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August 23, 2024

Dear Eric Hamber School Community,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. We are excited to welcome you to the start of a new school year and to a beautiful new and seismically safe building!

Our team has been working diligently to prepare for the start of a new school year and we're eager to create an inspiring and supportive environment for all students. We encourage parents and guardians to stay involved, as parent/guardian engagement plays a vital role in our community's success. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3, 2024!

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First Week Schedule

Tuesday, September 3rd:

Students will arrive at the new Eric Hamber building and go to the main entrance to find their name and associated homeroom in the Atrium. Room numbers appear on the walls throughout the school, so Grade 9-12 students can locate their homeroom classes by using these as guides. Grade 8s will meet in the Auditorium, just off the Atrium, prior to making their way to their homerooms guided by our senior Peer Counsellors.

Students will report to their homerooms at the following times:

GRADE	TIME
Grades 9 and 10	10:00am – 10:30am
Grades 11 and 12	11:00am – 11:30pm
Grade 8	1:00pm - 2:00pm*
<i>*Grade 8s will first meet in the Auditorium/Theatre before going to their homerooms</i>	

During homeroom, students will (re)connect with friends and classmates, as well as receive their schedules, assigned locker number, student agendas and forms to be brought home, signed and returned. Following the 30-minute scheduled time on Tuesday, students will be **dismissed and asked to leave the building.** We ask that students do not wander or explore the building as there will be time to do that later in the week.

Wednesday, September 4th and Thursday September 5th:

Students report to their homerooms at 8:40 am and remain there until 9:20 am. There will be a 5-minute break, then students are to report to their first period class at 9:25am.

Friday, September 6th:

Students will follow a regular [weekly bell schedule](#).

School Fees

Fees can be paid online via schoolcashonline and can be accessed [HERE](#). School fees will be accessible Monday, August 26th. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's counsellor and/or the school grade administrator.

Course and grade specific fees will become available throughout the school year. It is recommended that parents/guardians check back often or set up and activate notifications.

MyForms

Our **Consent** forms (VSB Internal Media, Acceptable Use Policy, External Use Media, Adobe CC Consent (if applicable), and the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation can now be accessed online [HERE](#) . We ask that you review the forms after you log in with your child(ren)'s personal education number (PEN) and date of birth (DOB). This is to be completed by September 30, 2024.

The **Emergency Reunification** form will be given to students in homeroom and must be returned as soon as possible.

The **Student Information Verification** forms will be published to MyEd in the first week of school and parents/guardians will be able to submit changes online. Families will be notified by email when these become available.

Locks and Lockers

All lockers will be assigned this year. Students will require one lock for their assigned locker and a second lock for use during PE class. Students can pre-purchase school approved combination locks online through School Fees for \$19.00 each.

All grade 8s will receive 1 lock during their homeroom on Tuesday, September 3rd which will be added in their school fees. At this time, grade 8 students will meet the Grade 12 Peer Counsellors who can help them learn to use combination locks if needed. A schedule for Grade 9-12s picking up pre-paid locks will be available to students the first week of school or they may use a lock from a previous year.

Calendar 2024-2025

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Eric Hamber 2024-2025 calendar. This calendar webpage will be updated throughout the course of the school year.

Access to Building

Due to construction delays, students and families are not permitted inside the building until September 3rd. As a result, communication between students and counsellors must be conducted via MS Teams or email.

Pick Up and Drop Off - Traffic Flow

The new building will have significant changes to historical pick up and drop off patterns. There is a new pick up and drop off zone on the south side of 33rd avenue. Given the parking and traffic flow changes, please slow down and exercise caution in the area. We encourage students to be dropped off outside the school zone and "walk a block." Detailed maps of traffic flow will be posted to the [Hamber website](#) before September 3rd.

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) is a period of instructional time built into the weekly schedule that gives students more agency in their learning, goal setting, and time management, empowering student to develop their thinking, communication, personal, and social core competencies. Ultimately, the purpose of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) is to support the learning and well-being of students by enabling them to have a choice in how, when, and where their learning takes place.

Examples of ways to use Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)	Places at school to be during Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments.▪ Attending tutorial sessions▪ Connecting with counsellors▪ Collaborating with other students on projects▪ Individual time for wellness, mindfulness, reflection, and learning▪ Career Life Connections 12 and Capstone▪ Enrichment passion projects▪ Grade-wide assemblies▪ Core competency reflection and goal setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Classrooms (30 max.)▪ Gym (as per PHE Department schedule)▪ Huddle Spaces▪ Library (as per Library schedule)▪ Atrium▪ Outdoor Learning Spaces (on-campus)

FIT Expectations: Questions & Answers

1. Will my teachers be available during FIT?

Yes. Since FIT is instructional time, teachers are available to support you in your learning by offering extra help, engaging with you in an educational program, or by providing a place to study and collaborate.

2. Can a teacher assign me to a specific class/task during FIT?

Yes. Since FIT is instructional time, a teacher may specify that you spend your FIT with them, especially if you are behind in your learning in that subject. If more than one teacher requires you to spend FIT with them, it is your responsibility to arrange a schedule and communicate with your teachers. Teachers can also, on occasion, have an entire class come in for flex to complete a lab, assignment, tutorial, exam, etc.

3. Can I go to the classes of teachers who I do not currently have?

It is expected that you will be seeking help from your current teachers. Teachers may wish to offer assistance to students that are not currently enrolled in their classes.

4. What if a class I want to go to is full?

Classroom spaces may be capped at 30 students (or less depending on the learning space). If your FIT choice is full, make sure you have a second choice ready.

5. Can I work in the Cafeteria, Library, Foyer, classrooms during FIT?

Yes. If you choose to select one of these locations for FIT, please ensure that you are focused on learning and mindful of others around you. Remember that FIT is instructional time. Thank you in advance for keeping these spaces focused on learning and wellness.

6. What if there is an assembly or core competency activity scheduled during FIT?

If there is an assembly or core competency activity scheduled during FIT, you are expected to attend and participate in the assembly or core competency activity.

7. What if there is a fire alarm or need for evacuation?

*All students and staff respond as they would during regular class time: evacuate the building via the designated exit, and then **marshal on the field in your grade islands for attendance.***

- **Morning FIT: marshal with your Period 1 teacher after evacuation.**
- **Afternoon FIT: marshal with your Period 3 teacher after evacuation.**
- **Before school: marshal with your Period 1 teacher after evacuation.**

Break, lunch, or afterschool: marshal with the teacher from your previous period after evacuation.

Grade Assemblies

The mandatory grade assemblies will be held in the Theater/Auditorium on the Monday and Tuesday, September 9th and 10th. All students of the associated grade for the grade assembly are expected to attend on time.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th	TIME	AUDITORIUM ASSEMBLY
Period 1	8:40 AM	Grade 8 students
Period 2	10:10 AM	Grade 9 students
Period 3	12:15 PM	Grade 10 students
Period 4	1:15 PM	Grade 11 students
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th	TIME	AUDITORIUM ASSEMBLY
Period 1	8:40 AM	Grade 12 students

Bell schedule

Semester 1: September 3 – January 28 September 4 to November 8: Period 1, 2, 3, 4 November 12 to January 28: Period 2, 1, 4, 3		Semester 2: January 29 – June 26 January 29 to April 17: Period 1, 2, 3, 4 April 22 to June 26: Period 2, 1, 4, 3		
Semester Turnaround Days: January 27 and 28				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT (location: ____) 8:40-9:20 (40 min)	Block 1 8:40-10:00 (80 min)	FIT (location: ____) 8:40-9:20 (40 min)	Block 1 8:40-10:00 (80 min)	Block 1 8:40-10:00 (80 min)
Break 9:20-9:25		Break 9:20-9:25		
Block 1 9:25-10:25 (60 min)	Break 10:00-10:10	Block 1 9:25-10:25 (60 min)	Break 10:00-10:10	Break 10:00-10:10
Break 10:25-10:30	Block 2 10:10-11:30 (80 min)	Break 10:25-10:30	Block 2 10:10-11:30 (80 min)	Block 2 10:10-11:30 (80 min)
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LUNCH (45 min) 11:30-12:15				
Block 3 12:15-1:35 (80 min)	Block 3 12:15-1:15 (60 min)	Block 3 12:15-1:35 (80 min)	Block 3 12:15-1:15 (60 min)	Block 3 12:15-1:35 (80 min)
Break 1:35-1:45	Break 1:15-1:20		Break 1:15-1:20	
Block 4 1:45-3:05 (80 min)	FIT (location: ____) 1:20-2:00 (40 min)	Block 4 1:45-3:05 (80 min)	FIT (location: ____) 1:20-2:00 (40 min)	Block 4 1:45-3:05 (80 min)
	Break 2:00-2:05		Break 2:00-2:05	
	Block 4 2:05-3:05 (60 min)		Block 4 2:05-3:05 (60 min)	

COLLABORATIVE DAY (HIP) BELL SCHEDULE			EARLY DISMISSAL BELL SCHEDULE	
	Morning HIP Students start at 10:05 am SE 13, NO 28, FE 21, MA 2	Afternoon HIP Students dismissed at 1:40 pm OC 18, JA 10, AP 4, JN 6	Parent Teacher Conferences (NO 27, MA 1) Graduation Ceremony (JU 3)	
HIP am	8:40-10:00 (80 min)			
Block 1	10:05-10:45 (40 min)			
Break	10:45-10:50 am			
Block 2	10:50-11:30 (40 min)			
Block 3		12:15-12:55 (40 min)	Block 3	12:15-1:05 (50 min)
Break		12:55-1:00	Break	1:05-1:15
Block 4		1:00-1:40 (40 min)	Block 4	1:15-2:05 (50 min)
HIP pm		1:45-3:05 (80 min)		

MyEducation BC Access

Access to the MyEducation BC family portal will be available **after 3pm on August 30th**. Students will be able to access their schedule and homeroom at this time. Students will also receive paper copies of their schedules during homeroom on September 3rd.

New Students and Grade 8s will be provided additional information at the beginning of September to access the MyEducation BC Family Portal.

For grade 9-12 students, how do I access the MyEducation BC Family Portal?

1. Go to the MyEd Website (<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>)
2. Type in the student number as the login ID
3. The password is the one that you and your student have already been using.

What if I forgot my password?

1. Click on the "I forgot my password" link.
2. A response should come to the email that is associated with the account.
3. If you do not recall the email associated with the account, please send an email hamber@vsb.bc.ca to request assistance.

What if my MyEducation BC account is disabled?

Please send an email to hamber@vsb.bc.ca to request assistance.

Course Schedules

Printed student schedules will be available on Tuesday, September 3rd in homeroom.

Reminder that students are not permitted in the building until September 3rd and must access their grade counsellor via MS Teams or Email.

Reasons to see a counsellor during the first week of school:

- Summer School/online Updates
- Incomplete Schedules
- Grad Requirements and/or course mistakes
- Post-Secondary Requirements (please keep in mind Grade 12's have priority for classes)

Book appointments with a counsellor for the above reasons only. If you have a complete schedule, you are expected to attend all scheduled classes. If you have an incomplete schedule, please wait in the Atrium and your counsellor will connect with you during the period when you have no class scheduled.

For any changes for reasons other than the ones listed above, students should check their Grade Teams for information directly from Grade Counsellors as they will let students know the process.

Questions?

For general inquiries please contact us through our general email address: hamber@vsb.bc.ca

Staff contact information is also available on our school [website](#).

We are looking forward to a year of learning, sports, clubs, music, and other extracurricular activities.

Sincerely,

The Administration Team of Eric Hamber Secondary

Nick Despotakis, Vice Principal (Grades 8 and 10)

Natasha Gates, Vice Principal (Grades 9 and 11)

Jason Lauzon, Principal (Grade 12)