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KING GEORGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

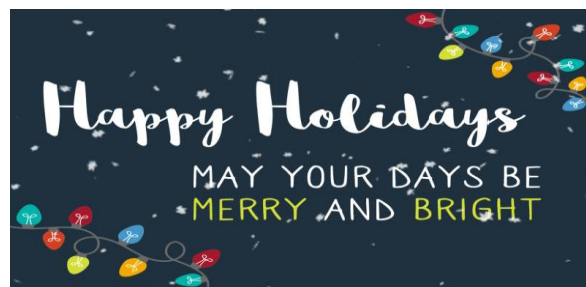


# King George Dragons Monthly Newsletter



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

*Wishing you all Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year!*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

*Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,*

*As we approach the winter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had this semester. Our school community has shown remarkable resilience, creativity, and dedication, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together.*

*To our students: Your hard work and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or through your involvement in various clubs and activities, you have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a passion for learning. Enjoy this well-deserved break, and take time to relax and recharge.*

*To our parents and guardians: Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement in your children's education is invaluable, and we appreciate all that you do to help them succeed. We look forward to continuing this collaboration in the new year.*

*To our dedicated staff: Your efforts to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our students do not go unnoticed. Your professionalism and care make our school a special place, and I am grateful for your hard work and dedication.*

*As we head into the holiday season, I wish you all a joyful and restful break. May this time be filled with warmth, happiness, and cherished moments with loved ones. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready to embark on another exciting chapter of learning and growth.*

*Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!*

*Tyler Evans, Principal, King George Secondary School*

# Top stories in this newsletter



Dates to Remember



Spirit Week



District Program Opportunities



KG Annual MYP Fair



Mon, Dec 23 to Fri. Jan 3

Winter Break

## CANDY CANE GRAMS



### CANDY GRAMS

Our Student Council will be handed out on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Monday, December 16 to Friday, December 20

| Monday Dec 16   | Tuesday, Dec 17                | Wednesday, Dec 18   | Thursday, Dec 19           | Friday Dec 20        |
|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| <p><b>MERRY MONDAY</b></p> <p>Gr 8's wear Rudolf Red<br/>                     Gr 9's wear Snowflake white<br/>                     Gr 10's wear green<br/>                     Gr 11's wear icicle blue<br/>                     Gr 12's wear brown</p> | <p><b>TWIN/TRIPLET DAY</b></p> | <p><b>WHITE LIE DAY</b></p> <p>Write your white lie on a piece of paper and put on your shirt</p> | <p><b>KNITWEAR DAY</b></p> | <p><b>PJ DAY</b></p> |

## OTHER HOLIDAY EVENTS

| Mon. Dec 16  | Tues. Dec 17  | Wed. Dec 18     | Thurs. Dec 19               | Fri. Dec 20  |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <p>Ginger Bread decoration during lunch<br/>                     (Ms Lam's Room 306)</p> | <p>Holiday Karaoke<br/>                     At lunch time in the school foyer</p> | <p>No Event</p> | <p>Hand out Candy Grams</p> | <p>Hot Chocolate Cart during 4<sup>th</sup> period for \$1. Free if you are wearing your PJ.</p> |

## KG Annual Personal Project Fair January 16<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm



All parents and families are welcome to join us in the Gym from 4pm-5pm to celebrate with our Grade 10s. The personal project is a student-driven project, that our Grade 10s have been working on since September. Students choose a topic to explore and create a product/outcome.

The FAIR is an opportunity for our KG students to showcase their projects **and** demonstrate the approaches to learning (ATL) skills they have strengthened. Parents and siblings are invited to our gym from 4:00-5:00 to celebrate with our grade 10's.





## DISTRICT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

In the new year, students in Grade 7 to 11 will start to receive information about course selection for their 2025-2026 school year. Before that happens, we would like to share some information about some VSB Choice programs and King George and around the VSB.

*King George Catalyst-Mini School Program* [King George Catalyst Mini School Program](#)

- Welcome to a fresh approach to Mini Programs at King George. At Catalyst, our goal is to provide young leaders with the tools they need to grow their academic and interpersonal abilities on their journey to whatever their post-secondary future looks like. In Catalyst, students will enjoy the benefits of enriched cohort learning while also finding opportunities to give back to the school and the West End community.

*All Mini School Programs*

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

*The District Mini School Registry for the 2025-2026 intake is now open and will close on **Dec 19, 2024**. Please refer to the [Mini School Programs](#) information on the VSB website for details.*

*TREK Outdoor Education Program*

- [TREK](#) is a district outdoor leadership program based at Prince of Wales Secondary School, designed to offer integrated learning opportunities for Grade 10 Students. TREK focuses on place-based education, environmental sustainability, active citizenship and outdoor adventure and challenge.

*IB Program at Britannia* [Britannia Secondary](#)

- The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a rigorous pre-university course of studies, leading the examinations, that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary school students between the ages of 16 and 19 years.

Diploma candidates are required to select one subject from each of the six subject groups. At least three and not more than four are taken at higher level (HL), the others at standard level (SL). By arranging work in this fashion, students are able to explore some subjects in-depth and some more broadly over the two-year period. Students may elect to do another subject from groups 2, 3, or 4 instead of a subject from the arts.

*IB Program at Churchill School* [Churchill Secondary](#)

- We are very proud to offer the IB Diploma Program at Churchill School since 1983. We are the 277th IB school in the world - out of over 5,800! Our program offers a breadth and depth of courses that contribute to the development of valuable 21st century skills; including: self-management, communication, social, research, and thinking. As a community of teachers and learners, we value the IB Mission Statement of making the world a better and more peaceful place. We expect our students to care about their communities and provide service to those in need. We offer unique courses such as TOK that encourages our students to think deeply, critically, ethically, and creatively about what they claim to know. For more details, please scroll down throughout this web page.

This year King George and the VSB are partnering with the following organization <https://www.exploitationeducation.org/> to bring some very important presentations about Online Safety and Consent to our school community on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> . Some topics that will be covered in these presentations are the following:

- What constitutes Consent?
- Digital Consent, Age of Consent
- Accepting Rejection Gracefully
- Methods of saying and hearing No
- How to be an active bystander
- Forms of Online sexual exploitation and current trends
- Red Flags for Grooming
- Information sharing-what is ok and not ok
- High Risk Behaviors on Social Media
- Risks associated with Online gaming platforms

If you have concerns about your child participating in these presentations, please contact your grade counselor:

Grade 8 A-M, Grade 9, Grade 11: Ms. Carolee McGillivray [cmgillivray@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cmgillivray@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 8 N-Z, Grade 10, Grade 12: Mr. Scott Derganc [sderganc@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sderganc@vsb.bc.ca)

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### **Ministry Assessments:**

Grade 12 students will be writing the [Literacy 12 Assessments](#) on January 14, 21, or 23 as part of their graduation requirements. Schedules will be posted in Teams for students to see. To prepare for this assessment, students are encouraged to view the [video series](#) that helps students understand the structure of the assessment and types of responses expected.

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### **Food Programs Map:**

Please see attached in pdf a print friendly map [Free and Low Cost Food Programs Map - English](#) produced by the City of Vancouver identifying free and low cost food programs across the city.

Program updates are published on a rolling basis and there is also an online version [Free and low cost food programs in Vancouver](#)

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**Dragons Invitational Tournament: Runs Dec. 18, 19, and 20**

# Reporting Absences



- When reporting student absences, Please have your parent/guardian send an email to [kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca) excusing your absence.
- Send the email to your teacher as well. (Staff directory): [click here](#)
- Make sure to add the following:
  - Your full name
  - Student number
  - Date(s) and classes you are/were absent for
  - Reason for absence
- Students should contact their individual teachers about the learning that they have missed during their absence.