

February 2025

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 Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwataʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we near the end of February, I am filled with pride and excitement for all the wonderful achievements and activities happening at our school. This month is a time for reflection, celebration, and looking forward to the future.

**Academic Achievements:** Our students continue to excel academically, with many achieving outstanding results Semester 1. I want to congratulate all of you for your hard work and dedication. Keep striving for excellence!

**Extracurricular Activities:** February is packed with exciting events and activities. Our basketball teams are wrapping up, and I thank everyone who came out and support them. Additionally, our student council is working hard to plan events and initiatives that will benefit our school community.

**A Note of Gratitude:** I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and hardworking students. Together, we make our school a place of learning, growth, and community.

Let's continue to work together to make this month a memorable one. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Tyler Evans  
Principal

## Top stories in this newsletter



Dates to Remember



Semester 2 Interim Report



Course Selections




Grad Info



Spring Fling Dance



	
Wednesday, Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
Wednesday, March 5	Spring Fling Dance (2:30-4:30pm)
Friday, March 7	Semester 2 - Interim Learning Update Published
Friday, March 7	Staff Collaboration - school begins at 10:10am
Monday, March 17-28	Spring Break



## COURSE SELECTION

For the month of February, counsellors are giving presentations to Grade 10's & 11's around course planning for next year.

All students are now required to complete their course selection on-line via MyEducation BC – the **Due date for course selection is Friday, February 21, 2025.**

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>  
[Student Online Course Selection Instructions](#)  
[Course Planning Guide 2025-2026](#)

If students have any questions about the course selection process, they should contact their counsellor via email:

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

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



## Semester 2 Interim Learning Update

Grade 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 students, your child's Semester 2 Informal Learning Update (Interim) will be available to access online via your child's MyEducation BC account on **Friday, March 7**. Informal Learning Update reports will provide Descriptive Feedback on your child's progress:

Descriptive Feedback:

- Tells you what your child can do
- Tells you what your child needs to work on
- Tells you how your child interacts in the classroom
- Provides strategies to help your child further their learning

For more information, please see the attached link from the Ministry of Education and Childcare:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/information-for-parents-and-caregivers-what-is-descriptive-feedback.pdf>

Please follow the guidelines on the school website, to ensure you can access your report card online.

[Account Management \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/account-management)

[MyEducation BC: Log On \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/myeducationbc)

Please check with your child to confirm the password details, otherwise you may disable the account. Please ensure that both the parents and child share and know the password. Always go to preferences to set the primary email to your child's personal email account. If your account gets disabled, please contact the main office to get your password reset.



## KING GEORGE CLUBS 2024-2025

King George Secondary has a variety of after school clubs and activities throughout the school year. Clubs change from year to year depending on interest. Joining a club is a great way to meet people and get involved in the school. If you are interested in participating in one of these clubs, please contact the teacher sponsor. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/king-george/page/70180/clubs>



## KG Interact Club – Sock and Toque Drive

During January of this year, the KG Interact Club held their yearly Sock and Toque drive to support the unhoused living in Vancouver parks.

The Interact Club is a service-based club at KG that is focused on bettering the community through its motto, “Service Above Self”. Interact Club is sponsored by Ms. Kam, as well as Ron Suzuki, a member of the Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club.

The Sock and Toque drive was an idea that came to fruition thanks to some of Vancouver’s Park Rangers, whose job often involves the dismantling of homeless tents and shelters in Vancouver parks. This part of the job would often leave Park Rangers feeling as if their job had a negative impact on the unhoused people that they worked around. So, the natural solution was to always have warm clothing on-hand to distribute to the unhoused people, so that their interaction was not wholly negative, and had a lasting positive impact. KG Interact Club hopes to continue supporting the Parks Rangers every year with a Sock & Toque Drive, with an aim to show our gratitude for the work they do in the community, as well as helping people stay warm during the cold winter months.

In past years, boxes were placed in halls, where students were welcome to drop off their donations. However, this year, the club took a different approach, opting to turn the sock and toque drive into a competition between classes, where the class with the most donations would receive a prize: a pizza party. This year, the winners were Mr. Wu’s Grade 8 class, which raised nearly \$600 in donations!

In early February, club members raised \$90 with 3 days of lunchtime baked good sales, selling jumbo muffins, two-bite brownies, and mini chocolate croissants. Interactors later used these funds to buy additional scarves and toques to be donated. Club members were also invited to an early-morning meeting with the Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club. At the meeting, students presented information about their project and its results and even walked away with more generous clothing donations from the Rotary members.

After some rough math, we’ve come to approximately \$1000 worth of clothing and cash donations. Park Rangers are only able to accept donations consisting of clothing items, so President and Vice-President of Interact, Mya Castillo & Hannah Wong visited several shops to buy socks, toques, mitts, and scarves with funds that were raised. All items will soon be handed over to Park Rangers.

If you would like to support the drive with your own donations, keep an eye out, the campaign will be back next year!

Karn Dhillon, a guest speaker at the Rotary meeting also spoke on his own project, the Pink Whistle Campaign, which since 2009 has raised over \$250,000 for cancer research. During the month of February, basketball referees are invited to wear lanyards and whistles to voice their support for cancer research. If you’d like to support the Pink Whistle Campaign, donate [here](#) or check out what’s new with them [here](#).

Written by Henry MacDougall



## GRAD CEREMONY (Dinner & Dance Information)

### GRAD DINNER & DANCE:

**Date:** Friday, June 13, 2025

**Location:** Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

**Address:** 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

**Time:** Students arrive between 6 - 7pm - Dinner/Dance is from 7:00-11:30pm

**Cost:** \$150.00

### GRAD CEREMONY:

**Date:** Thursday, June 19, 2025

**Location:** Vancouver Playhouse

**Address:** 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$110.00

If you have not already done so, please pay your Grad Ceremony and/or Grad Dinner Dance fees on-line as soon as possible at <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

## KG Grad Activity Calendar Spring 2025

Wednesday, April 2	Valedictorian Nomination Form <i>(Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel)</i>
Friday, April 11	Grad Yearbook Quote Deadline <i>(Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel)</i>
Friday, April 25	Valedictorian Nomination Deadline
Wednesday, April 30	Staff Scholarship Committee Valedictorian Shortlist
Tuesday, May 6	Period 3 & FIT Grad Assembly – Mandatory Attendance <b>Agenda:</b> Kevin Brooks CLC Reminder Valedictorian mini-speeches & voting Fee payment reminder Crossing the Stage Quotes Open <i>(Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel)</i>
Friday, May 30	Payment Deadline for School Leaving Ceremony and Grad Dinner & Dance
Sunday, June 8	Crossing the Stage Quotes Deadline
Thursday, June 12	FIT Grad Rehearsal – Mandatory Attendance, Gown Pick-up After School
Friday, June 13	Grad Dinner & Dance Cordova Ballroom Pinnacle Hotel Arrive 6:00-7:00 ends 11:30pm
Tuesday, June 19	School Leaving Ceremony Vancouver Playhouse 2:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24	Last day of scheduled classes
Wednesday, June 25 & Thursday, June 26	FIT Days



## Student and Parent Learning Survey Grade 10, 11 and 12

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10, 11, 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-7713-8999

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

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### WEATHER FORECAST INFORMATION

*VSB has procedures in place when forecasts call for severe weather, like heavy snowfall or extremely high winds. District staff monitor forecasts and conditions to assess potential impacts on school operations. They also work with the city and other school districts to inform decisions.*

*During severe weather events, all schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open, if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, that will be decided and publicized by 6:30 a.m.*

*Details about District-wide school closures will be announced through the media, the [District website](#) and school websites, as well as the District's social media channels.*

*Learn more about how decisions are made when [inclement weather](#) is forecasted.*

*Follow VSB on social media for updates:*

*Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#)*

*Instagram: [@vsb39](#)*

*X: [@VSB39](#)*

*VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](#)*



*When poor weather is forecasted, please plan ahead and allow more time to safely travel to school.*

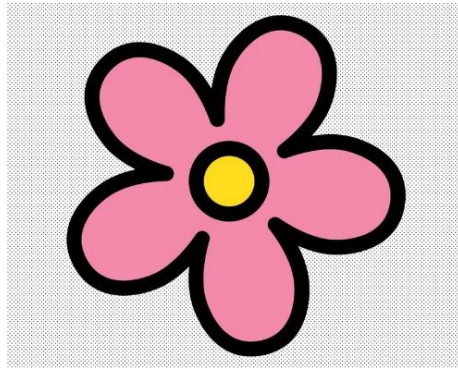


## 2025 MYP PERSONAL PROJECT FAIR

The KG Personal Project Fair was a resounding success last month. It was a captivating afternoon shared with friends, teachers, and family. Grade 10's shared their personal passions and diverse explorations. This event showcased imagination, talents, and dedication to every Personal Project—a true reflection of their individuality. It was an privilege to share in the excitement and pride as our students presented the depth and breadth of their accomplishments. Special recognition is extended to our fan favorites: Kairos Bakare, Keira Lee, and Inara Chee for their basket ball, crochet and textiles centered projects.







## SPRING FLING DANCE

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
Time: 2:30 – 4:30pm  
Location: Gym  
Tickets: \$2.00 on sale in the Foyer  
(from February 18 – 28<sup>th</sup>)

Free Photobooth



DJ



Food & Drinks

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## SCHOOL PLAY



DATE: Tuesday, May 6 to Friday, May 9  
PLAY: She Kills Monsters by Qui Nguyen  
TIME: 7:00pm  
Tickets: tba

# 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