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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), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Happy New Year! As we step into January, I hope you all had a restful and joyous holiday season. The start of a new year is always a time for reflection and renewal, and I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for our school community.

As we embark on this new year, I encourage everyone to set personal and academic goals. Whether it's striving for better grades, participating in extracurricular activities, or simply being kinder to one another, every effort counts towards making our school a better place. I am proud of the achievements we have made so far and am confident that with continued hard work and dedication, we will accomplish even more. Our teachers and staff are committed to providing the best educational experience possible, and I urge students to take full advantage of the resources and support available to them.

This month, we have several exciting events planned, including our personal project fair, winter sports competitions, and a series of guest speakers. I encourage everyone to get involved and make the most of these opportunities.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. Together, we can make this year a memorable and successful one.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling 2025!

Warm regards,
Tyler

Top stories in this newsletter



Dates to Remember



Semester 1 Final Report Card



Course Selections



KG Annual MYP Fair



Thurs/Fri, Jan. 16 & 17	Gr 12 Grad Photos at Artona
Thursday, January 16	MYP Personal Project Fair
Friday, January 17	Staff Collaboration Day – School ends at 1:45pm
Friday January 24	End of Semester 1
Mon January 27 & Tuesday Jan 28 th	Semester Transition Day
Wednesday, Jan 29	Semester 2 begins
Friday, January 31	Semester 1 Report Cards Published
Friday, February 14	Professional Day
Monday, February 17	Family Day – no school



Grade 12 Literacy Assessment Exams

January 14, 21, 23

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.



SEMESTER 1 FINAL REPORTS

Semester Turn-around days: Monday January 27 & Tuesday January 28, 2025

Semester 1 ends on Friday, January 24. On Monday, January 27 & 28 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 instructions 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.

Wednesday January 29th is the first day of Semester 2. Students and families should access MyED BC for their schedule.

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

[Account Management \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)
[MyEducation BC: Log On \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

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.



COURSE SELECTION

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

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

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.

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 12th
 (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 9, Grade 11:
 Ms. Carolee McGillivray cmcgillivray@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 8 (M-Z), Grade 10, Grade 12
 Mr. S. Derganc sderganc@vsb.bc.ca (away until end of January)
 replaced by: Ms. B. Patenaude bpatenaude@vsb.bc.ca



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 Annual Personal Project Fair January 16th 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.





GRAD CEREMONY (Dinner & Dance Information)

GRAD DINNER & DANCE:

Date: Friday, June 13, 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: \$150.00

GRAD CEREMONY:

Date: Thursday, June 19, 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/>

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 Agenda: 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

During FIT in February, March and April students in Grade 10, 11 and 12 will be completing the surveys. We ask all parent/guardians in Grade 10, 11 & 12 to also do the survey.

Electronic surveying is available until May 2, 2025. The website to access the electronic survey is:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

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.

Reporting Absences



- When reporting student absences, Please have your parent/guardian send an email to 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.