



Sept 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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwatał (Tseil-Waututh Nation).



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

It has been a busy couple of weeks as we have been getting staff and students settled into the 2024-2025 school year. More than a quarter of our 650 students are new to the building and we have seven new staff as well!

Students have been getting course introductions, building community in their classrooms and we are running assemblies with all Grades in the first couple of weeks to talk about conduct around the school, tips for success, adults who can support them and to stay connected to MS Teams for announcements.

Students have already started to receive info about how to get connected with opportunities in Athletics, volunteering in the community and some have already approached staff about creating school clubs.

Looking forward to sharing the school year with you.

Regards,

Tyler Evans



Friday, September 20	Professional Day - no school
Monday, Sept 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (School Closed)
Monday, October 7	Photo Day (am)

ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE STAFF

Administration Team:

Tyler Evans, Principal
 Denise Clark, Vice-Principal
 Victoria Jung, School Trustee,
 Rick Lopez, Director of Instruction

Office Staff:

Sylvia Pagdin, Secretary/Accountant
 Erin Fowler, Student Records
 Elisa Grosso, Office Support

COUNSELLORS

Our aim is to provide guidance and information to students/parents, guardians in order to help support our students. We strongly encourage students/parents/guardians to visit our counselling website for important upcoming events, deadlines and resources for well-being,
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/king-george>

Emily Bekkering Grade 8 (Last Name: A – L)
 Grade 9
 Grade 11

Scott Derganc Grade 8 (Last Name M- Z)
 Grade 10
 Grade 12

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Our PAC is excited to start a new school year and welcome new and returning parents. They will be starting their monthly meetings soon, please keep an eye on PAC emails and the school calendar for meeting dates and upcoming events and school related information. We also welcome any parents to join the PAC Committee, we are always looking for new energy. This is a dedicated, vibrant community of parents, who dedication is invaluable to our school.

PAC Executive 2024-2025

Chair: Catherine Reid
Treasurer: tba
Pac Email: KingGeorgeSECPAC@gmail.com

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now available to view and pay online through [School Cash Online](#). Families must set up an account to pay for school fees using debit or a credit card, or a cheque online.

To view school and supplemental fee schedules, go to:
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/king-george/page/2588/fees>

If your family is facing financial hardship and are unable to pay some or all school fees, please contact your child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal. All family information will remain confidential.

IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below;

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>
www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan - Group insurance

OVERVIEW OF 2024-2025 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

King George Secondary School will be operating on a semester schedule that includes Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) and staff Collaborative Time. Students are enrolled in eight courses for the school year where they will take four courses from September to January and another four courses from February to June. Semester 1 classes will rotate on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 and Semester 2 classes will rotate on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Morning classes will only rotate with each other and only afternoon classes will rotate with each other.

DAILY BLOCK SCHEDULE 2024-2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT	8:40 - 9:20		8:40 - 9:20		
Break	9:20 - 9:25		9:20 - 9:25		
Period 1	9:25 - 10:25	8:40 - 10:00	9:25 - 10:25	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00
Break	10:25 - 10:35	10:00 - 10:15	10:25 - 10:35	10:00 - 10:15	10:00 - 10:15
Period 2	10:35 - 11:35	10:15 - 11:35	10:35 - 11:35	10:15 - 11:35	10:15 - 11:35
Lunch	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20	11:35 - 12:20
Period 3	12:20 - 1:40	12:20 - 1:20	12:20 - 1:40	12:20 - 1:20	12:20 - 1:40
Break	1:40 - 1:45		1:40 - 1:45		1:40 - 1:45
FIT		1:20 - 2:00		1:20 - 2:00	
Break		2:00 - 2:05		2:00 - 2:05	
Period 4	1:45 - 3:05	2:05 - 3:05	1:45 - 3:05	2:05 - 3:05	1:45 - 3:05

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) is instructional time designed to support students' personalized learning. During this time, all staff are onsite and students have flexibility and choice to determine how, when and where their learning takes place. Students may choose to access extra help from teachers, collaborate with peers and/or pursue other learning activities. Each FIT period is 40 minutes long and takes place every Monday and Wednesday in the morning, and every Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoon.

COLLABORATIVE TIME

There are eight days of Collaborative Time in the year where the school day will either start later at 10:10 AM or end earlier at 1:45 PM. During collaborative time, all staff are engaged in a variety of activities to plan and enhance the learning experiences for our students. Students are not in the school during this time.

Collaborative Time is scheduled for:

Friday, October 4, 2024	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, November 1, 2024	School ends at 1:45pm
Friday, December 6, 2024	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, January 17, 2025	School ends at 1:45pm
Friday, March 7, 2025	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, April 11, 2025	School ends at 1:45pm
Friday, May 2, 2025	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, May 30, 2025	School ends at 1:45pm

SCHOOL FORMS

The forms listed below require parents and students to provide consent and/or updated information.

- *Emergency Student(s) Reunification Authorization* form
This form was handed out on the first day of school. If not already done so, please complete, sign and return the form to school office as soon as possible..
- Log on to <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/> to provide consent electronically for the forms below:
 - VSB Internal Use Media Consent
 - Student AUP - Acceptable Use Policy
 - External Use Media Consent
 - CASL - Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation
 - Neighbourhood Class Walk Informed Consent 2024-2025
 - Adobe CC Consent (if applicable)

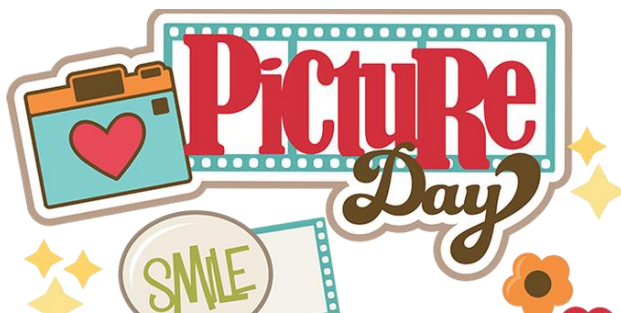


PHOTO DAY: Monday, October 7 (early morning in cafeteria)
RETAKE DAY: Tuesday, November 5 (early afternoon in cafeteria)

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.