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KING GEORGE SECONDARY SCHOOL



# King George Dragons Monthly Newsletter



*With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



As we approach the final days before winter break, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our students, staff, and families for the energy, kindness, and community spirit you've brought to our school these past few months. This time of year always reminds me just how fortunate we are to work and learn in such a supportive and engaged school community.

Over the past few weeks, our hallways have been filled with activity as many of our student clubs, athletics teams, and our dedicated Parent Advisory Council have led a variety of fundraising initiatives. Whether supporting local charities, raising funds for team travel, or contributing to school-wide events, these efforts highlight the generosity and leadership of our students and families. There are links to a few of them in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed—your participation truly makes a difference.

As we head into the winter break, I encourage everyone to take time for rest, connection, and family. This pause in our busy routines is an important opportunity to recharge and reflect.

When we return in January, we'll jump right into an important stretch of the school year. Students will begin the course selection process for next year, and we will also be focused on finishing Semester 1 strong. Please take advantage of the fresh start that the new year brings—set goals, ask questions, and reach out for support when needed. We are here to help every student succeed.

Wishing you a restful and joyful winter break. Stay warm, stay well, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January!

Warm regards,

Tyler Evans  
Principal

## Top stories in this newsletter



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### dates to Remember

December 22 – January 2	Winter Break
January 5, 2026	First day of classes
Friday, January 23	End of Semester 1
January 26 & 27	Semester Transition Days

Happy  
Holidays





## **\*Free English Classes in Vancouver\***

Canucks Family Education Centre (CFEC), in partnership with South Hill Education Centre (VSB), will be offering **free English Foundations classes for adults** (refugee claimants, convention refugees, permanent residents and Canadian citizens).

### **LOCATION**

Britannia Secondary School, 1001 Cotton Drive, Room 109A, Vancouver

### **SCHEDULE**

February 3 – June 17, 2026

- **English Foundations 2-4**  
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 – 11:45 a.m.
- **English Foundations 5-7**  
Tuesday & Wednesday 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Pre-registration:  
<https://forms.gle/jfLDUJKuHqKHNPsn9>



For more information, contact Lina Arias at [lina.cfec@gmail.com](mailto:lina.cfec@gmail.com)

## Parent/Guardian Course Selection Night

On Tuesday February 10, 2026 at 7:00pm in the King George cafeteria, we would like to invite parents and guardians of current Grade 10 and 11 students (Students in Grade 11 and 12 next year) to join us. King George counsellors will share information about course selection, graduation requirements, post-secondary options and courses required. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### DISTRICT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

We would like to share some information about some VSB Choice programs and King George and around the VSB.

*King George Catalyst-Mini School Program* [King George Catalyst Mini School Program](#)

- Welcome to a fresh approach to Mini Programs at King George. At Catalyst, our goal is to provide young leaders with the tools they need to grow their academic and interpersonal abilities on their journey to whatever their post-secondary future looks like. In Catalyst, students will enjoy the benefits of enriched cohort learning while also finding opportunities to give back to the school and the West End community.

*All Mini School Programs*

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs>

*The District Mini School Registry for the 2026-2027 intake is now open and will close on Dec 18, 2025.*

*Please refer to the [Mini School Programs](#) information on the VSB website for details.*

*TREK Outdoor Education Program*

- [TREK](#) is a district outdoor leadership program based at Prince of Wales Secondary School, designed to offer integrated learning opportunities for Grade 10 Students. TREK focuses on place-based education, environmental sustainability, active citizenship and outdoor adventure and challenge.

*IB Program at Britannia* [Britannia Secondary](#)

- The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a rigorous pre-university course of studies, leading the examinations, that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary school students between the ages of 16 and 19 years.

Diploma candidates are required to select one subject from each of the six subject groups. At least three and not more than four are taken at higher level (HL), the others at standard level (SL). By arranging work in this fashion, students are able to explore some subjects in-depth and some more broadly over the two-year period. Students may elect to do another subject from groups 2, 3, or 4 instead of a subject from the arts.

### IB Program at Churchill School [Churchill Secondary](#)

- We are very proud to offer the IB Diploma Program at Churchill School since 1983. We are the 277th IB school in the world - out of over 5,800! Our program offers a breadth and depth of courses that contribute to the development of valuable 21st century skills; including: self-management, communication, social, research, and thinking. As a community of teachers and learners, we value the IB Mission Statement of making the world a better and more peaceful place. We expect our students to care about their communities and provide service to those in need. We offer unique courses such as TOK that encourages our students to think deeply, critically, ethically, and creatively about what they claim to know. For more details, please scroll down throughout this web page.
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### Ministry Assessments:

Grade 12 students will be writing the [Literacy 12 Assessments](#) in January as part of their graduation requirements. Schedules will be posted in Teams for students to see. To prepare for this assessment, students are encouraged to view the [video series](#) that helps students understand the structure of the assessment and types of responses expected.

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### Food Programs Map:

Please see attached in pdf a print friendly map [Free and Low Cost Food Programs Map - English](#) produced by the City of Vancouver identifying free and low cost food programs across the city.

Program updates are published on a rolling basis and there is also an online version [Free and low cost food programs in Vancouver](#)

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## CLASS OF 2026 – GRAD PHOTOS

A reminder all grade 12's, please BOOK YOUR GRAD PHOTOS at Artona Studios (on January 15 & 16)

To book an appointment, go to: [www.artona.com/bookings](http://www.artona.com/bookings)

- Group sessions are also available! [Friendship group sessions](#) are available every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at our main studio. Students can book online through the same link above.

Thank you.



## Let's Support the Experiences That Make King George Special

Some of the best moments at King George happen outside the classroom — clubs, teams, performances, and activities that help students grow, connect, and find confidence.

These are the programs the PAC helps fund, and we can only do that with support from our families.


Your donation goes directly toward:

- Student clubs
- Sports teams
- Arts programs
- Equipment and supplies
- School events and extra opportunities

Every dollar goes straight back to students.

 Tax Receipts

Donations made before December 31 are tax deductible for 2025.

 How to Donate (quick and easy):

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>

Select “King George Secondary PAC” in the *Fund Destination* dropdown.

Thank you for helping us create more opportunities, more memories, and more experiences our kids will carry with them long after high school.

— King George PAC



In our podcast, **VSB: After The Bell**, you'll hear directly from those responsible for our publicly funded education system. This podcast gives listeners a direct and inside look at Vancouver's public school system and the people in it. Tune in for candid, intimate and honest conversations about what's happening in schools. We'll have conversations with students, educators, decision makers and staff about vital events, topics and issues in education.

Episodes will be released monthly. Tune in the last Thursday of every month, and don't forget to subscribe to VSB: After The Bell on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/60332/podcast>

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## Greater Vancouver Food Bank Trick or Feed Fundraiser Results!

Our Halloween fundraiser was a huge success! Dressed in full Terminator gear, Zen Blocka teamed up with his friend Gabriel Dalton (KG Senior) for a night of giving back — and together they raised an incredible \$2,391 on Halloween night.

Thanks to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank's (GVFB) partnerships with suppliers, financial donations can stretch up to 2.5× further than physical food donations, turning our total into thousands of meals for neighbours who need them most.

This support couldn't come at a more important time. In March 2025, Canadians made 2.2 million food bank visits, a 5% increase from last year and more than double the number in 2019. The GVFB continues to struggle to meet this rising demand — but community-driven efforts like ours make a real and immediate impact.

Despite the pouring rain, countless people stepped up with generosity and kindness. We're incredibly grateful for everyone who contributed and helped make this night meaningful.

We're already energized for next year — ready to initiate, inspire, and crush new milestones as we continue supporting our community. Thank you for being part of the difference!





## Let's Terminate Hunger!

Held by Zen Blocka

<https://vfd.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/terminator>



\$100



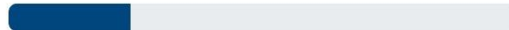
\$500



\$1000

\$2,391.00 Raised

\$10000





## Interact Club at Barclay Manor

This December, members of the KG Interact club volunteered at Barclay Manor, caroling and helping to put up holiday decorations. Barclay Manor, as well as the adjacent Roedde House are two historic homes, located in the Barclay Heritage Square. Both homes were saved from demolition and restored to their original Victorian-era design after being purchased by the City of Vancouver in the 1980s. Barclay Manor now serves as a community hub, operated by the West End Community Centre and the West End Seniors Network.



## Sock & Toque/Winter Clothing Drive

For the fourth year in a row, the King George Interact Club is continuing their yearly winter clothing drive, partnering with members of the Vancouver Park Rangers to support local unhoused people during the cold, wet winter months in Vancouver. This year, the clothing drive will also support BC Children's and Women's Hospital, through the charity thrift shop Still Fabulous.

The Clothing Drive initially came to life years ago when Ron Suzuki, long-time community leader and Rotary member reached out to Steve Anderson, also a member of Rotary International, as well as a Vancouver Park Ranger. As Ron Suzuki is the Rotarian responsible for the King George Interact Club, the two set up a collaborative campaign that aimed to collect socks and toques to be given to rangers Steve and Mario, so that they could be distributed to those who don't have a home residing in Vancouver parks.



The results of last year's Interact sock and toque drive.

The Interact Club is accepting a wide array of clothing items for donation, excluding undergarments and swimwear. All items will be accepted under the condition that they are clean and in good condition. Socks, toques, and mittens will be handed over to Vancouver Park Rangers to be given to unhoused people, while all other clothing items will be donated to Still Fabulous, a charity thrift shop that donates its profits to the BC Children's and Women's Hospital.

Monetary donations are also accepted and will be put towards purchasing extra socks, toques, and mitts for the park rangers to distribute.

### *Where can I donate?*

KG library, located on the second floor of the West End Community Centre.

Clothing donations can be dropped off in donation boxes by the door while school is in session (Winter break is from December 20<sup>th</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup>). The last day to donate items is January 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate monetarily, see the next page for online donation directions. Please note that the deadline for online donations is December 31<sup>st</sup>.



Thank you for supporting KG Interact Club's Sock and Toque Drive!

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE DONATIONS: DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025



Funds received will be used to purchase socks, toques, and/or mittens to support the Vancouver Park Rangers in helping the unhoused people in Vancouver parks.

To donate online, go to: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>  
Please read VSB's donation instructions for more information.

### Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of: ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000

Other Amount:

Fund Destination:

Select King George Secondary from the menu

### Tribute Information

This gift is:

Name of honoree:

### Message to School Board

Message: (Optional)

This donation is for KG Interact Club - Sock and Toque Drive.

**IMPORTANT:** Please include a message specifying that your donation is for KG Interact Club – Sock and Toque Drive.

### Tax Receipt

A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.

When you are done, click on "add to cart"

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Add To Cart

On the next page – check your cart and click “continue”

To complete your donation/transaction – you can either sign in/create a SchoolCash Online account OR continue with Guest Check Out:

#### Sign In

Sign In

New to SchoolCash Online?

[Click here to register now](#)

#### Guest Checkout

The following features will not be available:

- Additional Payment Methods: guests can only checkout via Credit Card or Apple Pay/Google Pay (as applicable).
- Payment History: view all past purchases.
- Student Specific Items: view and purchase items assigned to your student(s).
- Installments: create payment schedules for certain items.

[Continue as guest](#) >





## Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca



When reporting student absences, Please have your parent/guardian send an email to [kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca) excusing your absence.

- Send the email to your teacher as well. (Staff directory): [click here](#)
- Make sure to add the following:
  - Your full name
  - Student number
  - Date(s) and classes you are/were absent for
  - Reason for absence. Students should contact their individual teachers about the learning that they have missed during their absence.

For more information about the class or classes missed, please refer to the MyEd Family Portal <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>. [Viewing Attendance Absences](#)