



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 xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

It has been a fabulous start to Semester 2 with classes well on their way, along with many field trips and extracurricular opportunities for students. If students are looking for ways to get involved in our school community, you are invited to take a look at our [clubs list on our school website](#) and check MS teams for spring athletics information.

On Thursday, March 13, Semester 2 Informal Learning Updates (Interim Reports) will be published for students and families. Thank you for taking the time to ensure that you can log on to the [MyEd BC student and family portal](#) so that you are able to access these Informal Reports. If you need help accessing MyEd BC, please [click here for instructions](#) or contact our school office. Informal Learning Updates are an opportunity for an early check in as to how learning is going for our students. When reviewing as a family, here is a reminder of helpful questions to get conversations started:

- *What are you learning and why is it important?*
- *How is it going with your learning?*
- *What are your next steps?*

Please know that if students and families have any questions about how learning is going, you are always welcome to connect with teachers and counsellors.

In this newsletter, you will find information about school goals, school office reminders, communicating student learning, graduation information, counselling updates, athletics 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. We wish all our students, families and staff a restful, relaxing and rejuvenating upcoming spring break.

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.*

VSB After the Bell – an online learning series for families

Introducing VSB After the Bell: Live, a new series of information sessions designed to provide families with direct access to educators and experts on key topics affecting student learning and well-being.

As an extension of our [podcast, After the Bell](#), the learning series is designed to be accessible and informative, featuring education subject matter experts, live Q&A and practical takeaways for families. For March, we will be exploring how to navigate social media, AI and online safety.

VSB After the Bell: Live

Topic: Helping kids navigate social media, AI and online safety

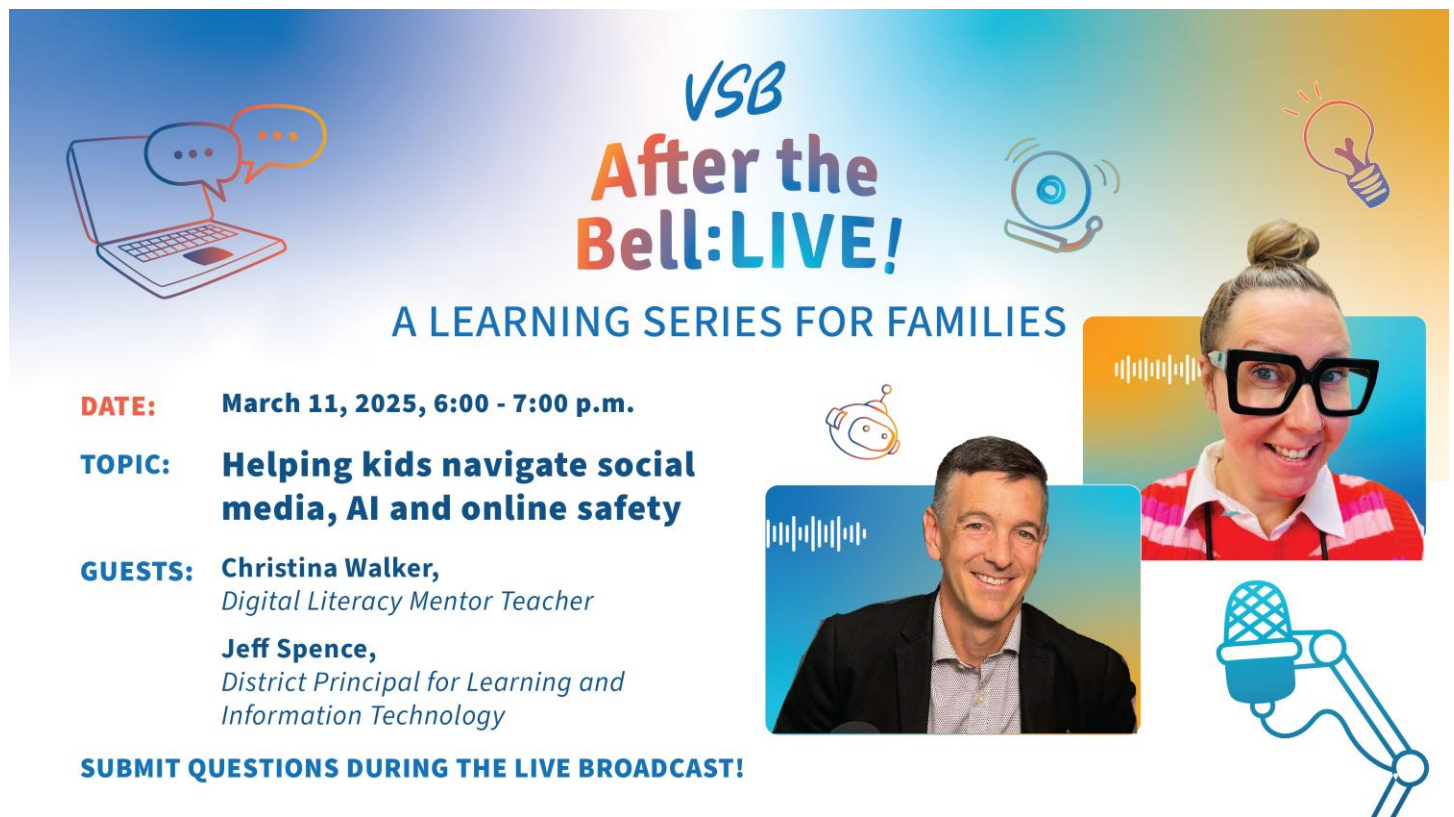
Date: March 11, 2025, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Jeff Spence, VSB District Principal of Information Technology and Christina Walker, VSB Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher

In an increasingly digital world, understanding how to be a responsible and informed online citizen is more important than ever. Join VSB After the Bell: Live for an engaging session on digital literacy, where we'll explore how students can safely and responsibly navigate the online space.

Join experts in the field to discuss key topics including navigating social media platforms (Snapchat, Discord, Instagram, TikTok), the impact of Generative AI (Copilot, ChatGPT) and essential student online safety strategies. Learn how VSB is supporting both students and educators on this journey and gain practical insights to help your child thrive in the digital age.

A link to the information will be available a day before the event.



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GUESTS: Christina Walker,
Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher
Jeff Spence,
District Principal for Learning and Information Technology

SUBMIT QUESTIONS DURING THE LIVE BROADCAST!

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 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. Stay tuned for more information to come!

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.

2025 Canadian Computing Competition

Hounds Shine in the 2025 Canadian Computing Competition!

In mid-February, 29 brave Hounds took on the challenge of the 2025 Canadian Computing Competition, organized by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo. For most, it was their first experience with such a rigorous contest, and all participants should be proud of their efforts in tackling this demanding test of programming and problem-solving skills.

The preliminary results are in, and several standout performances deserve special recognition. In the Junior difficulty level, **Vasilii Orlov**, **Paul Peng**, **Georgina Tse**, **Phillips Vu** and **Ben Gibson** delivered strong scores, finishing just behind the top performers. Meanwhile, in the Senior difficulty level, **Bill Nguyen** dazzled with expertly crafted code solutions that were only eclipsed by Point Grey's top performer, **Hugh Wong**, who achieved an impressive result that was just shy of the standard to receive an invitation to the next round of competition, the Canadian Computing Olympiad. Next year will be an opportunity to reach even greater heights of achievement.

Congratulations to all our participants and thank you for your enthusiasm for computer science!

Athletics Highlights

Winter Season Update

We have exciting news to share from our Westling Team... This is the best performance we have had in years!

- Zone results:
 - Maya Race finished 1st, Angela Ituarte De Alba finished 1st, Maria Ituarte De Alba finished 4th
 - And as a team we won the girls' wrestling banner!
 - Will Stausgaard finished 3rd, Vincent Lutkiewicz finished 5th
- Provincial results:
 - Maya Race finished 4th
 - Vincent Lutkiewicz finished 5th

Spring Season

Spring sports include tennis, badminton, girls' soccer, track & field, ultimate, senior boys' rugby, golf, and girls' softball. Signups are up already, and meetings/tryouts are happening now. If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Julie Douglas.

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**.

VSBC 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.

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 \(PDF\)](#)

Information for Grade 12s Taking Online Classes

A quick reminder to students taking an online class that is required for university admission: students should check when that course needs to be completed. The 50% deadline is approaching for UBC & SFU. Students will need to ask their online provider to add the mark into MyEd **prior to March 14**. *This does not always happen automatically.

- **UBC & SFU**- 50% of the course must be completed, and an interim mark must appear on your ministry transcript by March 15. **March 15 is a Saturday, and we need to upload the marks to the ministry site so please have interim marks entered before March 14th into MyEd.*
- **UVic**- completed by June 30

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)

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Thank you to all parent who helped with the Lunar New Year Celebration Event!

All parents and guardians are invited to join the remaining PAC Meetings for the 2024 – 2025 school year:

- Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm
- Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - AGM @ 7:30pm

Calendar Dates to Note for 2024-2025

March 2025

12	Grade 8 ADST Rotation 1 Ends
13	Grade 8 ADST Rotation 2 Begins
13	S2 Informal Learning Update published at 3:00pm
14	Last Day before Spring Break
17 to 28	Spring Break (<i>school not in session</i>)
31	School Reopens after Spring Break

April 2025

1	Minami Sister School Visit
7 to 11	Gr 10 Literacy Assessment
8	Mini Parents' Association Meeting @ 7pm (<i>in person</i>)
9	Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborative Planning
10	PAC Meeting @ 7:30pm
14	Music Supporters' Society Meeting @ 7pm (<i>virtual</i>)
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 (<i>school not in session</i>)
21	Easter Monday (<i>school not in session</i>)
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 (<i>non-instructional day</i>)

May 2025

1	Parent-Teacher Conference Online Bookings Close @ 9am
7	School Dismissed @ 2:05 pm
7	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 (<i>virtual</i>)
15	Grade Prom @ 6pm-1pm (<i>Pan Pacific</i>)
14	Late Start @ 10:10am for Staff Collaborative Planning
16	School Based ProD Day (<i>non-instructional day</i>)
19	Victoria Day (<i>school not in session</i>)
20 to 27	Student Council Nomination Week (STUCO)
26	Music Supporters' Society Meeting @ 7pm (<i>virtual</i>)
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 (<i>Chan Centre</i>)
24	Last Day of Formal Classes
25 & 26	IE Days (<i>no formal classes</i>)
26	S2 & Final Summary of Learning Published @ 3pm