



September 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), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

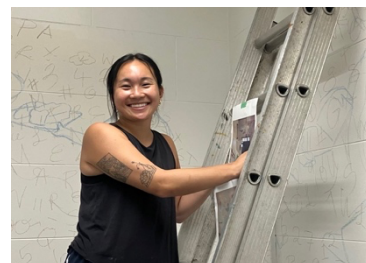
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Welcome Van Tech Students!

Whether you are new or returning, we're excited to have you as part of our community.

Van Tech offers a range of programs to meet the needs of diverse learners, including various academic, athletic, and artistic opportunities for our students. Our school is committed to creating an equitable learning environment where every student can experience a sense of belonging.

Students, we encourage you to become active participants in the valuable learning opportunities extended through our programs, clubs, Student Council, and service activities. Parents and caregivers, we invite you to join our school Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). It's a great way to get involved and learn more about the school.



Local Artist Paige Jung painting a mural in our foyer. Funded by the PAC, it celebrates our diverse community.

Please join us in welcoming new staff: Yasmin Al-Ansari (SSA - Life Skills), David Ma (SSA), Amy Wei (SSA - LAC), Al Eggo (Science), Seth Johnson (English TOC for Sakamoto), Kim Kwan (Resource), Alana Ryan (French Immersion Science), Kaera Ross (Grade 11 Counsellor), Christine Simister (French). We're pleased to share some updates from our staff. Over the summer, Ashley Adamson became Ashley Sanderson, and Varsha Sakamoto welcomed her first child. We also want to bid a fond farewell to Johnathon Mackenzie (Resource), Norma Meza Mendoza (SSA), Morgane Pocard (French), and Dor Tabi (Life Skills).

To prepare for the return to school, please take some time to review the information in this bulletin as it has important information regarding the school year and some useful links:

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We would like to remind caregivers and students the VSB Code of Conduct that limits students' use of personal digital devices during school hours, as mandated by the Province of B.C. In secondary schools, personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode before students enter the classroom and remain silent during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not permitted for use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission. Please note that students should not use their phones when on a bathroom break. If you need to communicate with your child during the school day, please call the Main Office. Students who wish to call their parents during the day must have teacher permission, and these calls should take place in the Main Office. Please see this link for Van Tech's guidelines: [Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines](#). We encourage parents and caregivers to discuss this change with their student(s) before the first day of school.

As always, we welcome your comments and questions. It is a privilege to serve the Van Tech community, and we look forward to the upcoming school year.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



David Cacchioni
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



Counselling Department Information

Our counselling department is here to support you! We are excited to connect with students and build community within our grade levels. We offer a variety of services, so swing by and we will be happy to help!

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!



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Notice of Late Return

If your child is returning to school later than Friday, September 5th, 2025 (and before September 30th, 2025) please complete the [Notice of Late Return 2025](#) form and submit it to the Van Tech Office as soon as possible. Forms are also available in the school Main Office. If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Monday, September 8th, 2025, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
	Grade Assemblies, Auditorium Gr. 9 – 9:00 am Gr. 10 – 10:00 am Gr. 11 – 11:00 am Gr. 12 – 12:00 pm Gr. 8 – 1:00 pm	First Full Day of Classes, 8:40 am start	Photo Day, schedule below P3 FIT Freeze	Grade 8 Assembly, Auditorium, 8:40 am
8	9	10	11	12
	Forms Return, P3 FIT Freeze			



Tuesday, September 2: Grade Assemblies in the Auditorium

All students should attend as we will be covering important information including NEW procedures. Grade 8s will get a locker and paper copy of their timetables at this time.

Wednesday, September 3: First full day of instruction

- In Period 1, Grade 8 students will receive an agenda and two forms: [Student Information Verification Form 2025](#), and a [Reunification Authorization Form](#).

Thursday, September 4: Photo Day

- Photos will be used for Grade 8-12 GoCards and for Grade 8-11 yearbook photos.
- To access photos, students and staff will be given a card with their unique access code and QR code to keep after their photo is taken. Go to [Welcome To Artona](#) to use the access code or scan the QR to go straight to your student’s personal gallery.
- Photo retakes will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.
- Grade 12 graduation portraits will be published in the yearbook and are used for the composite gets displayed in the corridor.
- Grade 12s can book graduation photos NOW using [this link](#).** Individual photos will be taken from November 29 to December 4, 2025, while group photos are scheduled between September 19, 2025, and March 29, 2026. Both sessions take place at Artona’s Vancouver Studio.
- For details, see the Van Tech page on Artona’s website: <https://artona.com/schools/VANT>

Photo Schedule

DSP, LAC (SR/JR) 8:40 - 9:00 am OR 10:00 - 10:15 am	Grade 11 A-L 9:00 – 9:30 am M-Z 9:30 – 10:00 am	Grade 10 A-L 10:15- 10:45 am M-Z 10:45-11:15 am
Grade 9 A-L 12:20-12:50 pm M-Z 12:50 – 1:15 pm	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
*Students who miss their photo time will be called down with the 2:30 pm group		

Thursday, September 4: P3 FIT Freeze (students stay with their P3 teacher for FIT) - Opening Procedures

- Grade 8s will be called down to the cafeteria as per the schedule above for their photo.
- Grades 9 - 12 will receive a [Reunification Authorization Form](#).
- Grades 9 - 12 will receive [Student Information Verification 2025 Form](#): *please check your email inbox for a message from MyEd that the form has been published. Click on the “Published Reports” button on the right side of your student’s main account page. If changes need to be made to the form, please print and return to your P3 teacher on Tuesday, September 9.*

Friday, September 5: Grade 8 FIT Assembly

- All Grade 8s are to meet in the Auditorium @ 8:40 am for a review of Opening Procedures.

Tuesday, September 9: P3 FIT Freeze (students stay with their P3 teacher for FIT) - Forms Return

- All students return the [Reunification Authorization Form](#) and [Student Information Verification 2025 Form](#)
- 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.

Timetables

All student MyEd accounts are currently “expired.” They will be reactivated with access to timetables by 3:00 pm, on Friday, August 29. Grade 8s will receive a paper copy of their timetable after the 1:00 pm Grade 8 assembly on Tuesday, September 2. Please ensure your child records this information in a second location.

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

- Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
 - The login ID is your child’s student number and last successful password.
* If you haven’t logged in before, the default MyEducation BC Password is set by the district to: Dist\$2026
 - 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.
*Please note your password in a secure place.

The deadline for timetable changes is Monday, September 15. Schedule change requests by email sent before September 3 will not be processed. Information regarding schedule changes will be given during the opening day assemblies.



Lockers

We have a NEW Locker registration process using Microsoft FORMS. Information will be provided at the grade assemblies on Tuesday, September 2.

Students in the following programs will be assigned lockers:

- ALL Grade 8s
 - Summit
 - Jr and Sr LAC
- Life Skills
 - International students
 - Sr Music students

Grade 12s will have the opportunity to select a locker via the Grad Hallway Locker Fundraiser. Details will be shared by Grad Committee in early September.

Locks can be purchased for \$18 starting September 2. Bring \$18 (cash or cheque) to the accountant. Students may wish to purchase a second lock for PE.

Important:

- Locks on unregistered lockers will be cut off and locker contents removed.
- Lockers and locker combinations should not be shared.
- Contact Ms. Thompson (jthompson@vsb.bc.ca) for any issues regarding lockers. Write LOCKERS in the subject line.

Technology Tools

We will review the information below with students in the first two weeks of school, and they will become familiar with the tools over the school year. We encourage students to note their passwords in a secure place.

Technology Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	Office 365
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website	https://www.office.com/
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, report cards	Classroom Materials, Student Hub, Career Ed 8 & Career Ed 9	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
HELP?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	LINK FOR OFFICE HELP
Where can I go to reset password?	Click on a Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account , Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff

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 AM Collaborative Day, there are no classes in Period 1. When there is a morning PM 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	Semester 2
September 2 – October 6: Rotation AB CD October 7 – November 12: Rotation BA DC November 13 – December 15: Rotation AB CD December 16 – January 27: Rotation BA DC	January 28 – February 27: Rotation AB CD March 1 – April 14: Rotation BA DC April 15 – May 19: Rotation AB CD May 20 - June 25: Rotation BA DC

Course Schedule

Semester 1 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 2, 2025 – January 27, 2026		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 2, 2025 – November 10, 2025	Q2: November 12, 2025 – January 27, 2026	
Term Courses (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: September 2, 2025 – October 17, 2025	T2: October 20, 2025 – November 28, 2025	T3: December 1, 2025 – January 27, 2026
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: January 26 & 27			

Semester 2 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 2: January 28, 2026 – June 25, 2026		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: January 28, 2026 – April 17, 2026	Q4: April 21, 2026 – June 25, 2026	
Term Courses (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: January 28, 2026 – March 13, 2026	T2: March 30, 2026 – May 8, 2026	T3: May 11, 2026 – June 25, 2026
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: June 24 & 25			

Full Year Courses (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)	September 2, 2025 – June 25, 2026		
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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.

Tuesday and Thursday FIT runs 1:20 - 2:00 pm. Students must sign up for Tuesday and Thursday FIT sessions. Students are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member.

A NEW sign up and attendance system will be used for Tuesday and Thursday FIT this year. Students will be given instructions in early September.

Monday and Friday FIT runs 8:40 - 9:20 am, and students do not need to sign up in advance. Students in learning spaces will sign-in to the Green Book for attendance in the case of an emergency.

- 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 support 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 calendar includes 8 shortened school days for students while staff remain on site for the full day to participate in Collaborative Planning Time. This time provides staff an opportunity to come together to engage in activities and discussions unique to each school community that support and enhance student progress and achievement. During Collaborative Planning Time, teachers work to share, discuss, and learn from each other to enhance their teaching practices within four pillars of education: curriculum, instruction, assessment, and social / emotional learning.



Students should not be at school during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member. To ensure equitable instructional time, four sessions of Collaborative Planning Time occur in the morning and afternoon respectively. The Provincial government sets out minimum hours of instruction for all grade levels, and the Vancouver School Board calendar, with Staff Collaborative Planning Time included, meets the Provincial Requirements.

Collaborative Planning Days

Semester 1	Monday, September 15 (AM) Monday, November 3 (AM) Tuesday, December 9 (PM) Tuesday, January 13 (PM)	Semester 2	Monday, February 9 (AM) Thursday, April 9 (PM) Tuesday, May 12 (PM) Monday, June 8 (AM)
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Professional Development Days

Friday, September 19, 2025
Friday, October 24, 2025
Friday, November 21, 2025
Friday, February 13, 2026
Monday, April 20, 2026
Friday, May 15, 2026

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.

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.

The Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 8 and 9 will receive marks on a four-point proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in Grades 10 -12 will receive a letter grade and percentage. Written Learning Updates for all students will now also include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback.

Van Tech students will receive **Written Learning Updates** such as interims and reports and **Informal Learning Updates** such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences.

If you have questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Teacher contact information is on the school website: [Vancouver Technical \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://www.vsb.bc.ca)

Reporting Schedule

Semester		Interim Report	Mid-Semester Report	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Final Semester Report
1	Due	October 6, 2025	November 18, 2025	November 6, 2025	January 28, 2026
	Published	October 9, 2025	November 21, 2025		January 30, 2026
2	Due	March 3, 2026	April 28, 2026	April 16, 2026	June 22, 2026
	Published	March 6, 2026	May 1, 2026		June 25, 2026
Linear Courses	Due	November 18, 2025	January 28, 2026	November 6, 2025 April 16, 2026	June 22, 2026
	Published	November 21, 2025	January 30, 2026		June 25, 2026
Core Competencies	Published	November 21, 2025	January 30, 2026		June 25, 2026

You can read a summary of the reporting policy here: <https://bit.ly/3sEwBSR> or use the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s website: <https://bit.ly/47XsOk6>. If you have any questions about the policy, please reach out to any school Administrator for further information.

Your child’s report card is **electronic** and will be published to their [MyEducation BC](#) account. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**



Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)

All parents and caregivers are invited!

The first PAC meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 24 @7:00 pm in the library.

- Meet other Van Tech parents
- Learn about school happenings
- Influence funding decisions
- Share and hear ideas
- Address student concerns

Join us to make the most of our teens’ high school years!

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

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 assessment 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	Tuesday, November 4, 2025	Literacy 12	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment
12	Monday, January 12, 2026 (written) Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (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	Friday, January 15, 2026	Literacy 10	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment
10	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Numeracy 10	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
10 & 12	Tuesday, June 9	Missed assessment and rewrites	

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.



Athletics

2025 Fall Season Athletics Information and Registration

All students wanting to participate on a school team MUST register prior to the first tryout/practice to be eligible. Registration for fall sports teams is now live. Please register as soon as possible [HERE: https://forms.office.com/r/HptRQcEggQ](https://forms.office.com/r/HptRQcEggQ) Check the Athletics Channel in the Van Tech Student Hub TEAM for updates on tryout/meeting dates and times.

CURRENT FIRST TRYOUT/MEETING INFO

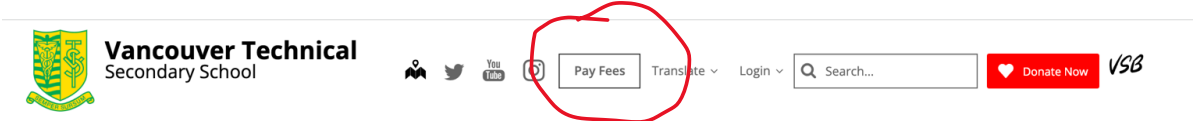
- Senior (Grades 11-12) Girls Volleyball: TBA
- Junior (Grade 10) Girls Volleyball: Wed. Sept. 3 and Thurs. Sept. 4 - 5:15-7:15 - East Gym
- Juvenile (Grade 9) Girls Volleyball: Wed. Sept. 3 and Thurs. Sept. 4 - 3:15-5:15 - Main Gym
- Bantam (Grade 8) Girls Volleyball (2 teams): TBA
- Senior (Grade 11-12) Boys Volleyball: TBA
- Junior (Grade 10) Boys Volleyball: TBA
- Senior (Grade 10-12) Boys Soccer: TBA
- Juvenile (Grade 8-9) Boys Soccer: TBA
- Swimming: TBA
- Gr. 8-9 Boys Rugby: TBA
- Cross Country: TBA
- Field Hockey: TBA

Instructions on how to access TEAMS will be provided to students in the first two weeks of school.

General Procedures

Student Fees

To pay a 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](#). **Please pay by September 30.** Information about supplemental student fees will be provided by individual classroom teachers. 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](#):



Forms

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.

Absences & Attendance

To report your child’s absence, parents/guardians/caregivers please contact the school by emailing techattendance@vsb.bc.ca. Students cannot report their own absence; messages will be verified. Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (i.e., sick, appointment)
- contact number/name for absence verification

Extended Absences

- Any students who will be away for an extended period of one week or more (trave, 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. Drop-off and pick-up students should happen south of the traffic signs. Thank you for being compliant with city bylaws.
- Students may NOT park in the school parking lots.

Vancouver School Board Cafeteria

Full daily lunch service in the cafeteria will begin by **Monday, September 8**. Light service will begin on September 4. 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: Download the *VSB Lunchsmart™* App (QR codes on the poster linked [HERE](#)) and create an account. Families may then choose the **VSB SMART CARD** feature, which provides a digital card number for lunch payments. The cost is based on **\$9.25 per day**, with a prorated monthly total. Payments are submitted at the beginning of each month by envelope (cash or cheque) to the school office. Students can then use their phones to scan a barcode at lunchtime. To activate this feature, families must complete the registration forms available in the Main Office to receive their digital card number. A limited subsidy is also available to support families who need assistance with nutrition services at school.



Important Upcoming Dates

[VSB 2025-2026 Calendar](#) - [Van Tech 2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

Sept 1	Labour Day – no classes
Sept 2	Grade Assemblies
Sept 3	First day of classes
Sept 4	Photo Day & FIT Freeze for Gr 9-12
Sept 5	Grade 8 FIT assembly, 8:40 am
Sept 9	FIT Freeze – Forms Return
Sept 15	Collaborative Day – no Period 1
Sept 17	Terry Fox Run
Sept 19	Professional Development Day – no classes
Sept 23	Gr 12 Parent Info Night
Sept 24	PAC AGM, 7:00 pm
Sept 29	Canadian Universities Event
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no classes
Oct 7	Block Rotation: BA DC
Oct 9	Career Programs Presentation, FIT Written Learning Updates (Interim Reports) published
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
Oct 16	Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill, 10:17 am
Oct 17	Semester 1, Term 1 ends (ADST Rotation)
Oct 20	Semester 1, Term 2 starts (ADST Rotation)
Oct 21	PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct 22	Summit Information Night
Oct 24	Provincial Professional Development Day – no classes
Oct 29	Photo Retake Day
Oct 30	Flex Humanities Information Night
Nov 3	Collaborative Day – no Period 1
Nov 4	Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment
Nov 6	Caregiver – Teacher Conferences – early dismissal
Nov 8	Quarter 1 ends (Grade 8 Fine Arts, Grade 9 Electives)
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – no classes
Nov 12	Quarter 2 starts (Grade 8 Fine Arts, Grade 9 Electives)
Nov 13	P3 FIT Freeze Block Rotation AB CD
Nov 18	Immunization Clinic PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov 20	P3 FIT Freeze Jazz Cabaret
Nov 21	Professional Development Day – no classes Mid-Semester Learning Updates (Reports) published
Nov 25	Student Forum
Nov 28	Semester 1, Term 2 ends (ADST Rotation)
Sat Nov 29 – Thurs Dec 4	Grad Photos - book with Artona
Dec 1	Semester 1, Term 3 starts (ADST Rotation)
Dec 3	Gr 11 & 12 Post Secondary Event
Dec 4	Winter Band and Jazz Concert
Dec 9	Collaborative Day – no Period 4
Dec 11	Winter Orchestra & Choir Concert
Dec 16	Block Rotation: BA DC
Dec 19	Last Day of Instruction before Winter Vacation
Jan 5	School Reopens after Winter Vacation

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