



Community Newsletter

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*With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning
on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation).*

Principal's Message

Dear Student and Families,

Please join us in celebrating [World Teacher's Day](#) this weekend! We are grateful to our teachers, educational assistants, and support staff for their dedication to connecting with our students, families, and each other.

The school year is off to an exciting start, with students settling into their classes and exploring a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. A special thank you to our student council for organizing Club's Day last Wednesday. The cafeteria buzzed with energy as more than 70 clubs showcased opportunities for students to connect with each other. We are grateful to all our club teacher sponsors and student leaders for offering such a rich and diverse array of ways to get involved. You can find the full, updated list of this year's club offerings on our [school website](#). Thank you for encouraging your students to join a club, make new connections, and have fun!

In this newsletter, you will find information about communicating student learning, school office reminders, photo retake day, Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, athletics highlights, counselling updates, district course offerings, PAC updates, parent engagement opportunities, and important dates for 2025-2026.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood
Principal

Mission Statement

*We are committed to supporting and teaching a diverse group of students to learn, to critically reflect,
and to care for themselves and others as they prepare to find their places in the world.*



Grade 8 Camp, Camp Elphinstone, Sunshine Coast

School Office Reminder – Attendance Procedures

Parents/Guardians, please email pointgreyattendance@vsb.bc.ca for reporting absences.

Please make sure to include in the email the following information to avoid delays in updating attendance records:

1. Student's first and last name
2. Student number
3. Grade
4. Date(s) of absence
5. Time of absence or periods of missed classes
6. Reason for absence

Communicating Student Learning

The purpose of assessment is to move learning forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps us answer the following questions:

- *Where am I now?*
- *Where am I going?*
- *How do I get there?*

Each reporting period is an opportunity to celebrate learning and offer feedback for future learning. These reports will be available from the [MyEducation Student Family Portal](#) for four weeks. Please ensure you download or print a copy for your records. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to contact individual subject teachers or counsellors for information on student progress.

Reporting Timeline

Semester 1

- Informal Learning Update published **October 10, 2025**
- Written Learning Update published **November 20, 2025**
- Summary of Learning published **January 30, 2026**

Semester 2

- Informal Learning Update published **March 6, 2026**
- Written Learning Update published **May 1, 2026**
- Summary of Learning published **June 25, 2026**

Full Year Courses

- Informal Learning Update published **November 20, 2025**
- Written Learning Updates published **January 30 & May 1, 2026**
- Summary of Learning published **June 25, 2026**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There will be two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this year: **Thursday, November 6, 2025** (for Semester 1) and the other was on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026** (for Semester 2). *More information will be emailed home on Tuesday, October 21.*



Photo Retake Day – Friday, October 17

Students who missed the September photo session or would like a retake will have the opportunity to do so **on Friday, October 17, in the cafeteria after lunch.**

Students will be called down **alphabetically by last name:**

- A–L
- M–Z

All grades will be called at once within their alphabetical group.

Important:

If you had your photo taken in September and would like a retake, you must return your original ID card. Without it, you will not be allowed to take another photo, there is a QR code on the back of the id card that is needed by the photographer.

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will take place during the week of November 3-November 7. This assessment is a graduation requirement. If your child has an absence planned during that week, please ask your child to speak with Ms. Lu in the main office so she can take it into consideration when she is building the schedule. You are invited to find more information about this mandatory assessment here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

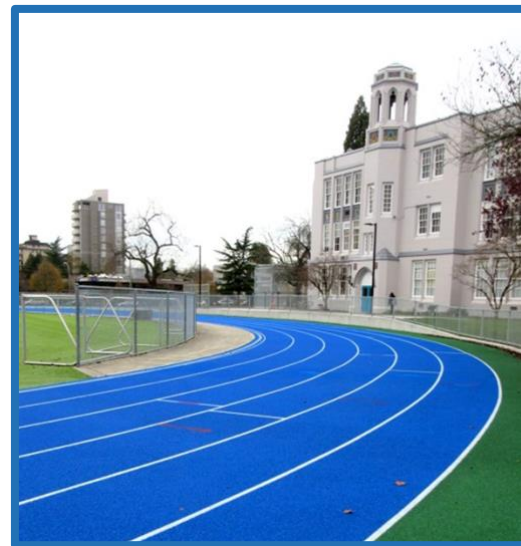


Ceramics and Sculpture 11/12 Paper Sculptures

Athletics Highlights

PG is running numerous teams this fall thanks to some great volunteers. We have one of our largest cross-country team ever which plan to compete at zones and provincials. Our senior boys' soccer team and senior girls' field hockey team are working hard and are already a couple of games into their season. We have 3 girls' and 2 boys' volleyball teams, and they are all opening their seasons very soon. The senior girls' are even going to host the Zone Championships in November! Our juvenile boy's rugby team play every Wednesday and are looking strong. We will even have some swimmers compete in the zones on October 25th.

To find out when everyone plays, check out the website www.vancouverchoolsports.ca. GO HOUNDS!



~ Julie Douglas, Athletic Director

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

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>

If any families have questions about either one of these programs, they can contact the company through the contact information on their website.

Counselling Update

Microsoft Teams

A reminder to ask your students to check the “All Students” and Grade Level Microsoft Teams in Office 365 for important information that gets posted regularly. If a student is needing help accessing their account, they can connect one of their teachers or with the office.

Language Challenge Exams

Any student wishing to write the language challenge exam for one of the languages below, must complete the Challenge Exam Application (typed) and hand in the package to their counsellor **before October**

23rd. Application found here: [Applc'n for Challenge/1](#)

- ASL 11 (American Sign Language)
- Farsi 11 & 12
- French 11 & 12
- Japanese 11 & 12
- Korean 11 & 12
- Mandarin 11 & 12
- Punjabi 11 & 12
- Spanish 11 & 12

District Course Offerings

All students are invited to see information on the next two pages about two important district course offerings: African Descent History 12 and Queen and Trans History of BC 12. If you are interested in these courses, please connect with your counsellor.

Please connect with your child's counsellor if you have any questions:

- Kasey Chittenden, Counsellor for Grade 8/10 (Last Names A-L) and Grade 9s
- David Johnston, Counsellors for Grade 8/10 (Last names M-S) and Grade 11s
- Janice Sim, Counsellor for Grade 8/10 (Last names T-S\Z) and Grade 12s

To register, please fill out this
form: **African Descent History 12**

AFRICAN DESCENT HISTORY 12

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

This 4-credit course, open to all Grade 11 and 12 students, explores the rich and often untold stories of people of African descent in British Columbia and Canada.

Students will discover the journeys, struggles, and achievements of Black pioneers, leaders, and communities who have helped shape our province and country.

COURSE DELIVERY:

- Taught by Dr. Joann Anokwuru, an experienced educator, advocate, and author
- Offered online through VLN and will begin on October 9th
- Runs linearly throughout the school year
- Weekly online class meetings
- Monthly virtual collaborative discussions



Queer & Trans History of BC 12



- 4 CREDIT SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE
- GRADE 11 AND 12 STUDENTS FROM ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL
- MEETING OFF TIMETABLE IN PERSON 2 DAYS PER WEEK
- 2SLGBTQIAP+, QUEERSPAWN AND ALLIES WELCOME
- A BAA COURSE (MINISTRY CODE YSSC2B)

CURRICULUM & ACTIVITIES

- STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL, GLOBAL AND LOCAL QUEER HISTORY
- ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHALLENGES AND CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF QUEER AND TRANS FOLX FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS
- LEARNING WILL INVOLVE FIELD STUDIES, GUEST SPEAKERS AND ENGAGING PROJECTS



FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT MS. LEANNE HAGGLUND
COUNSELLOR AT VAN TECH

LHAGGLUND@VSB.BC.CA

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

What exactly is the PAC?

A PAC is the Ministry of Education's officially recognized voice of parents at schools, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to advise on school programs, policies, plans and activities.

We are a group of parents who support our teens, teachers, staff and administrators in making stəywəte:ń Point Grey Secondary a great experience for all. As part of our annual activities, we support social events, teacher and staff appreciation, opportunities for parent learning and fundraising for our school amongst other things.

As a parent of a child at stəywəte:ń Point Grey Secondary, you are automatically part of the PAC and we invite you to attend our monthly meetings where you'll have a chance to share your thoughts and get involved!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd at **7:30 pm** in the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Engagement Opportunity – Raising AI Ready Youth

The VSB is proud to present: **Raising AI Ready Youth: Safety, Privacy, Ethics, and Success Plans.**

More information can be found here: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/>

Date: Tuesday, October 7th

Time: 6PM - 7:30PM

This is a **FREE** live virtual presentation and open to **all VSB parents**. Parents will need to sign up with their email and the School(s) their child(ren) attend. VSB will send you the video conference link and pass code closer to the day.

You are invited to register by clicking on this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MT6JHL2YCK>



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A SAFE EDUCATION

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care





ENGINEERING SERVICES
Transportation Division

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Please have this translated

معلومات مهمة: البحث على الترجمة
重要资讯: 请找人為你翻譯
重要資訊: 請找人為你翻譯
اطلاعات مهم: لطفا درخواست کنید
که این اطلاعات را برای شما ترجمه کنند

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS
Prière de les faire traduire

重要な情報: これを翻訳してください
중요정보: 번역해주세요
INFORMAÇÃO IMPORTANTE
Favor solicitar tradução

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE
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TIN TỨC QUAN TRỌNG
Xin hãy dịch sang tiếng Việt

September 19, 2025

Dear Resident,

RE: Pedestrian Improvements at the Intersections of East Blvd & W 38th Ave and East Blvd & W 39th Ave – Point Grey Secondary and Quilchena Elementary

The City of Vancouver is planning pedestrian improvements at the intersections of East Blvd & W 38th Ave and East Blvd & W 39th Ave. These improvements will support pedestrian access by connecting Point Grey Secondary and Quilchena Elementary Schools to West Blvd and the Arbutus Greenway.

The intersections of East Blvd & W 38th Ave and East Blvd & W 39th Ave will be upgraded with raised crosswalks and curb bulges. These additions will increase the visibility and comfort of pedestrians crossing the street. In addition, speed humps will be installed between the intersections of East Blvd & W 37th Ave and East Blvd & W 40th Ave to reduce vehicle speeds. These changes are expected to be implemented in Fall/Winter 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please call 3-1-1 or email us at SchoolActiveTravel@vancouver.ca

Sincerely,

Liliana Quintero, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.
Senior Transportation Engineer
Engineering Services
City of Vancouver

Upcoming Dates in October and November

Remember to check our [school website](#) main page under “About Us” for daily schedules, monthly calendar, student agenda, and other information as the school year progresses.

- Thursday, October 9.....Grade 12 Assembly for CLC 12 @ FIT (Auditorium)
- Friday, October 10Informal Learning Updates Published in MyEd @ 3pm for S1 Courses
- Monday, October 13Thanksgiving Day (School not in Session)
- Wednesday, October 15.....Collaborative Planning Day – Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
- Friday, October 17Photo Retake Day, Grade 8 & 12 Group Photo Day
- Tuesday, October 21Mini Parents’ Association AGM Meeting @ 7pm
- Wednesday, October 22PAC Meeting @ 7:30 pm (Library)
- Friday, October 24Provincial Pro D Day (School not in Session for Students)
- Monday, October 27Parent Teacher Online Conference Bookings Start @ 3pm (*more info to come*)
- Tuesday, October 28Mini School Information Night @ 7pm (Auditorium)
- Monday-Friday, November 3-7Grade 12 Literacy Assessments
- Monday, November 3Parent Teacher Online Conference Bookings Close @ 9am
- Tuesday, November 4Grade 10 & 11 Assembly for Career Programs @ FIT (Auditorium)
- Wednesday, November 5.....Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day (optional)
- Thursday, November 6.....Parent Teacher Online Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 2:05pm)
- Friday, November 7First Day for New Class Rotation
- Monday, November 10Remembrance Day Assemblies
- Tuesday, November 11Remembrance Day (School not in Session)
- Wednesday, November 12.....Collaborative Planning Day – Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
- Thursday, November 13.....Core Competency Reflection & Goal Setting for all Students @ FIT in Homerooms
- Tuesday, November 18Mini Parents’ Association Meeting @ 7pm (Library)
- Wednesday, November 19.....PAC Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- Thursday, November 20.....Written Learning Updates Published in MyEd @ 3pm for S1 Courses
.....Informal Learning Updates Published in MyEd @ 3pm for Full Year Courses
- Friday, November 21.....District Pro D Day (School not in Session for Students)
- Monday, November 24Music Supporters’ Society Meeting @ 7pm (Virtual)
- Tuesday, November 25Grade 12 Assembly for Transcript Verifications @ FIT (Auditorium)

CALENDAR 2025 – 2026 **stəwə:ń Point Grey Secondary School**

DATED MAY 2025


**Vancouver
School Board**

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days ; 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Friday, September 26, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 20, 2026	Non Instructional Day
Friday, May 15, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)

COLLABORATION DATES

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Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Late Start for Students 10:10 am
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Early Dismissal for Students..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Late Start for Students 10:10 am
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	Late Start for Students 10:10 am
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, June 10, 2026	Late Start for Students 10:10 am

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Thursday, November 6, 2025	Early Dismissal.....2:05 pm - Semester 1
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Early Dismissal.....2:05 pm – Semester 2