

Shaughnessy Newsletter – April 2024

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Important Dates to Remember:

- April 2 First day back to school
- April 4 First day of Hot Lunch
- April 18 Night of Bands @ John Oliver
- April 19 PAC meeting @ 9:30 am (Library)
- **April 22 District-wide ProD (no school)**
- April 26 Moustache and Sunglass Day
- April 26 Jump Rope for Heart Day
- April 30 Grade 6 and K immunization

Spring Choir Festival

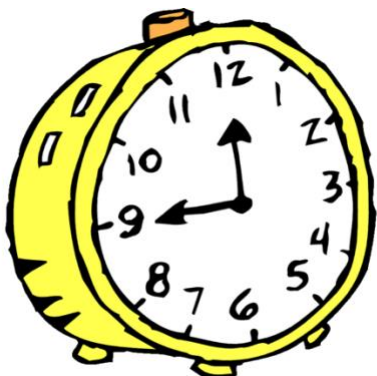
Congratulation and Bravi-Tutti to our Shaughnessy Choir Club for their magnificent performance at the **District Choir Festival** at John Oliver Secondary School. Many elementary choirs performed to share their music. We appreciate our Shaughnessy students for their great performance.

Elementary Night of Bands

The **2024 Elementary Night of Bands** returns this year on April 18th at 6:30pm to 8:45pm, being hosted by John Oliver Secondary. It will be a wonderful night of music and celebration. This year, our Grade 6/7 Band will have the opportunity to perform two songs and then finish the concert with a mass song at the end. It will be a great night of music you will not want to miss.



Parent volunteers are needed to help with the group before and after the students perform. If you are available to help. Please contact Mr. Dirk at mdirk@vsb.bc.ca



Arriving to School on Time

Just a reminder that our **school day starts promptly at 9:00 am**. Attending school on time is important. When children arrive at school on time they start the day off more positively, they build stronger relationships with classmates, feel a greater sense of belonging, and can feel more engaged and excited about learning. It is difficult to “catch children up” when they miss a significant amount of reading time or instructional time. Please support your child’s academic and social learning by ensuring that they attend school on time.

Are You Moving?

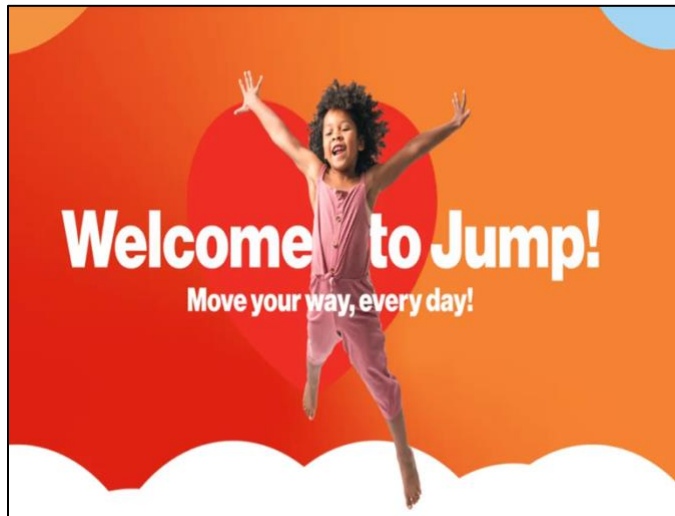
To plan for our 2024-25 school year, we need to know whether your child/children will be returning to Shaughnessy Elementary. If you know that you will not be returning, please contact the school office. **Please note that students who are returning to Shaughnessy are automatically registered for next year.**



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Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is the school **FUNdrasing** event that nobody wants to skip! Students discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.



Our school goal this year is \$10,000. If we reach our goal, we have planned an exciting spirit booster event where our honoured principal Jim Embree will receive a pie in the face on event day, April 26th. We have calculated that if every student at Shaughnessy were to raise \$25, we would easily meet our goal. Each student that registers to collect donations below will be able to receive personal prizes. For \$25 in collected donations, students will receive a \$5 gift card to Amazon or Walmart. For \$75 collected in donations, students receive a \$15.00 gift card. The prizes just continue from there all the way \$1000 collected in donations and students will receive a \$200.00 gift card join our school and help heart and stroke save lives by jump starting your fund raising.

Here's how:

1. Visit the Shaughnessy Elementary link below and click **“Register to participate.”** Then click the register button.
2. Fill out the information making sure to put **“Student Registration”**. You can make your own goal here and begin donating.
3. . Then click **“Save”** at the bottom of the screen. After saving, you need to click **“Register”**. Enter your e-mail in the donor slash information section and fill out your information section (This does not mean you are donating!) Complete this section and at the bottom click **“Complete.”**
4. You can then click **“Participate Centre”** at the top of the page to see your child's personal page. If you click your child's personal page, they can participate in the healthy habit tracker and share their personal fund-raising page on social media to collect donations for the prizes listed above.

School Link Page: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43448> **Jump Rope for Heart** event is on **April 26th**, but you can start jumping and donating NOW!

Class Organization for 2024-25


Toward the end of the school year, the staff will put a tremendous amount of thought into the organization of classes for next year. We approach each student placement decision carefully. Each student's social, emotional, and academic needs are considered. In addition, we consider students as English Language Learners, students with special needs, leadership abilities, cohesive student groupings, previous classroom history, as well as class-size and composition (Ministry/VBE guidelines) when creating balanced classes.





Please note that a letter or email requesting a specific teacher is not accepted by the school, however, if you have information about your child's social, emotional, and academic needs that you feel is important for us to know, you are welcome to contact **Mr. Jim Embree, Principal** (jembree@vsb.bc.ca) in writing before May 30, 2024

Drop-Off ZONE

As we strive to create a safe and efficient environment for everyone, we kindly ask for your cooperation in our drop-off zone along Marguerite Avenue.

 **Keep It Moving:** Remember, this area is a **no parking zone**. But don't worry! You can still drop off your wonderful children right at the curb. Simply pull forward, let them hop out (curb side), and then proceed safely to exit.

 **Three-Minute Maximum:** To keep the traffic flowing smoothly, we encourage you to keep your cars moving. Stopping for longer than three minutes can lead to a little “car ballet” and backed-up congestion at the intersection of Nanton and Marguerite.

 **Teamwork Appreciated:** Your cooperation makes a world of difference! By following these guidelines, you're helping create a positive experience for everyone involved. Thank you for being awesome!

Remember, together we can make our drop-off zone a breeze.

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Student Learning Survey

During the months of January to April, School District 39 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm May 3rd, 2024, providing** immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2024: Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete the survey; Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a School complete the survey.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required select:
 - District: the name of your child’s district
 - School: the name of your child’s school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

PAC News

On May 1-3 the PAC will host a **Used Book Sale** to raise funds for our library. Families are invited to come shop and expand your child’s reading collection. This is also a great opportunity to donate your gently used books (of grades K-7 appropriate material) for another family to enjoy. We are now accepting book donations in the school library. All book donations can be dropped off at the library until **April 25th**.

The final term of **hot lunch orders** is now open. If you wish to participate in hot lunch for the remainder of the school year, please log on to munchalunch.com to place your orders. Lunches for April 4 were due last week, if you wish to participate in the next lunch on April the 9th, please submit your order today (April 2nd). As always, please send reusable cutlery with your child on hot lunch days. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact shyhotlunch@gmail.com.



Our next **General Meeting will be on Friday, April 19, 9:30-10:30 am** in the School Library. This will be our 2nd to last meeting for the school year. If you are interested in becoming a committee or an executive member of the PAC, we invite you to attend this meeting to learn about the upcoming nominations. We will also encourage investment ideas for next year’s budget planning. If you wish to be involved with the PAC yet you are unable to attend the meetings, please email shypacchair@gmail.com. Your support and feedback are always welcomed. Please refer to the [Shaughnessy PAC website](#) if you would like to read the [general meeting minutes](#) that are posted 2 weeks after every general meeting.

Thank You

Thank you to all the families who participated in our International Cuisine Day. The success of the event is completely due to the support of the families who sent food and the volunteers who gave their time. The children, staff, and volunteers enjoyed sharing a meal and a taste of heritages from around the globe. A special thank you to Natalie and Kelly for their hard work organizing the day.

Return Your Report Card Envelopes

Please remember to return the signed report card envelope to your child’s classroom teacher.

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