

January 2024

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 *thex<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyám* (Musqueam Nation), *Skwxwú7meshÚxwumixw* (Squamish Nation) & *səlilwatał* (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear King George Community. **Welcome Back and Happy 2024!**

It has been a busy return to classes as we are wrapping up Semester 1, getting ready for Semester 2 and even starting to prepare for the 2024-2025 school year already!

Staff have spent a number of meetings building some strategies to support students with behaviours and competencies that can help students be successful and to keep the school a safe and comfortable place for students and staff.

What can students and families do? Here are some basic strategies and core-competencies that will help all students be successful. They are:

- Arrive to school on time in the morning and return to the school on time for the beginning of class after lunch. Often, the first ten minutes of class can be the most important!
- Use FIT time effectively to support your learning. This can include: review and preview concepts, finish up assignments, work on a project with a classmate, study or just read a book!
- Use school-appropriate language including refraining from profanity and having respectful interactions with staff and students.
- Use cell phones appropriately. As a school we have agreed that phones should be off and away during class time unless students have specific permission from their teacher.

Thank you for working together as a community to encourage the success of all students at King George. Mr. Nicks and I hope everyone finishes Semester 1 strongly and are excited to start new classes in Semester 2. Thank you!





January 18/19	Gr 12 Grad Photos at Artona
Friday, January 19	Staff Collaboration Day – school ends at 1:35pm
Week of January 23 to January 25	Grade 12 Literacy Assessment Exams
Friday, February 1 & 2	End of Semester Transition Days
Monday February 5	Semester 2 begins
Friday, February 9	Semester 1 Reports Cards Published
Friday, February 16	Professional Day
Monday, February 19	Family Day – no classes

**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.



## SEMESTER 1 FINAL REPORT CARD & SEMESTER 2 START DATE

**Semester Turn-around days: Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2.**

Semester 1 ends on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. On February 1 & 2 are Semester turn-around days where students may be asked by staff to attend sessions to complete some final assessments.

All students are welcome to come into the building. If students want to come in, we need to provide instruction for them, but students and teachers can agree that the student may not need to be there. Students who are borderline passing/failing may do 'credit recovery' and other assessments with arrangement with teacher.

**Monday, February 5** is the first day of Semester 2. Students and families should access MyEd BC for their schedule.

**Final Semester 1 Reports Cards** will be published through MyEd by the end of the day on Friday, February 9.



## COURSE SELECTION

All students are now required to complete their course selection on-line via MyEducation BC –

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

Before making your selection, you should refer to the grade specific PowerPoint (PDFs will be shared in Teams). In addition, students and families should refer to the Course Planning Guide (available on the KG Website) which provides course specific details by grade and subject area. [2024-2025 Course Planning Guide.](#)

Over the course of the next few weeks, all students will receive a presentation from school counsellors during FIT time (in the Cafeteria). These presentations are Grade specific.

- Grade 8 & 9** Course Planning Presentation & on-line registration: mid-January – please check teams
- Grade 10** Course Planning Presentation & on-line registration: week of February 12<sup>th</sup>  
(exact time and locations - tba)
- Grade 11** Course Planning Presentation & on-line registration: late February – please check teams

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

Grade 8 (A-L), Grade 10, Grade 12:  
 Ms. Emily Bekkering [ebekkering@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ebekkering@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 8 (M-Z), Grade 9, Grade 11  
 Mr. Scott Derganc, [sderganc@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sderganc@vsb.bc.ca)

# Grade 10 Personal Project Fair January 25, 2024

Parents Welcome 4:00-5:00



The personal project is a student-driven project, that our Grade 10s have been working on since September. The grade 10s choose a topic to explore through learning a new skill/knowledge and creating 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. Students will spend the

afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> with audiences from all over the community including Elsie Roy, Lord Roberts, our student body and parents.

**All Parents** are invited to our gym from 4:00-5:00 to celebrate with our grade 10's.

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## Grade 12 Literacy Assessment Exams week of January 23 - 25 Schedule is posted outside of school office and on Teams



## GRAD CEREMONY (Dinner & Dance Information)

### GRAD DINNER & DANCE:

**Date:** Friday, June 14, 2024

**Location:** Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

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

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

**Cost:** \$135.00

### GRAD CEREMONY:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024

**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.schoolcashonline.com/>



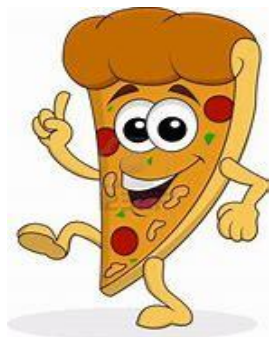
## KING GEORGE CLUBS 2023-2024

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.

### King George Club List

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#### **KG PAC presents PIZZA LUNCH (monthly)**

**KG Students, please join us for monthly Pizza Lunch. Order online at**

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/kinggeorge>

**If you would to help, please sign up at**

<https://volunteersignup.org/84487>

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### Reporting

#### Absences



When reporting absences, please email the school office any daily or upcoming absences to

[kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca)