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# **2025 Summer Learning Opening Newsletter**

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## District Principal's Message

Greetings and welcome to Summer Learning 2025!

Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of the District Summer Learning Team, the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and the Board of Education, I am delighted to welcome you to Summer Learning 2025. As we embark on this exciting journey, we want to emphasize the importance of maintaining high expectations that mirror those of the regular school year. This includes a commitment to being on time, in attendance, being present, and approaching your studies with a serious attitude and strong work ethic.

We understand that many of you may be attending a different school during the summer program. We encourage families of young children to discuss safe meeting places and to inform schools of any absences using the respective school emails. Your cooperation in these matters is crucial to ensuring a safe and productive learning environment for all.

From a health and safety standpoint, we also want to stress the importance of following traffic patterns and signs as well as respecting our neighbours and their parking spaces. We encourage younger families to arrive earlier and walk to the school to less the traffic and your own personal frustration when trying to leave. Safety is a collective responsibility - we are all in this together and we appreciate your cooperation.

As one of the largest programs in the province, serving over 11,000 students, we are proud of the opportunities we provide for continuous learning and educational experiences. This would not be possible without the dedication of our teachers and support staff, who have generously given up a part of their summer vacation to support our students. We extend a huge thank you to them for their unwavering commitment.

We are optimistic about the learning and growth that will take place this summer. Together, we will make this a memorable and successful experience for everyone involved.

Warm regards,

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District Principal of Summer Learning

### **Summer Learning Programs**

The staff at all our Summer Learning sites look forward to welcoming students to our 2025 Elementary and Secondary programs. This newsletter is intended to provide students and parents with some general information to that will be helpful in gaining an enjoyable and successful summer learning experience.

\*Please note that your respective Summer Learning Principals will be sending an additional welcome letter to parents with pertinent information prior to the start of summer learning.

#### **Elementary Summer School Locations**

- Renfrew Elementary 3315 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Weir Elementary 2900 East 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Dickens Elementary 101 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Mackenzie Elementary 960 East 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Maple Grove Elementary 1924 West 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Sexsmith Elementary 7410 Columbia Street
- Van Horne Elementary 5855 Ontario Street
- Trafalgar Elementary 4170 Trafalgar Street

#### Elementary Rec & Read Locations

- Cook Elementary 3340 East 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- David Lloyd George Elementary 1338 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Elsie Roy Elementary 150 Drake Street
- Hastings Elementary 2625 Franklin Street
- Queen Alexandra Elementary 1300 East Broadway
- Norquay Elementary 4710 Slocan Street
- Seymour Elementary 1130 Keefer Street
- Thunderbird Elementary 2325 Cassiar Street
- General Wolfe Elementary 4251 Ontario Street

#### **Secondary Summer School Locations**

- Churchill Secondary 7055 Heather Street
- Tupper Secondary 419 East 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Prince of Wales 2250 Eddington Drive
- Van Tech Secondary 2600 East Broadway

2025 Summer School Program Dates and Times					
Details	Elementary		Secondary		
	All Courses	*Rec & Read Programs	Preview Grade 8 & 9 Review Grade 8 & 9 Remedial Grad 10 & 11 ELL Courses	Completion Courses	
First Day of Class	Thursday July 3	Thursday July 3	Thursday July 3	Thursday July 3	
Morning Classes	8:30 am- 12:00 pm	8:30 am- 12:00 pm	8:00 am – 10:25 am 10:35 am – 1:00 pm	8:00 am – 11:50 am	
Afternoon Classes	12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Recreational 12:00-2:30pm	N/A	12:20 pm – 4:10 pm	
Last Day of Class	Friday, July 18, 2025	Friday, July 18, 2025	Friday, July 25, 2025	Friday, August 1, 2025	

## Who to Contact (July 3rd – August 1st)

Secondary Summer School	Office Phone School Email	Administrators
Churchill Summer School Office	604-713-1111	Janet McCarron – Principal Wynn Deschner – Vice Principal
in Room	summerlearningchurchill@vsb.bc.ca	,
Tupper Summer School Office	604-713-7302	Ryan Tanabe – Principal Jonathan Wynn – Vice Principal
in Room	summerlearningtupper@vsb.bc.ca	- Johannan Wynn Vice i inicipal
Prince of Wales Summer School Office	604-713-8979	Tony Lee - Principal Elizabeth Watanabe – Vice Principal
in Room C102	summerlearningprinceofwales@vsb.bc.ca	Linzabeth Watanabe Vice / Imapai
Vancouver Technical Summer School Office	604-713-8228	Steven Cameron – Principal Tanya Noble – Vice Principal
in Room 206	summerlearningvantech@vsb.bc.ca	Tanya Nobic Vice i Inicipal

## Who to Contact (July 3rd – July 18th)

Elementary Summer Schools	Office Phone School Email	Administrator	
Dickens	604-713-4978	Curtis Lai – Principal Clayton Train – Vice-Principal	
	summerlearningdickens@vsb.bc.ca		
Mackenzie	604-713-4799	Aileen Neale – Principal Jen Johnson – Vice-Principal	
	summerlearningmackenzie@vsb.bc.ca		
Maple Grove	604-713-5356	Emily Akita – Principal  Christine Lang – Vice-Principal	
	summerlearningmaplegrove@vsb.bc.ca		
Renfrew	604-713-4851	Sue Heywood – Principal	
	summerlearningrenfrew@vsb.bc.ca	Scott Morgan – Vice-Principal	
Sexsmith	604-713-4901	Lindy Liu – Principal	
	summerlearningsexsmith@vsb.bc.ca	Tim Dong – Vice-Principal	
Trafalgar	604-713-5475	Mark Cormack – Principal Nicholas Blanchard – Vice-Principal	
	summerlearningtrafalgar@vsb.bc.ca		
Van Horne	604-713-4965	Lee Richardson – Principal	
	summerlearningvanhorne@vsb.bc.ca	Markus Beutel – Vice-Principal	
Weir Elementary	604-713-4752	Tim Eves – Principal	
	summerlearningweir@vsb.bc.ca	Cynthia Shan – Vice-Principal	
Rec & Read Program	604-785-0781	Stella Lee – Principal	
	summerlearningrecandread@vsb.bc.ca		
ELL	tdouglas@vsb.bc.ca	Tiffany Douglas – Vice-Principal	

\*Please note that the Summer Learning Office may be at a different location than the regular day school office. Summer Learning Office phone numbers will only be available when the Summer Learning programs are in operation.

## Change in Summer Plans?

With the onset of summer and expected long stretches of warm sunny days, we understand that summer plans do change. For students who no longer plan to attend Summer Learning or students who cannot attend class during the first week of school, we kindly ask students/parents/guardians to notify the District Summer Learning Office at <a href="mailto:summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca">summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca</a> prior to the start of the Summer Learning program. \*REGISTRATION CHANGES (NEW OR EXISTING) CANNOT BE MADE AT THE SL SITES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT SUMMER LEARNING OFFICE.

\*After the start of summer learning on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, please send all email correspondence to your child's respective schools. Contact list is above.

Please note that students will be withdrawn after <u>JULY 11</u> of the summer session if the student has not shown up for the course and no communication has been made with the Summer Learning office regarding intent of attendance.

Should the initial day of the course have commenced, it is vital to contact the Summer Learning Office at the specific school where the student is enrolled in one or more classes. This action greatly aids the school because it allows them to notify the instructor of whether the student will be withdrawing or remaining enrolled. Furthermore, students who plan to persist with their summer coursework should be aware that consistent attendance is anticipated throughout the program.

#### Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents who are planning to drive students to school are urged to be extra careful when driving through a school zone and to consider the following two options.

- **Drive to 5** If you are driving, try parking nearby the school, but not directly in front of the school. This helps reduce congestion at the main entrance at busy times, makes it easier to park, and gives parents a chance for a pleasant 5-minute walk to and from school with your child(ren).
- Clockwise traffic flow If you must drop off students, parents are encouraged to drive in a clockwise flow. This helps with students being dropped off along the school side of the street and can assist the overall flow of vehicles around the school.

## **Report Cards**

#### Elementary students

A final report card will be issued to students on the final day of the summer learning program.

#### Secondary students

#### Students in Grade 8 - 12 (2024-2025 School Year)

Report cards will be available for students to view through their MyEd BC Student Family Portal similar to how report cards may be viewed during the school year. The MyEd BC Student/Family Portal will only be available during the following dates to allow for the system to prepare for the 2024-2025 School Year.

August 1, 2025 – August 8, 2025

Information and support for the MyEd BC Student Family Portal (available for VSB students only) can be found here: MyEd BC Student Family Portal Support.

Prior to the end of the 2024-2025 school year, students in secondary courses should ensure that they are able to access their MyEd account in order to view their report cards on August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### Non-VSB Secondary students

Report card(s) will be mailed to the address provided on the non-VSB student's pre-registration form (August  $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ ).

#### Grade 12 Students (2024-2025 School Year)

You will be able to access your final summer school marks on your transcript as well as order transcripts via the BC Ministry of Education StudentTranscripts Service (STS).

#### Student Code of Conduct

All VSB students are expected to abide by the District Student Code of Conduct, whether it be during the regular or summer academic terms. <u>District Student Code of Conduct</u>. **Student responsibility includes** not smoking any substance, nor using vaporizers or e-cigarettes on school and other District property.

## **Academic Integrity**

Summer Learning staff have high standards for personal academic conduct throughout the summer program. Staff expect students to take responsibility for their learning and to practice academic honesty and personal integrity throughout the summer program. The Summer Learning classroom teachers will discuss this topic further with their classes during the first days of instruction.

## VSB Students Standards & Guidelines for Technology

#### Acceptable Use Policy for Computer Systems and Online Resources

The use of school computers, VSB network/internet, and the Microsoft suite of software (e.g. Teams) provides educational benefits to students. Access to these resources is provided as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

#### Digital Citizenship Code of Conduct

Digital Citizenship is having the knowledge, skills and attitude needed to demonstrate responsible, respectful, and safe behaviour when using technology or participating in digital environments. The Digital Code of Conduct reflects, and is in accordance with, the VSB's policies regarding student conduct and the province's BC Human Rights Code.

For detailed information please follow this link: Acceptable Use of Technology.

New: The use of artificial intelligence as a tool, resource or assistant is strictly prohibited unless the teacher has explicitly granted permission to use it in advance of each assignment or task. Failure to comply may result in discipline or dismissal.

#### Please note the updated changes to the use of personal devices policy:

To foster a safe and focused learning environment for students, the use of personal digital devices, that distract from learning, such as cell phones, tablets and electronic devices, are restricted during school hours and on school property.

#### Personal digital devices:

- Secondary: must be turned off or placed on silent mode before entering the classroom and during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not permitted for use during class time/instructional time unless an educator has given permission.
- Elementary: are restricted for the instructional day. This includes class time, recess and lunch during school hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode and out of sight for the entire school day.

#### The use of personal devices is permitted under the following circumstances:

- For educational purposes, as directed by the educator in the classroom.
- For health and medical purposes as outlined in an Individual Education Plan or Student Safety Plan.
- To support special or diverse educational needs, such as assistive technology related to Individual Education Plans or Student Support Plans.
- The expectation is that students will follow the personal digital device policy and school guidelines.
- Students who repeatedly do not follow the personal digital device policy may be asked to store their personal digital devices with an administrator for the remainder of the day.
- The Vancouver School Board is not responsible for the loss, damage, or disappearance of personal digital devices that students decide to bring to school.

## **Workbook Deposits**

Some secondary courses require students to pay for a workbook deposit ranging from \$20 to \$60. This deposit will be refunded if the workbook has not been written in and returned in good condition. Workbook deposits will be handled through the SchoolCashOnline payment system. Please refer to the documents for more details:

## Welcome to

# SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.



#### **Accepted Payment Methods**









#### What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online allows parents to easily make online payments for the school fees available to their children.

- Pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever.
- Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more
- Say hello to smart online forms, and goodbye to cumbersome paper based forms for data submissions

#### How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

1 Create Your Profile: Go to https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com and click on "Register".

#### 2 Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

#### 3 Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com



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#### Fast, Safe, Convenient.

For safety and efficiency reasons, Vancouver School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!

It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.







Go to https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com and click on Register.

- Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password to log in.

This step will connect your child to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name.
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's First Name,
   Last Name and Date of Birth.
- d) Select Continue.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to <u>helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com</u>



#### Step-by-Step Registration Guide

#### SchoolCashOnline FAQ



#### **Using School Cash Online for Summer Learning workbooks**

#### Tips:

- 1. To **register** for the first time or **sign in**, please use the website: https://www.schoolcashonline.com/
- 2. For problems contact the parent helpdesk at: https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com/en/support/home
- 3. To register you need to have the student's Personal Education Number (PEN #). This is the same 9-digit number you used to register for the Summer Learning course. If you have forgotten this number, you can contact the Summer Learning office.
- 4. After you have registered you need to "Add a student" with the following information:
  - a. Student name (as it is shown in the MyEdBC profile)
  - b. Student # (not the PEN as above)
  - c. Student birthdate
  - d. Choose Vancouver School Board
  - e. Choose as the school "Vancouver School SS" (Summer School)
  - f. Confirm your relationship to the child
- 5. Once signed in as the student, choose "**Items for this Student**", choose the workbook from the school where the student is taking the course and select the applicable payment method.
- 6. For any questions or concerns related to workbooks, please contact the Summer Learning site once the program has started.

## Health & Safety

Communicable disease control and prevention is a priority across the Vancouver School District. Students attending summer school are to follow the personal practices and health habits as listed on this poster:



# **Personal Practices and Healthy Habits**



If your child is sick, please keep them at home to protect other students and staff. Refer to the following from Vancouver Coastal Health if you are unsure if your child should stay home from school:

When should I keep my sick child home from school? | Vancouver Coastal Health (vch.ca)

If your child has any medical concerns that the VSB should be aware of please inform the principal.