotional resilience and manage stress, featuring insights from experts

When: Tues, Nov 19 at 7pm (doors open at 6:30)

Where: Van Tech Auditorium

Cost: Free! Bring family and friends. Light refreshments provided.

After the film, stay for a Q&A panel discussion

Express your interest here: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZCOWqGudYf>

Watch the trailer: [Screenagers Next Chapter](#)

Construction Trades

Students and families interested in learning more about how training and apprenticeship in a construction trade could be part of a graduation pathway are invited to join us and a number of employers and training providers on Nov 19 at 6:30pm in the Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School Auditorium. Student who pre-register will get a BONUS entry in the draw for door prizes. Please pre-register using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/0cc6kb02xD>.



NOVEMBER 2024						
SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
28	4	5 Block rotation AB CD Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment	6 Theatre Company 8 presents: Oddball, 7pm Parents as Education & Career Coaches virtual event, 6:30pm	7 Parent/Caregiver- Teacher Conferences, early dismissal, 2pm	8 Quarter 1 ends Remembrance Day Assemblies	9
10	11 Remembrance Day, no school	12 Quarter 2 starts Collaborative Day, no Period 4	13	14 P3 FIT Freeze (Core Competencies)	15	16
17	18 Immunization clinic	19 Mental Health Family Night, 7pm Construction Trades Night, Tupper Secondary, 6:30pm	20 Flex Humanities Info Night	21 P3 FIT Freeze (Core Competencies)	22 Pro D Day, no classes Mid-Semester Learning Updates published	23
24	25	26 PAC meeting, 7pm	27	28	29	30



Fine Arts



Theatre Company 8 presents *Oddball* on Nov 6 at 7:00pm in the Drama Studio. \$7.00 tickets can be purchased at the door.

The VT Music Program is busily preparing for our 8th annual Jazz Cabaret Fundraiser on Nov 21 from 6:00-9:30pm.

Doors will open at 5:45pm. The Jazz Cabaret is a fun evening filled with music by the Backporch Serenaders, Van Tech One Vocal Jazz, and headlined by Van Tech After Dark Jazz Band. The cafeteria will be magically transformed into a cabaret atmosphere with seated tables, delicious food and drinks, and an exciting Silent Auction. Our Silent Auction items will be curated to make great gifts for your holiday shopping. This is our main fundraiser for the year, and we hope to earn \$7000+, all of which will go back to VT music students.

Athletics

Our winter sports season is underway for most, but not all teams.

- Basketball
- Curling
- Girls Ice Hockey
- Table Tennis
- Wrestling



For the latest updates and information, check the Athletics Channel. You can also find the Master Schedule for all teams on the Athletics page of our school website: [Athletics page](#).

Access to MyEducation BC

Parents and caregivers can view their child’s attendance, class schedule, and Written Learning Updates (report cards) on MyEducation BC. Mid-semester Learning Updates will be published on MyEducation BC on Nov 22.

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

1. Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>
2. The login ID is your child’s student number and last successful password (unless you have changed this)
 - * If you haven’t logged in before, the default MyEducation BC Password is set by the district to: Dist\$2025
3. If you’ve forgotten your Password, or if it has expired (passwords must be reset every 90 days), see the reset instructions here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5038/account-management> and click on [Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account](#)

*You will need to know the email attached to the account to use this function.

It is recommended that you download and save a copy of the Learning Update for future reference. Learning Updates are NOT saved on MyEd. Only the most recent Learning Updates are posted on student accounts.

Reporting Information and Updates

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer three questions about their learning:

- Where am I now?
- Where am I going?
- How do I get there?

Quality assessment is ongoing and responsive. It informs the instruction cycle and provides **teachers** with evidence to plan. It helps **families** understand and support their children’s learning. Most importantly, it provides **students** with meaningful feedback to guide their learning and help them reflect on their growth.

How will my child be assessed?

All students will receive **Written Learning Updates** and **Informal Learning Updates** such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences. Written Learning Updates will include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback. The new Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Gr 8 and 9 will receive grades on a four-point proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in Gr 10 -12 will still receive a letter grade and percentage.

The grade **“IE” (Insufficient Evidence)** indicates that the student has not yet demonstrated minimally acceptable performance in relation to the learning standards. For students in Gr 10-12, an “IE” may be converted to an F (Fail) at the end of the course. Should your child receive an “IE” for any of their classes, the teacher will identify what learning standards (competencies and content knowledge) they need to demonstrate and create a support plan for the student. This plan will outline the actions to be taken by the student and school to help the student provide sufficient evidence of learning. **Please reach out to your child’s teacher(s) to discuss an Insufficient Evidence “IE” grade.**



Please note: all student work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for the Semester 1 Summary of Learning unless specified by the teacher. Please note that Semester 1 courses are designed to be completed by the end of Semester 1 and teachers may not be able to accept and assess work after the semester ends.

Learning Updates schedule

Table with 5 columns: Semester, Interim Learning Update, Mid-Semester Learning Update, Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conferences, Summary of Learning. Rows include Semesters 1 and 2, Linear Courses, and Core Competencies.

You can read a summary of the policy here: https://bit.ly/3sEwBSR or use the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s website: https://bit.ly/47Xs0k6 . If you have any questions about the policy, please reach out to any school Administrator for further information.

Core Competencies

Core Competencies are essential skills for lifelong learning, central to BC’s K-12 curriculum. Vancouver students reflect on these skills and set goals three times a year. In November, Van Tech students will post their reflections in SpacesEDU (note, students log in with their VSB account). We encourage caregivers to discuss how these skills can be developed both at school and at home.

Grade-specific Information

Gr 12s are responsible for booking their Grad photos at https://artona.com/

Sessions run from December 01, 2024, to December 06, 2024, at Artona’s main studio. Group sessions are available NOW until March 23, 2025, also at Artona. Artona’s main studio is located at 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver.

Career Education 8 and Career Education 9

Gr 8 and 9 students are enrolled in mandatory Career Education courses via Microsoft TEAMS. These courses build essential skills for future academic and career success. Students can work on assignments during FIT. Please remind your child to check TEAMS regularly for updates and assignments

Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)

The 2024/25 PAC Executive Volunteers:

- Chair: Lindsie Tomlinson
Co-Chair: Arvind Ghataurah
Treasurer: Julie Cole
Secretary: Pam Dean
Communications Coordinator: Kelly Hamilton
Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Rep: Kelly Hamilton
DPAC (District PAC) Reps: Debbie Henry, Mary Carmen, Safiann Khan
Members at Large: Ruby Langan, Angela Ruth, Emily Villavicencio

Please join us for the next meeting. All parents and caregivers are welcome!

When: Tues, Nov 26, at 7pm Where: Van Tech Library

Our meetings follow a hybrid model of in-person and remote. Agendas, minutes and meeting links can be found on the PAC webpage. If you have questions, please contact the PAC chair: chairvt@gmail.com

Van Tech Indigenous Parents’ Circle

Hello, Van Tech First Nations, Inuit and Metis parents. Would you be interested in forming a parents’ circle at Van Tech? There’s a large percentage of Indigenous students here, but not very many Indigenous parents are attending the parents’ meeting. Forming an Indigenous Parents Circle would be an opportunity for us to support each other and our children who are attending Vancouver Technical Secondary School.

Some initial thoughts are for us to meet every month or two, start each circle with a prayer and a smudge and cedar brushing. We would share some food and drink and possibly have a talking circle with speakers, including cultural teachings and motivational speakers. Children, elders, and family would be very welcome to attend and take part. We have the support of Principal Moro and flexibility to make this work. Send me an email if you believe that this is a good idea and you would like to participate: vantechindigenous@gmail.com

Thank you, Ruby



Technology Tools

We encourage students to note their passwords in a secure place.

Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	My Weekly Planner	Office 365
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website	https://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net/	https://www.office.com/
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, learning updates	Classroom Materials, Student Hub, Career Ed 8 & Career Ed 9	To register for FIT sessions.	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
HELP?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	How to SIGN UP Note: Old video. Information relevant to 2023 information starts at 1:55 mins	LINK FOR OFFICE HELP
Where can I go to reset password?	Click on Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account , or ask a member of the Office Staff	https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/ Note: you need to enter your Provincial Education Number (PEN) and date of birth. Need help finding your PEN? Visit https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx and have the following information available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's Legal Last Name • Student Birthdate • Parent/Guardian • Email Address on File 	Click "I forgot my password" button, or ask any teacher or Office Staff	https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/ Note: you need to enter your Provincial Education Number (PEN) and date of birth. Need help finding your PEN? Visit https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx and have the following information available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's Legal Last Name • Student Birthdate • Parent/Guardian • Email Address on File

Bell Schedule and Period Rotation

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
BREAK	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
PERIOD 1	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM
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
PERIOD 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
LUNCH	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
PERIOD 3	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM
BREAK	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM
FIT		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
BREAK		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
PERIOD 4	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM

Linear (full-year) courses such as Leadership occur OFF Timetable (before or after school). Start and end times are set by individual teachers.

Collaborative Planning Time Bell Schedule

When there is a morning Collaborative Day, there are no classes in Period 1. When there is an afternoon Collaborative Day, there are no classes in Period 4

PERIOD 1	AM Collaborative Day, no classes in Period 1	PERIOD 1	8:40 AM – 10:00 AM
BREAK	10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	BREAK	10:00 AM – 10:10 AM
PERIOD 2	10:10 AM – 11:30 AM	PERIOD 2	10:10 AM – 11:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	LUNCH	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
PERIOD 3	12:15 PM – 1:35 PM	PERIOD 3	12:15 PM – 1:35 PM
PERIOD 4	1:45 PM – 3:05 PM	PERIOD 4	PM Collaborative Day, no classes in Period 4



Period Rotation

Semester 1 September 4 – October 7: Rotation AB CD October 8 – November 4: Rotation BA DC November 5 – December 10: Rotation AB CD December 11 – January 28: Rotation BA DC	Semester 2 January 29 – February 28: Rotation AB CD March 3 – April 11: Rotation BA DC April 14 – May 20: Rotation AB CD May 21-June 26: Rotation BA DC
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Course Schedule

Semester 1 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 4, 2024 – January 28, 2025		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 4 – November 8	Q2: November 12 – January 28	
Term Courses (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: September 4 – October 18	T2: October 21 – December 3	T3: December 4 – January 28
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: January 27 & 28			
Semester 2 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 2: January 29 – June 26, 2025		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: January 29 – April 17	Q4: April 22-June 26	
Term Courses (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: January 29 – March 13	T2: March 14 – May 13	T3: May 14 – June 26
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: June 25 & 26			
Full Year Courses (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)	September 4, 2024 – June 26, 2025		

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)

FIT, Flexible Instructional Time, happens every day except Wednesday, for 40 minutes. During FIT students are expected to be engaged in a learning activity of their choice.

Monday and Friday FIT runs 8:40 - 9:20 am, and students do not need to sign up in advance, but when they are in the building, they must be in a learning space, and they must sign in to the Green Book for attendance in the case of an emergency.

Tuesday and Thursday FIT runs 1:20 - 2:00 pm. Students must sign up for Tuesday and Thursday FIT sessions using <http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net> They are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member.

- This is school (instructional) time, and students get a choice of how to spend it doing either schoolwork or personal 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.
- Teachers will communicate with students how to best utilize FIT in support of their academic success throughout the school year.

Collaborative Planning Time

The Vancouver School Board has 8 shortened school days for students, allowing staff to engage in Collaborative Planning Time. During these sessions, teachers enhance their practices in curriculum, instruction, assessment, and social/emotional learning. Students should not be at school unless special arrangements are made.

Collaborative Planning Days

Semester 1	Mon, Sept 16 (AM) Tues, Nov 12 (PM) Mon, Dec 9 (AM) Tues, Jan 15 (PM)	Semester 2	Tues, Feb 11 (PM) Mon, Apr 7 (AM) Mon, May 12 (AM) Tues, June 10 (PM)
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Professional Development Days

Professional Development Days allow teachers to continue professional learning through involvement in programs, services and activities designed to enable teachers, both individually and collectively, to enhance teaching and learning. Students should not be at school during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member.

Fri, Nov 22, 2024
Fri, Feb 14, 2025

Mon, Apr 28, 2025
Fri, May 16, 2025

Graduation Assessments

As part of the graduation requirements, students are required to write three Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12. French Immersion students who wish to obtain a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique must also write the French Immersion Literacy Assessment.

Note that these are NOT Provincial Exams. The result a student achieves on the assessment(s) will not impact their academic standing, **BUT students are required to write the assessments to meet Graduation Requirements.**

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

Schedule (subject to change)

Grade	Assessment Date	Assessment	Link
12	Tues, Nov 5, 2024	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment
12	Wed, Jan 15, 2025 (written) Mon, Jan 13, 2025 (oral)	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année (French as a Second Language- Immersion)	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12
10	Tues, Jan 21, 2025	Numeracy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
10	Fri, Apr 11, 2025	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment
10 & 12	Tues, June 10 & Wed, June 11, 2025	Missed assessment and makeups for Grades 10 and 12	

Results

To view and download a copy of your child's results for any Graduation Assessment, go to [Student Transcripts Services](#), click on Current Student, and register for a BCeID (or login if you already have one). You will need your child's information as noted on the page. You will receive an email via the email you entered. Click the link in the email to confirm. Once you have created an account to access the site, click on "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results" to view results. This site is where you are also able to "View Your Transcript," "Send/Order Your Transcript," as well as other options. The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

Holiday Hampers



Can Van Tech Support your Family?

Inflation has forced more and more families into food insecurity and the Van Tech community is here to help. Each year, we organize a Holiday Hamper event to support families who need financial and food support during the holiday season. Last year we supported 144 families, and we know the number will be higher this year. If your family could benefit from a Holiday Hamper this year, please let your school counsellor or Mr. Van (nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca) know and he'll arrange for a Hamper to be delivered to your home during the final week of school before the Winter Break (Dec 17 to 20). Please note, if you received a hamper last year, you will automatically be on our list for this year, and we will reach out to you in the first two weeks of December to arrange a delivery.



Can You Support our Families and Hamper Drive?

The Van Tech community has come together to support hundreds of our families over the last eight years. The expectation is that we will have a record need this year. We are committed to not saying no to any family in need and helping every family that asks. To do this, we rely on our families that are able to support. Watch for information about collecting food and donations to build our Holiday Hampers from Mon, Dec 2 until Mon, Dec 9.



If you are able to make an online donation, you will receive an instant tax receipt for any donation of \$20 or more. Donate using the QR Code or the [Donation link HERE](#).

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Van (nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca).

Consent Forms

Consent Forms

Most VSB consent forms are now in digital format. Please visit <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/> and enter your child’s PEN and birthdate to give consent (or decline) for each form. Parents/caregivers can revoke their consent at any time. (You can find your child’s PEN in their MyEducation BC account.)

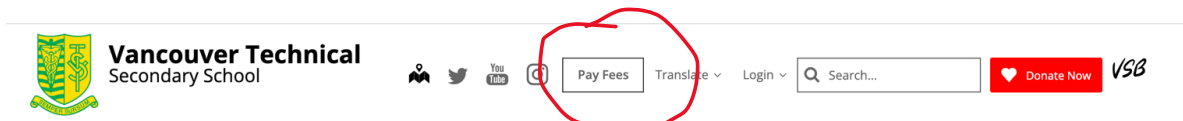
Yearbook Consent

The yearbook consent process was changed in October. Personal information that is collected and distributed to collect the yearbook is done under the authority of section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Should you have any questions about the collection and use of your or your child’s personal information for these purposes, please email vantech@vsb.bc.ca. Please also note that participation in the yearbook program is voluntary. If you have already indicated that you do not consent to your child’s images being used in the yearbook, your response has been noted and you do not need to reach out again. If, however, you did not complete the previous consent form and wish to be excluded from the yearbook please email vantech@vsb.bc.ca no later than **December 16, 2024**.

General Procedures

Student Fees

To pay school or course fee, create an account using [School Cash Online](#). The school fee schedule (an itemized list of fees to be paid by grade), can be found [HERE](#). School fees should now be paid. Any future fees, for events such as field trips, will be available on School Cash Online. When setting up your account be sure to check “YES” to receive email notifications so that you will be notified when fees are added. A direct link to School Cash Online and the school fee schedule can be found at the top of the Van Tech [website](#):



Absences & Attendance

To report your child’s absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8215 (then select option #1) and leave a message. Students cannot report their own absence. Information required:

- Date of absence
• Student number
• Student name
• Reason for absence (i.e., sick, appointment)
• Note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period of one week or more (travel, medical etc.) should see their grade counsellor to complete an extended absence form.

Student Pick-up/Drop-off and Parking

Traffic signs are in place along Penticton Street to allow space for school buses to drop off and pick up students. Thank you for being compliant with city bylaws. Please note that several drivers have been ticketed in the past by the City of Vancouver. You can drop off and pick up students past the traffic signs further south along Penticton Street. Students are not permitted to park on school grounds, they may park on side Streets in designated parking areas.

School Cafeteria

Students can eat lunch on site, and we encourage students to utilize our outdoor spaces such as the garden and front lawn to get some fresh air. Healthy eating helps children learn. There are 3 options for purchasing lunch:

- Option 1: Pay by cash, debit, or credit card.
• Option 2: Download the VSB Lunchsmart™ App (QR codes on the poster linked HERE) and create an account then select the App’s VSB CASH CARD. This VSB CASH CARD feature of the App, allows families to preload their account with funds and use a declining balance method to pay without the need for cash or using a credit card by simply scanning a barcode in the App.
• Option 3: Families may purchase a Lunchsmart™ card and pay the full amount each month. Once purchased, this card can be linked to the VSB Lunchsmart™ App, allowing students the option of using their phone to scan a barcode. This card is limited to a one-time purchase of \$8.75 per day. A subsidy is available for families who require help with



nutrition services at school. To register for the program and/or apply for a subsidy, please come to the school office to pick up the necessary forms.

Personal Digital Devices Guidelines

Van Tech has an updated Code of Conduct which restrict students' use of personal digital devices during school hours: [Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines](#). Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode before students enter the classroom and remain silent during instructional time. Devices are not permitted for use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission. If you need to contact your child while they are at school, please call the Main Office.

Important Upcoming Dates

Visit our school website for the full year calendar: [Calendar \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)

Sun, Dec 1 – Fri, Dec 6	Grad Photos - book with Artona
Dec 3	Semester 1, Term 2 ends (ADST Rotation)
Dec 4	Semester 1, Term 3 starts (ADST Rotation)
Dec 9	Collaborative Day – no Period 1
Dec 11	Block Rotation: BA DC
Dec 17	Student Forum
Dec 23	Winter Break starts
Jan 6	School reopens

Stay Updated

You can find Van Tech news at:



vantech.vsb.bc.ca



[@vantechsec](#)



[YouTube](#)



vantech@vsb.bc.ca

You can find VSB news at www.vsb.bc.ca. Find important dates on the [District calendar](#). Follow the VSB on [Instagram](#), [X](#), [TikTok](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#). Subscribe to the VSB's podcast, [VSB: After the Bell](#), on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts, to get behind the scenes.