



ATTENDANCE- NEW MESSAGING TO FAMILIES

We are now using MyEd as our messaging system for reporting student attendance. You may now notice that details in the message have changed. For families to get more information about the class or classes missed, they need to login to the [MyEd Family Portal](#). For any changes in attendance (an error was made), students need to talk to their classroom teacher in which the absence was reported. We ask that families contact the office if you have a comment or concern. We know with any changes there is a learning curve and feedback is appreciated.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

After the break, we will be starting to plan our Grade 12 Graduation Events including: Graduation Ceremony, Valediction Election Grad Breakfast, and...*the Graduation Dinner and Dance!*



PW is now working with the Parent Prom and Student Prom Committee on a school sanctioned Graduation Dinner and Dance. This change will help reduce ticket cost, supervision and help planning the event.

The Parent Prom Committee is still looking for volunteers and support. A message from the committee: PW Grad 2024 and Prom 2024 Pages have been added to the PAC website pwpac.org.

- **Grade 11 and 12 Parents**, we're planning this year's prom, a significant milestone for our students. We've made progress but need your help in sponsorship, fundraising, decoration, and chaperoning. Join our weekly Zoom meetings ([Weekly link CLICK here](#)) and share your ideas at infopwprom2024@gmail.com. Let's make this prom unforgettable together!
- **Donations:** As parents of high school juniors and seniors, you know how much prom means to your children – it's not just a dance; it's a cherished milestone in their lives. We're reaching out to kindly request donations or sponsorships to help make this unforgettable event truly special. If you're interested in supporting the prom, please consider contributing here. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference. [SchoolCashOnline Donation Page](#) – be sure to select Fund Destination – "S Prince of Wales" and then put in the message "PW Prom 2024".

On Thursday April 11, we are holding a Grade 12 Assembly- Getting Ready for Graduation during FIT (1:22 pm- 2:02 pm) in the Auditorium where will be going over important information for the Graduation Ceremony, Grade 12 Graduation requirements Grad events and more! All grade 12's are expected to attend.

We are looking forward to celebrating these upcoming events with our Grade 12's and their families. We will be emailing families a Graduation Bulletin in April with final details.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

On **Friday April 19th, 2024** all **Grade 10** students (and any grade 11 or 12 who has not written yet) will be completing the Literacy 10 Provincial Assessment. On this day, classes for grade 10 classes will NOT be in session to allow for the writing by students and invigilation of the assessment. Please visit the [Ministry of Education website](#) for more information on the assessment and practice assessments. Exact schedule with rooms and times will be posted in the PW Student Hub and emailed to all grade 10 families in early April.

As a reminder, on **Friday January 26th**, all **Grade 12** students wrote the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment. Results are expected in late March/early April. We will post out to the Grade 12 Team when results arrive. Instructions on how to access results can be found [here](#). If your child needs to rewrite the assessment, please contact Mr. Cacchioni. The rewrite day is Friday April 19th.

SUMMER LEARNING UPDATE



Please note that registration for Summer School courses opens on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at noon (12:00 pm) and closes on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Click [here](#) for the summer registration website. All courses are in-person.

Review, Preview, Remedial and ELL courses run from July 3 to July 26, 2024. Completion courses run from July 3 - August 2, 2024. Please note that course information will be available mid-April. Email questions to the Summer Learning office at: summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca.



FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)

A reminder that FIT happens every day except Friday, for 40 minutes. During FIT students are expected to be engaged in a learning activity of their choice in a learning space (not hallways or offsite). Monday and Wednesday FIT runs 8:40 - 9:20 am and Tuesday and Thursday FIT runs 1:22 - 2:02 pm.

Cafeteria Use During FIT: The cafeteria learning space is reserved for Grade 11/12 students to work on projects or quiet study area.

Library Use During FIT: The library learning space is reserved for Grade 11/12 with a maximum of 30 spaces. There are no in and out privileges.

Gym Use During FIT: Tuesday is reserved for gr 8-9 only, Thursday is reserved for gr 10-12 only. You should be enrolled in a PHE class this semester if you are using this space.

LEARNING UPDATES

Learning Updates: All students received an Informal Learning Update (Interim) on **Thursday, March 7, 2024**. This included a comment on student learning from student's semester 2 teachers.

Please note that your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their [MyEducation BC account](#). This report will be available until April 24th, 2024. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**

Semester 2 Learning Updates and Reporting will follow this schedule:

	Informal Learning Update	Mid-Semester Learning Update	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Final Learning Update
Semester 2 Courses	March 7, 2024	April 25, 2024	May 8, 2024	June 27, 2024
Linear Courses		April 25, 2024		June 27, 2024
Core Competencies (Self Reporting)	November 23, 2023	April 25, 2024		June 27, 2024

Core Competency Thursdays (CCT Homerooms): Students meet in their homeroom monthly on Thursdays during FIT. During this time students have been working on self-reflection of Core-Competencies, along with community building and feedback on their experiences at PW. Our next CCT homeroom is scheduled for March 14th where students will be reviewing and reflecting their personal goal from November and preparing for another upload in April. *As a reminder, goal setting and reflection is a part of student's Learning Updates and we encourage families to review this with their child.*

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Winter Sports Round Up and Spring Preview ~ Mr. Lubiniski, Athletic Director

Senior Boys Basketball has completed their season and Grade 12 student Scott S. is representing PW in the upcoming Vancouver All-Star game this week.

Senior Girls Basketball Four grade 12 students, Paulina H., Sophie S., Mya H., and Evie J. represented P.W. on a combined Magee/P.W. Senior Girls Basketball Team. These four P.W. athletes practiced and played games at Magee Secondary away from the comfort and familiarity of their home school. We are so proud of these athletes for the dedication and perseverance they demonstrated by choosing to play this year! Also, a huge congratulations to Grade 12 Evie J. for representing PW in the senior girls all star basketball game at Langara!

The **Junior Boys Basketball Team** had a very successful season compiling an impressive regular season record of 7-3 and making the City Finals tournament placing 5th overall. The boys started their season by reaching the finals at the Jokers Classic Tournament hosted by John Oliver. The year culminated with a memorable tournament on Vancouver Island where the boys connected and bonded and undoubtedly made memories that will last a lifetime, including an incredible 130-60 victory over Francis Kelsey. Many players demonstrated growth and development this year including Grade 10's, Matthew S., Jason D., Asher R., Ayoob S. and Curtis W. Lead by their captain, Max T., this group is excited for next year as they enter the Senior Division. The four grade 9s showed great promise for next year's Junior team as they competed in every practice and played an integral part in the team's successes this year.





The **Junior Girls Basketball Team** were extremely competitive throughout their season and were led by the energy and commitment of the dynamic grade 9 duo of Sara L. and Ngoc Chau T. The team placed 6th at the City Championships but were involved throughout the tournament in many close games. Sadie T. and Oonam K. are representing P.W. in the Junior Girls Basketball Game to be played March 14th at Langara College – congrats!

Bantam Girls Basketball Team look forward to their end of the year wrap up game and season celebration. The team would like to thank P.W. parent coach, Alicia Kersten and P.W. grade 12 student coaches, Mya H. and Evie J. for all their time and effort in making the season so fun and enjoyable!

Bantam Boys Basketball had a very successful season with the boys competing in several games that were decided by one point. The entire team would like to thank the Grade 12 coaching duo of Ivan D. and Tudor D. for volunteering their time.

Our **Table Tennis Team** qualified for the Provincials. The Boys team with Andy W., Kevin T., and Eden C. finished in 13th place. Girl's team members were, Yolanda C., Hermia L., Eli S., Selena W., and Suri L.

The **PW Hockey Team** travelled to Vancouver Island to participate in the annual Ross Cop. Although the team did not accrue a lot of victories they nevertheless battled hard at the start of the tournament and as always, enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie that these types of experiences bring. Grade 8 student, Jacob T. did not look out of place during the tournament competing against grade 12's. The future looks bright for this P.W. student athlete!

Girls Ice Hockey Team City Champions!

PW Team defeats Kits 3-2 in a shootout!

Buoyed by the P.W. student body and staff, the Prince of Wales Girls Ice Hockey Team captured the City Championship in their inaugural season in a thrilling game that needed overtime and a shootout to decide the very tightly contested game!



Special thank you goes out to grade 9 student Gavin L. for his expert handling of the score clock throughout both our basketball and hockey seasons! Gavin is a reliable and competent student volunteer and his willingness to give to the P.W. Athletic community is greatly appreciated!

Okay time to put away the basketball sneakers and table tennis paddles and trade them in for spikes, cleats and tennis rackets but hold onto those skates!

The Prince of Wales Athletic Department will be offering the following Team this Spring:

- Co/Ed Ultimate Team grades 8-12 (combined with Magee)
- Co/Ed Tennis Team grades 8-12
- Co/Ed Track Team Grades 8-12
- Grade 8 Co/Ed Badminton Team
- Grade 9/10 Co/Ed Badminton Team
- Grade 11/12 Co/Ed Badminton Team
- Girls Soccer Team Grades 8-12
- Boys Junior Rugby Team (combined with U-Hill and Magee)
- Senior Boys Rugby Team (combined with U-Hill and Magee)
- Senior Boys Ice Hockey Team

We are looking forward to another great season!

LIBRARY~ LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE



We had displays in the library recognizing and celebrating Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. Currently we have displays recognizing International Women's Day, Women's History Month (March) and Nutrition Month (March). Come by the library to check them out. Now is also a great time to check out books for spring break. PW Library has many new books in all genres and topics in a variety of formats (book, e book and audiobook). Have a safe and wonderful spring break!



~ Ms. Brett, Teacher Librarian



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PW?

Highlighting a few events over the past month...

Thanks to Leadership for the learning activities and raising awareness for Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. For BHM, students created a spotlight for Black Canadian Artists on our school announcements as well as displays. Thanks to our Grade 9 mini class for sharing their project Black History on a Locker. Students enjoyed walking around C-Wing learning and celebrating pillars of the community



such as athletes, artists, scientists and more! For Pink Shirt Day, Leadership classes created a display that included a pink shirt for each student and staff member along with a commitment. It was a powerful presence in the school and sparked interesting conversations among students and staff.

Our Musical Production, Lucky Stiff ran from Feb 28- March 1. Bravo to the cast, crew and teacher sponsors for



ALL their hard work putting on an AMAZING production! It was very well done and we are all looking forward to next year!

More events are being planned for the spring for students and families- stay tuned!

GENERAL REMINDERS

Student Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8974

Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment)

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period (travel, medical etc.) should contact their grade counsellor to complete an extended absence form. Teachers are not expected to reteach all material and students can complete assessments when they return based on teacher availability and recommendation. We encourage families not to schedule vacations when school is in session. Students should have conversations with their teachers about a plan for success. Please note, end of semester credit-recovery days may be required to complete these assessments.

Daily Health Checks

Although there are no formal protocols, we encourage all students and staff to complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home. Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

Student Pick-up/Drop-off

Students bringing their cars to school are required to comply with all Vancouver City traffic and parking by-laws. Students are not permitted to park in the staff parking lots. For reasons of safety, parents/guardians and students are not permitted to use the staff parking areas for drop-off or pick-up purposes. Students should be considerate of neighbours when parking on the street, and to respect "residents only" parking areas.

The area directly in front of the school along Eddington Drive is a no-stopping zone.



Please do not pick-up or drop-off students there - stop a block away from the school entrance and have students walk. City by-law enforcement regularly patrols this area and gives electronic tickets for infractions. The number of cars recently seen stopping in this area has led to unsafe conditions for students crossing the road.