



# 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).*

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## Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

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

On Tuesday, April 14, 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 the 2026 student learning survey for parents, school office reminders, communicating student learning, athletics, music, and computing competition highlights, counselling updates, summer learning opportunities, Grade 10 Literacy Assessment, PAC updates, and important dates for the remainder of our school year.

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

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood  
Principal

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## Mission Statement

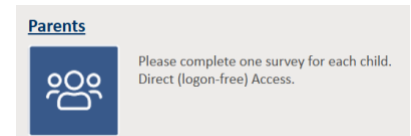
*We are committed to supporting and teaching a diverse group of students to learn, to critically reflect, and to care for themselves and others as they prepare to find their places in the world.*

## 2026 Student Learning Survey

**To the parents with children in grades 10, 11, and 12:** The Vancouver School Board is once again participating in the Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province. Parents/Guardians can complete the Internet Electronic Anonymous Surveys **by May 1, 2026**. The survey provides immediate results to the school and the district and your participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of your child(ren). You may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French, and 16 other languages.

### To complete the survey:

- Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
- Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
- Click on the **PARENTS** section and complete the fields:
  - District : **39 Vancouver**
  - School : **Point Grey Secondary**
  - Language : Select the language of your choice.



## Student Learning Survey - Parent Logon

### Take the online survey

The survey is available online from January 5th to May 1st. Please contact your school if you have difficulty using the online survey.

**Parent Logon**

Please complete one survey for each child.

- Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below).

District	39 Vancouver	▼
School	Point Grey Secondary	▼
Language	English	▼

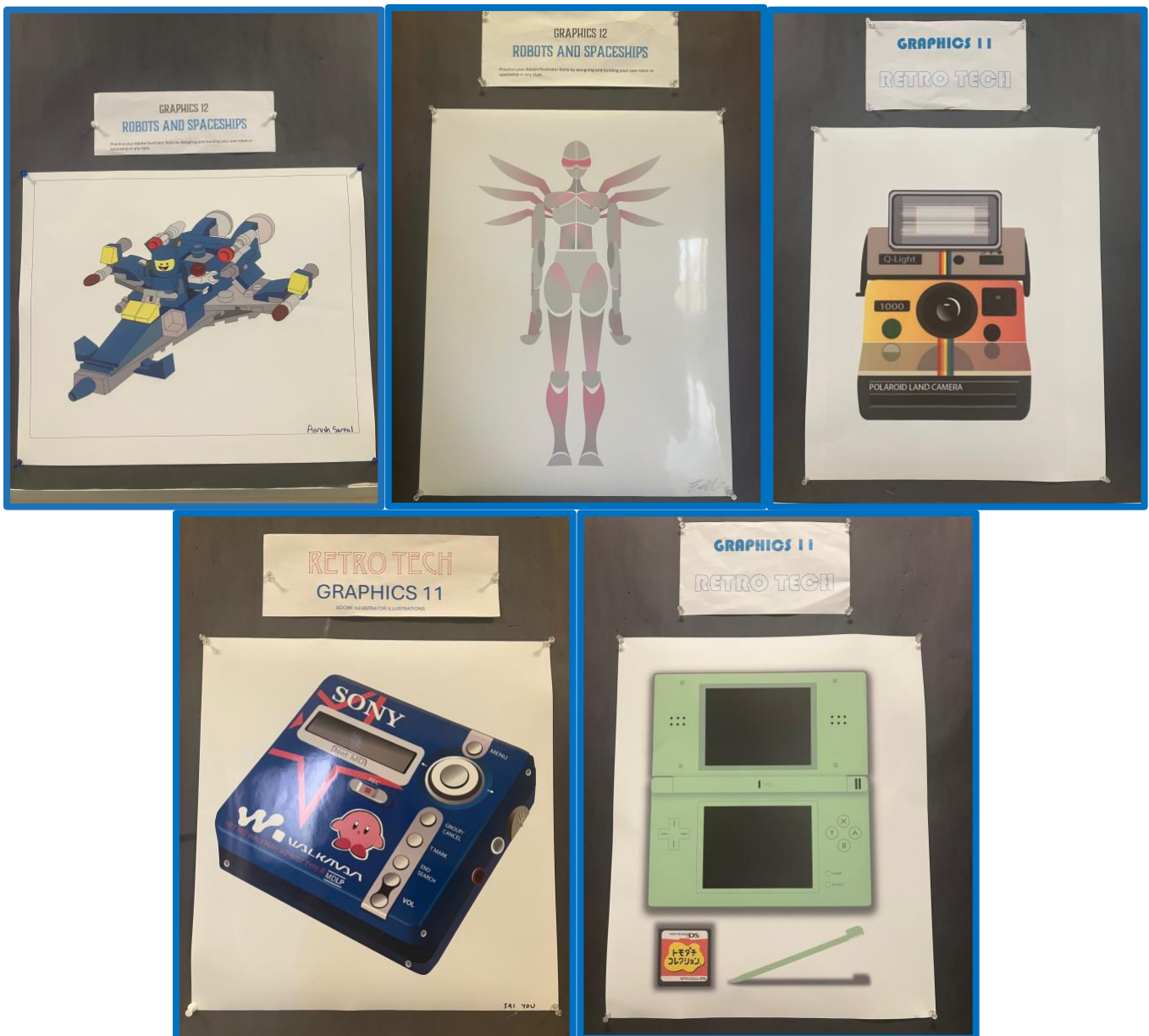
**Logon**

- Click the **LOGON** button.
- Complete the survey by clicking on the “radio buttons” for each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on NEXT in the bottom right corner of the screen.
- When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
- If you feel you made a mistake, repeat the procedure above.
- Once complete, your school will have the results immediately. Thank you for participating!

## School Office Reminder – Attendance Procedures

Parents/Guardians, please email [pointgreyattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto: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



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## 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 are two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this school year:

The first was on **Thursday, November 6, 2025** (for Semester 1) and the other will be on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026** (for Semester 2). **Instructions for booking will be emailed home at the end of April.**

You are also welcome to contact your child's teacher [directly by email](#).

## Music Highlights

The PG Jazz A and B Bands will be performing at Downtown's Original Joe on Wednesday April 8th, collaborating with renowned Jazz Trumpeter Michael Kim and the Magee Secondary School Jazz Bands. Both PG Jazz A and B bands will be playing exciting repertoires featuring some talented soloists. Please come out to Downtown's Original Joe to support them!



PG Symphonic Senior Band will be participating at the VSB District Senior Band Festival, hosted at the Prince of Wales Secondary. The ensemble, featuring close to 100 students, will be performing 2 contrasting pieces. The event will start at 6pm on Wednesday, April 15, at the Prince of Wales Secondary auditorium. Many VSB Secondary schools across the district will also participate in this event.

~ Ms. Annabelle Ip and Mr. Stephen Fleming, Music Teachers

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## Canadian Computing Competition Highlights

In mid-February, 22 brave Hounds participated in the 2026 Canadian Computing Competition, organized by Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo. For many, this was their first experience tackling such a challenging contest, and all participants who took part should be proud of their effort and perseverance.

The results are in, and several of our top performers deserve special recognition. The competition features two divisions, Junior and Senior, which are based on problem difficulty rather than grade level. In the Junior division, Grade 9 students Sam Ma and Norman Zhou came very close to perfect scores, while Grade 10 students Aaron Peng and Gavin Yang achieved outstanding perfect scores.

This year's top performance from stəywə:ɾ Point Grey belongs to Grade 12 student Hugh Wong, who took on the more challenging Senior division and achieved an exceptional result among more than 2,400 competitors. His performance earned him an invitation to the next stage of competition, the Canadian Computing Olympiad, a week-long learning experience at the University of Waterloo that includes workshops, a national contest, and the selection process for Canada's team to the International Olympiad in Informatics. Only a small number of top Senior participants from across Canada are invited each year, making this a significant achievement. In fact, Hugh is just the second student in the past 13 years at stəywə:ɾ Point Grey to earn this distinction. Congratulations to all of our Hounds for representing our school with curiosity, determination, and enthusiasm for Computer Science.

~ Mr. Gabriel Jones, Computer Science Teacher

## Athletics Highlights

Spring season is up and running!

- Junior and Senior Badminton season started early with games on Monday against Eric Hamber
- Golf and Tennis teams first competitions are Thursday April 2
- Bantam Boys' Volleyball start Tuesday April 7
- Senior Girls' Soccer plays their first game on Thursday April 9
- Junior and Senior Ultimate teams start on Friday April 10
- The first track meet of the year is Thursday April 9 at our own school track. We are also hosting a track meet on April 23

Good luck everybody! To find out when teams plays, check out the website [www.vancouverchoolsports.ca](http://www.vancouverchoolsports.ca).  
GO HOUNDS!

~ Ms. Julie Douglas, Athletic Director

The graphic features a pair of blue-rimmed glasses. The left lens contains the text 'SUMMER LEARNING 2026'. The right lens contains registration details for elementary and secondary programs. Below the glasses, a blue banner lists program dates and includes the website 'summerreg.vsb.bc.ca' and a QR code.

**SUMMER LEARNING 2026**

**ELEMENTARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS**  
Thurs. April 30, 2026 at noon

**SECONDARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS**  
Thurs. May 7, 2026 at noon

Elementary Programs: ..... July 7 to July 24, 2026  
Secondary Review/Preview/Remedial/ELL Programs: July 7 to July 31, 2026  
Secondary Completion Programs: ..... July 7 to August 7, 2026

[summerreg.vsb.bc.ca](http://summerreg.vsb.bc.ca)

## Counselling Corner

### VSB Summer Learning

Summer school registration is opening soon! If your child intended on taking a summer school course but does not get a spot, please inform their counsellor as soon as possible.

Registration will open on **Thursday, May 7th, 2026, at noon (12:00 PM)** and will close on **Wednesday, June 10 at 11:59 PM.**

Please visit: [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 21 - April 24

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 will be 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

Every year, our local Rotary club sponsors two students to attend the RYLA Youth Leadership Conference. This conference provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs and this year's event took place over 3 days at Camp Elphinstone.

[Congratulations](#) to Grade 11 students Vid Bonacic-Kresic and Rhonarose Gajelonia who were selected to participate in this leadership program!

As always, our counselling team is here to support students. ***Please connect with your child's counsellor if you have any questions:***

- Kasey Chittenden, Counsellor for Grade 8 (Last Names A-J) and Grade 9s
- Brigitte Patenaude (M/T) and Kim Rebane (W/Th/F), Counsellors for Grade 8 (Last Names K-R) and Grade 10s
- David Johnston, Counsellors for Grade 8 (Last names S-T) and Grade 11s
- Janice Sim, Counsellor for Grade 8 (Last names U-Z) and Grade 12s
  - *Ms. Sim is the course planning contact for current Grade 8 students*

## Graduation 2026 Information

### Graduation Prom

The 2026 Grad Prom will be at the Pan Pacific Oceanview rooms on **Thursday, May 14, 2026** 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 16** to secure your spot.
- Guest application forms are available in the school office starting Tuesday, April 7. **Guest application forms must be submitted by Thursday, April 16.** 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 29.** 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](mailto:mwood@vsb.bc.ca). All requests will be confidential.*

### Graduation Ceremony

The 2026 Graduation Ceremony will be held at the UBC Chan Centre at 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026.** Every grad will receive two complimentary guest tickets, and will have the opportunity to purchase up to six extra tickets. More information about the Ceremony and process for purchasing tickets will be shared soon.

PG 2026  
Grad Class



# DOUGH RAISER

February - June, 2026

USE COUPON CODE "PGG"  
FOR 25% OFF ALL MENU ITEMS AND WE WILL DONATE  
**20%** OF ALL SALES  
USING THIS CODE TO

Point Grey Grad

VALID ONLINE AT [WWW.DOMINOS.CA](http://WWW.DOMINOS.CA)

March to June order using the PGG code at Dundar,  
UBC, West Broadway, Oak Street or Kits locations

*Fundraiser for our Grad Class of 2026*



All PG grad students & families,  
PG staff are welcome!

# POPCORN PUNCH & PHOTOS



[grad@pointgreyparents.org](mailto:grad@pointgreyparents.org)

Thursday June 18  
1:30-5:00 pm in cafeteria  
after Grad Rehearsal & BBQ

Save the Date: June 18<sup>th</sup> - Popcorn, Punch & Photos for our Grad 2026 and Families

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

We invite all parents to join us at the following upcoming PAC meetings:

- Wednesday, April 15 @ 7:30pm, Library
- Wednesday, May 20 @ 7:30pm, Library
- Tuesday, June 9 @ 7:30pm, Library (AGM)

You are also invited to check out our new website: <https://www.pointgreyparents.org/>

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## Upcoming Dates for the Rest of Our School Year

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.

- April 3 ..... Good Friday (school not in session)
- April 6 ..... Easter Monday (school not in session)
- April 8 ..... Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborating Planning
- April 14 ..... Core Competency Reflections, School-Wide @ FIT with Homerooms
- April 15 ..... PAC Meeting @ 7:30pm, Library
- April 16 ..... Grade 12 Mandatory Grad Assembly @ FIT, Auditorium
- April 16 ..... Last Day for Rotation P1, P2, P3, P4
- April 17 ..... First Day for Rotation P2, P1, P4, P3 (AM classes flip and PM classes flip)
- April 20 ..... Non-Instructional Indigenous Focus Day (school not in session for students)
- April 21-24 ..... Grade 10 Literacy Assessments
- April 23 ..... Grad Valedictorian and Grad Song Nomination Forms Due @ 3:15, Office
- April 28 ..... Grade 12 ICBC Road Sense Assembly @ FIT, Auditorium
- April 30 ..... Grade 12 Grad Narrations Due, online via form in MS Teams
- May 1 ..... Grad Voting for Valedictorian & Grad Song
- May 1 ..... Written Learning Updates (S2 & Full Year Courses) published in MyEd by 3pm
- May 4 ..... Bookings open for Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 7pm
- May 8 ..... Bookings close for Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 9am
- May 8 ..... Night of Jazz @ 6:30pm
- May 12 ..... Early Dismissal @ 2:05pm for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- May 12 ..... Parent-Teacher Conferences (virtual)
- May 12 ..... Mini Parents’ Association Meeting @ 7pm, online

- May 13.....Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborating Planning
- May 13.....Grade 8 Gauss Math Contest
- May 14.....Grad Prom @ Pan Pacific, Arrive 5pm-6pm, Doors close @ 6pm
- May 15.....School Based ProD Day (school not in session for students)
- May 18.....Victoria Day (school not in session)
- May 20.....PAC Meeting @ 7:30pm, Library
- May 21.....Mini Freezefest @ 7pm, Auditorium
- May 25.....Music Supporters Society AGM @ 7pm, Staffroom
- May 27-29 .....Theatre Company Show
- May 28.....Grade 7 Student Walkabout @ 12:45pm, Auditorium
- June 1-5 .....Mini Grade 9/10 Field Study in Strathcona
- June 2 .....Athletics Banquet @ 3:15pm, Large Gym
- June 3-5 .....Theatre Company Show
- June 4 .....Core Competency Reflections, School-Wide @ FIT with Homerooms
- June 10 .....Late Start @ 10:10am for Staff Collaborating Planning
- June 10 .....Senior Spring Music Concert @ 7pm, Auditorium
- June 11 .....Locker Clean Up @ FIT
- June 11 .....Junior Spring Music Concert @ 7pm, Auditorium
- June 15 .....Senior Awards Assembly @ FIT, Auditorium
- June 16 .....Mini Parents' Association Meeting @ 7pm, online
- June 18 .....Grad Rehearsal, Gown & Yearbook Pick-Up & Picnic @ 11:35am-3pm
- June 18 .....Grad Popcorn, Punch & Photos @ 1:30-5pm, Cafeteria
- June 19 .....Locker Clear Out
- June 19 .....Student Carnival, organized by Student Council
- June 23 .....Grad Ceremony @ 4pm, Chan Centre
- June 23 .....Last Day of Formal Classes, adjusted schedule:
  - Classes: 8:40-9:15, 9:25-10:00, 10:10-10:45, 10:55-11:30; FIT: 12:15-3:05
- June 24-25 .....No Formal Classes (Tutorials and credit capture sessions with specific students)
- June 25 .....Summary of Learning (S2 & Full Year Courses) published in MyEd by 3pm
- June 26 .....Administrative Day (school not in session for students)
- Sept 8 .....First Day of School for the 2026-2027 school year

