

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



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Welcome back to a new school year! September has brought with it a vibrant energy, and I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to our students, staff, and families for helping us launch the year with such strength, positivity, and purpose. Your enthusiasm and support have already made a meaningful impact on our school community.

As we settle into routines, I encourage every student to get involved—whether through athletics, clubs, leadership opportunities, or the many other activities that make our school a dynamic and inclusive place to learn and grow. These experiences not only build friendships and skills, but also foster a sense of belonging and pride in our shared community.

This month, we also reflect on the legacy of Terry Fox, a Canadian hero whose determination and courage continue to inspire us. Terry once said, *"I want to set an example that will never be forgotten."* Let's carry that spirit forward—by showing resilience in our learning, compassion in our relationships, and commitment to making a difference.

As we approach Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th, we honour the experiences of Indigenous peoples and recognize the importance of listening, learning, and taking meaningful steps toward reconciliation. Our school is committed to fostering understanding and respect, and we encourage everyone to engage in the events and conversations that support this vital work.

Let's make this year one of growth, connection, and courage. I'm excited for all that lies ahead.

Warm regards,

Tyler Evans  
Principal



Friday, Sept 19	Professional Day (no school)
Tuesday, Sept 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (no school)
Friday, Oct 3	Collaborative Day – School begins at 10:10am
Monday, October 6	Photo Day (am in school cafeteria)

### ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE STAFF

#### Administration Team:

Tyler Evans, Principal  
 Denise Clark, Vice-Principal  
 Janet Fraser 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 school website for important upcoming events, deadlines and resources for well-being,  
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/king-george>

Jody Miki Grade 8 (Last Name: A - J)  
 Grade 10  
 Grade 12

Scott Derganc Grade 8 (Last Name: K - Z)  
 Grade 9  
 Grade 11

### SCHOOL NURSE

Monique Catala is our school nurse. Monique works Mondays to Thursdays, mainly at Three Bridges, but will also be out & about at schools, youth clinics, immunization clinics, etc.

**Monique Catala RN(C), BA, BSN**  
**Public Health Nurse, Three Bridges CHC, Child & Youth**  
 VCH Public Health  
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**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.

Please see the **attached presentation** from the VSB about Parent Advisory Councils. King George is hoping that we have some parents who would like to volunteer for an executive or member at large position for the KG PAC 2025-2026. Please email Tyler Evans, Principal at [tevans@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tevans@vsb.bc.ca) to express your interest by September 30. PAC will arrange a meeting once we have gathered names. Thank you

**PAC Executive 2025-2026**

Chair:	tba
Treasurer:	Rahim Rayani
Secretary:	tba
Pac Email:	<a href="mailto:kinggeorgeSECPAC@gmail.com">kinggeorgeSECPAC@gmail.com</a>

**SCHOOL FEES**

School fees will be 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 on-line.

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

Ahead of the upcoming school year, we would like to share that the VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>  
<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

Administration is not part of the school. If any of you have questions about either one of these programs, you can contact the company through the contact information on their website.

### OVERVIEW OF 2025-2026 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 Wednesday, November 12, 2025 and Semester 2 classes will rotate on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Morning classes will only rotate with each other and only afternoon classes will rotate with each other.

#### DAILY BLOCK SCHEDULE 2025-2026

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

## F.I.T. FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

FIT time is Flexible Instruction Time and runs every Monday & Wednesday (am) and Tuesday & Thursday (pm) for 40 minutes.

During this time, students may go to any open classroom where staff will provide supervised study sessions. Students may go any to any class, providing the teacher's room has space. If the door to a classroom is shut, that room is not available for FIT or the room has reached capacity and is full.

Students are expected to work quietly in small groups or independently doing tasks such as - homework, reading, capstone Projects, groups projects etc. Students may also go to rooms where there is a specific teacher, who may be able to help them with specific work or tasks.

Students will be able to use their personal technology, as long as they have headphones/earphones attached and that they are using it for educational purposes. It will be essential that students do not disrupt the learning environments for others. Some students may access the RISE room, if they have a RISE block and need additional supports.

During FIT time, the school administration will also host grade wide assemblies and other information sessions throughout the year. If students are not required to attend a Grade wide assembly, they will be **expected to attend any classroom**, which is open, the school library or cafeteria that will also function as study rooms. Students are not permitted to sit in groups in the hallways.

• <b>September 9:</b>
○ Grade 9/10 Assembly
○ Grade 8, 11, 12 – Intro FIT and Core Competency (CC) with 1-3 teachers
• <b>September 11:</b>
○ Grade 12 Assembly
○ Grade 9/10 – Intro FIT and CC with 1-3 teachers
○ Grade 8/11 – FIT Activity #2 with 1-3 teachers
• <b>September 16:</b>
○ Grade 11 Assembly
○ Grade 12 – FIT Activity #2 and #3 with 1-3 teachers
○ Grade 8, 9, 10, 11 – FIT Activity #3 with 1-3 teachers
• <b>September 18:</b>
○ Grade 8 Assembly

### 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 3, 2025	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, November 7, 2025	School ends at 1:45pm
Friday, December 5, 2025	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, January 16, 2026	School ends at 1:45pm
Friday, March 6, 2026	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, April 17, 2026	School ends at 1:45pm
Friday, May 8, 2026	School begins at 10:10am
Friday, May 29, 2026	School ends at 1:45pm

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES to the GRADE 8 SEMESTER 1 & SEMESTER 2 ROTATION DATES SHOWN ON THE STUDENT'S YEARLY CALENDAR**  
(calendar attached)

Semester 1 Gr 8 Rotations	Semester 2 Gr 8 Rotations
R1: Sept 2 - Oct 17	R1: Jan 28 - March 09
R2: Oct 20 - Nov 28	R2: March 10 - May 8
R3: Dec 1 - Jan 23	R3: May 11 - June 23

### 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 will be handed out on the first day of school. 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:
  - CASL - Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation
  - External Use Media Consent
  - VSB Internal Use Media Consent
  - Student AUP - Acceptable Use Policy
  - **REVISION:** Name Change of the Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent Form is now called **Local Community Activities Consent**
  - Adobe CC Consent (if applicable)



**PHOTO DAY:** Monday, October 6 (early morning in cafeteria)  
**RETAKE DAY:** Wednesday, November 5 (early afternoon in cafeteria)

## CLUBS

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.

See link below for the list of clubs that we offered last year.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/king-george/page/70180/clubs>

## ATHLETICS

King George Secondary fields teams for inter-school competitions in fall, winter, and spring sports seasons, under the jurisdiction of [BC School Sports \(BCSS\)](#) and [Vancouver Secondary Schools Athletics Association \(VSSAA\)](#). Each year, [KG teams/sports](#) offered in each of the seasons are dependent on student sign-up and the number of coaches/sponsors available.



**DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES:**

If you have any demographic changes, i.e. address, email or contact changes, please inform the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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- 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.

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**Level up your goals.**

**Level up your confidence.**

**Level up your future.**

**Level up your life.**

For students in Grade 11 or 12, the **YMCA Youth Educational Supports Program** offers tutoring, mentorship, 1:1 support, and career planning to help you stay in school and build the future you want.

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☎ 604-351-9471

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VSB After the Bell: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/60332/podcast>



And one of my favourites on all things Parenting Teens:  
<https://drlisadamour.com/resource/series/ask-lisa-podcast/>

