



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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! We hope you had a relaxing time with friends and family.

On March 14, athletes from stəywəte:ń Point Grey participated in the Special Olympic BC Unified 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Britannia Secondary. The event was a wonderful day for students, celebrating sportsmanship, inclusion, and athleticism. We anticipate hosting our next tournament at stəywəte:ń Point Grey in April, where we will welcome Unified 3-on-3 basketball teams from five school districts. Thank you to our PAC for supporting this program and thank you to Ms. Chittenden for organizing and sponsoring.

On Thursday, April 17, students will meet with their homeroom classes during Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) to reflect on their core competencies and set goals for future learning and growth. This is a continuation from the reflection and goal setting that we started with students in November, and students will repeat this activity again in June, building the life-long skills necessary to set a learning target and then work towards it. The [Core Competencies](#) are integrated throughout all areas of learning in the British Columbia's K-12 curriculum, and all students have the opportunity to engage in core competency self-reflection and goal setting, building on their learning and growth from year to year.

In this newsletter, you will find information about school goals, school office reminders, communicating student learning, graduation information, counselling updates, athletics highlights, music highlights, PAC information, and important dates for 2024-2025. 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 and School Goals

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.

School Goals:

- 1. Help students build self-regulation skills to improve well-being and belonging.*
- 2. Create an inclusive and equitable school environment where all students feel valued and supported.*

SPRING FUNDRAISER

POINT GREY SECONDARY GRADS 2025

PATIO
PLANTER

\$36



HANGING
BASKET

\$36



20 ROSE
PLANTER

\$44



3-PACK
INDOOR FOLIAGE

\$40



10-PACK
VEGGIES

\$32



10-PACK
HERBS

\$32



10-PACK
GERANIUMS

\$38



10-PACK
WAVE PETUNIA

\$38



PLUS MORE VARIETIES!



HOW TO ORDER:

Place orders online with our dedicated page:
pointgreysecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com



PLANT PICKUP:

Wed May 7, 2-7pm, PG School cafeteria



ORDERS DUE:

Tues April 22



CONTACT:

grad@pointgreyparents.org



School Office Reminders – Attendance Procedures

Parents/Guardians, please email pointgreyattendance@vsb.bc.ca if reporting absences. Subject teachers may also be included in the email. Staff email addresses can be found on our [school website](#) under About Us > Our Staff

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informal Learning Update published October 10, 2024 ○ Written Learning Update published November 21, 2024 ○ Summary of Learning published January 30, 2025
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informal Learning Update published March 13, 2025 ○ Written Learning Update published April 25, 2025 ○ Summary of Learning published June 26, 2025
Full Year Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informal Learning Update published November 21, 2024 ○ Written Learning Updates published January 30 & April 25, 2025 ○ Summary of Learning published June 26, 2025

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There will be two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this year. One was on **Thursday, November 7, 2024** (for Semester 1) and the next one will be on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025** (for Semester 2). More information will be emailed home on Friday, April 25.

Graduation 2025 Information



Graduation Prom

The 2025 Grad Prom will be at the Pan Pacific Oceanview rooms on **Thursday, May 15, 2025** from 6:00pm-11:00pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm, and it is hoped that grads will stay at the Prom until at least 10:30pm. **An email with more detailed information was sent directly to grade 12 students and parent/guardians earlier this week.** We are looking forward to celebrating this important milestone with our students!

- Prom fees can be paid by clicking on the “Pay Fees” link on our school website (<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/point-grey>). Fees can also be paid in person (by cash or cheque) in the main office. If your child intends on going to prom, **please purchase your ticket by Thursday, April 17** to secure your spot.
- Guest application forms are available in the school office starting Monday, April 7. **Guest application forms must be submitted by Thursday, April 17.** The guest must not be younger than grade 11 and must not be older than 19. If the guest receives approval, tickets must then be purchased in person (cash or cheque) in the office.
- **Final Prom Ticket for sales will close at 3:15pm on Wednesday, April 30.** Tickets to the Prom will not be available for purchase the night of the event.
- *The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents/guardians unable to pay some or all or some of the prom fee are invited to please contact the Principal, Michelle Wood, by email at mwood@vsb.bc.ca. All requests will be confidential.*

Graduation Ceremony

The 2025 Graduation Ceremony will be held at the UBC Chan Centre at 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025**. More information about the Ceremony to come in the next few months.

Graduation Fundraisers

We are grateful to our Student and Parent Grad Committees for all their work with event planning and fundraising. Here are two fundraising initiatives:

- **Grad Canucks Fundraiser:** The Vancouver Canucks Grad Fundraiser Program is back this year after the great success of last year’s Grad 2024 fundraiser. For each ticket purchased through this program, **\$5 will be donated directly to the Grad 2025 class**, helping fund activities and celebrations for our graduating students. These tickets make fantastic gifts or a fun night out for the family while supporting a great cause. Click here for the link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Pointgrey7>. Thank you for your continued support of our Grad 2025 class! Here are the game dates available:
 - **April 14:** Vancouver Canucks vs. San Jose Sharks
 - **April 16:** Vancouver Canucks vs. Vegas Golden Knights
- **Grad Spring Plant Sale:** Spring is here! Help support all our 2025 PG Grads by ordering some beautiful hanging baskets, spring planters and bedding plants. Plants are a great way to celebrate Spring, Earth Day, Mother’s Day and everyday. Encourage your friends and family to get out into the garden while supporting a healthy fundraiser! **Order directly from our webpage and pass along the link to friends and family.** <https://pointgreysecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>
 - **Last day for orders: Tuesday April 22**
 - **Plant Pick-up: Wednesday May 7, 2pm-7pm in the PG school cafeteria**

Thanks for your support!
Point Grey Grad Committee

Athletics Highlights

Competitions in our Spring Sports are starting!

- The Golf Team's first match was Tuesday, April 2 and the Jr/Sr Badminton took place the same day.
- Jr/Sr Ultimate have their first games on Friday, April 4.
- Sr Rugby and Sr Girls' Soccer start the week of April 7.
- We are hosting the first track meet of the season on Thursday, April 10 and the Juvenile Boys' Volleyball Team hosts King George that day as well.
- To find our game schedules, please go to the vancouver school sport website: vancouverchoolsports.ca

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Julie Douglas.



Music Highlights



Point Grey had yet another successful concert at the VSB District Band Festival, hosted by Magee. There were 10 schools participating. Point Grey had close to a hundred students on stage, the biggest ensemble for the evening! We also had adjudicators giving us written comments for our performances.

We started the evening conducting an opening march piece and continued with an excerpt of 3 contrasting western old American dance suites. It was a well-attended evening!

~ Ms. Ip & Mr. Fleming

Congratulations to our Japanese Classes

We are delighted to share that our students participated in **the 8th Annual Metro Vancouver Japan Bowl on Saturday, March 8, 2025**, at the **Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre**. Our Japanese class students represented our school with enthusiasm and dedication, showcasing their knowledge and teamwork while gaining valuable experience in a challenging yet rewarding environment. It was truly a memorable day for everyone involved! We are so proud of their efforts and grateful for the support of our school community and parents in making this experience possible.

~Ms. Noguchi



3D Muppets Display by Ceramics & Sculpture 11/12

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Please join us for our next evening event/meeting April 10th at 7:30pm in our school library to hear from our special guests, the stəwə:ɾ Point Grey Student Council, as they share their 'year in review'. If you have ever wanted to learn more about the amazing things the PG StuCo does, and how your PG student can get involved, we welcome you to join us for a fun and informative evening in the lovely stəwə:ɾ Point Grey Library. Our meetings are always open, casual and friendly - we hope you will join us to learn more about the many happenings at PG Secondary and to meet your fellow parents.

The evening's agenda also includes a discussion around next year's PAC Executive membership - we encourage parents to learn more about committee membership and to join us as we work together to make Point Grey the amazing community it is for our families. And if that isn't enough, the infamous "PG Hounds socks" will be for sale (\$8/pair, \$20/3 pairs).

We look forward to seeing you there.

~ Your 2024-2025 PG PAC Executive ~

Counselling Update

Thank you to our student community for participating in the course planning process for the 2025-2026 school year. Students can check their requests in the **MyEd student portal**.

VSB Summer Learning

Registration will open on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at noon (12:00 PM)** and will close on **Wednesday, June 11 at 11:59 PM**.

Please visit: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning> for more detailed information. Courses fill quickly, so please mark your calendar if you are interested in a Summer Learning course through the VSB. Please see your counsellor if you have any questions before registering.



Grade 10 Literacy Assessment April 7 - April 11, 2025

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment is a provincial graduation requirement that evaluates students' literacy skills, including critical thinking, analysis, and communication. It is not tied to a specific course but assesses learning across all subjects from kindergarten to Grade 10.

Grade 10 students, please check the schedule that is posted outside the main office.

Please see below for more information:

- [About this Assessment](#)
- [What the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment Looks Like](#)
- [Online Sample–Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#)
- [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: Sample A \(PDF\)](#)
- [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: Sample A Key, Rubrics and Scoring Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: Sample B \(PDF\)](#)
- [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment: Sample B Key, Rubrics and Scoring Guide \(PDF\)](#)

Rotary Youth Leadership

Rotary Youth Leadership provides opportunities to develop skills while having fun and making connections. Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs and this year's leadership event took place at Camp Elphinstone during Spring Break.

Congratulations to Grade 11 students Emiliano Pena and Daniel Said who were selected to participate in this unique leadership challenge!

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

- Lisa Agius, Counsellor for Gr 9s & Gr 8s (Last Names A-C)
- Doris Sandri, Counsellor for Gr 10s & Gr 8s (Last Names M-R)
- Janice Sim, Counsellor for Gr 11s & Gr 8 (Last Names D-L), Department Head
- Kasey Chittenden, Counsellor for Gr 12s & Gr 8 (Last Names S-Z)

Calendar Dates to Note for 2024-2025

April 2025

- 1 Minami Sister School Visit
- 7 to 11 Gr 10 Literacy Assessment
- 8 Mini Parents' Association Meeting @ 7pm (*in person*)
- 9 Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborative Planning
- 10 PAC Meeting @ 7:30pm
- 14 Music Supporters' Society Meeting @ 7pm (*virtual*)
- 15 Mandatory Grad Assembly @ FIT
- 16 Last Day for Rotation P1, 2, 3, 4
- 17 First Day for Rotation P2, 1, 4, 3
- 17 Core Competency School-Wide Activity @ FIT in homerooms
- 18 Good Friday (*school not in session*)
- 21 Easter Monday (*school not in session*)
- 24-28 Senior Music Trip to Anaheim, CA
- 25 S2 & FY Written Learning Update Published at 3:00pm
- 25 Parent-Teacher Conference Online Bookings Start @ 7pm
- 28 District Wide ProD Day (*non-instructional day*)

May 2025

- 1 Parent-Teacher Conference Online Bookings Close @ 9am
- 6 School Dismissed @ 2:05 pm
- 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 9 Night of Jazz Concert @ 6:30pm
- 12 Grade 8 ADST Rotation 2 Ends
- 13 Grade 8 ADST Rotation 3 Begins
- 13 Mini Parents' Association Meeting @ 7pm (*virtual*)
- 14 Late Start @ 10:10am for Staff Collaborative Planning
- 15 Grade Prom @ 6pm-1pm (*Pan Pacific*)
- 16 School Based ProD Day (*non-instructional day*)
- 19 Victoria Day (*school not in session*)
- 20 to 27 Student Council Nomination Week (STUCO)
- 26 Music Supporters' Society Meeting @ 7pm (*virtual*)
- 27 Grade 11/12 Assembly @ FIT: ICBC Road Sense
- 29 to 30 Theatre Company Spring Show @ 7pm



June 2025

- 3 PAC AGM @ 7:30pm
- 4 Athletics Banquet @ 3:15pm-5pm
- 5 Junior Spring Concert @ 7pm
- 9 to 13 Mini Grade 9/10 Trip to Ashland, OR
- 10 Core Competency School-Wide Activity @ FIT in homerooms
- 11 Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborative Planning
- 11 Senior Spring Concert @ 7pm
- 12 Locker Clean Up @ FIT
- 17 Mini Parents' Association Meeting @ 7pm
- 19 Grad Picnic & Yearbook Distribution @ lunch
- 19 Grad Mandatory Rehearsal, Gown & Ticket Pick Up @ P4/3
- 20 Locker Clear Out @ FIT
- 20 Student Council Carnival
- 24 Grad Ceremony @ 4pm (*Chan Centre*)
- 24 Last Day of Formal Classes
- 25 & 26 IE Days (*no formal classes*)
- 26 S2 & Final Summary of Learning Published @ 3pm