



# 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).*

## Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that all students, families and staff had a fabulous winter break.

As the end of the semester approaches, now is a wonderful time to connect as a family about how learning is going. Here are some helpful questions to get the conversation 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 their learning, you are always welcome to connect with teachers and counsellors.

This is also the time of year we start planning for courses in 2026-2027. You are invited to please [click here to access a preview of our 2026-2027 course planning guide](#). Our counselling team is presenting to students throughout January and February, and all parents are invited to attend a the PAC meeting on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in school library with guest speaker Ms. Kasey Chittenden, Counselling Department Head, who will review the course planning process at our school.

In this newsletter, you will find information about school office reminders, communicating student learning, provincial graduation assessments, semester turnaround dates, athletics highlights, music highlights, counselling updates, course planning for the 2026-2027 school year, PAC updates, Grad Gear, and important dates for 2025-2026. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood  
Principal

## 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.*



*Temporary Public Art Murals using Painter's Tape – Art 8*

## 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

## VSB School Forms

If you haven't already done so, please complete the required VSB student forms online. These forms only need to be completed once, and you will not need to submit them again each school year unless you wish to change your consent for any of the forms. Please visit: <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>. To log in you will need the student nine-digit PEN # (Personal Education Number). Please note this is different from the School Student #. The PEN # can be found:

- On any previous report card;
- Logging into MyEd, under top tab My Info; or

- Clicking “Request Student PEN” on the sign-in page at <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>

## 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

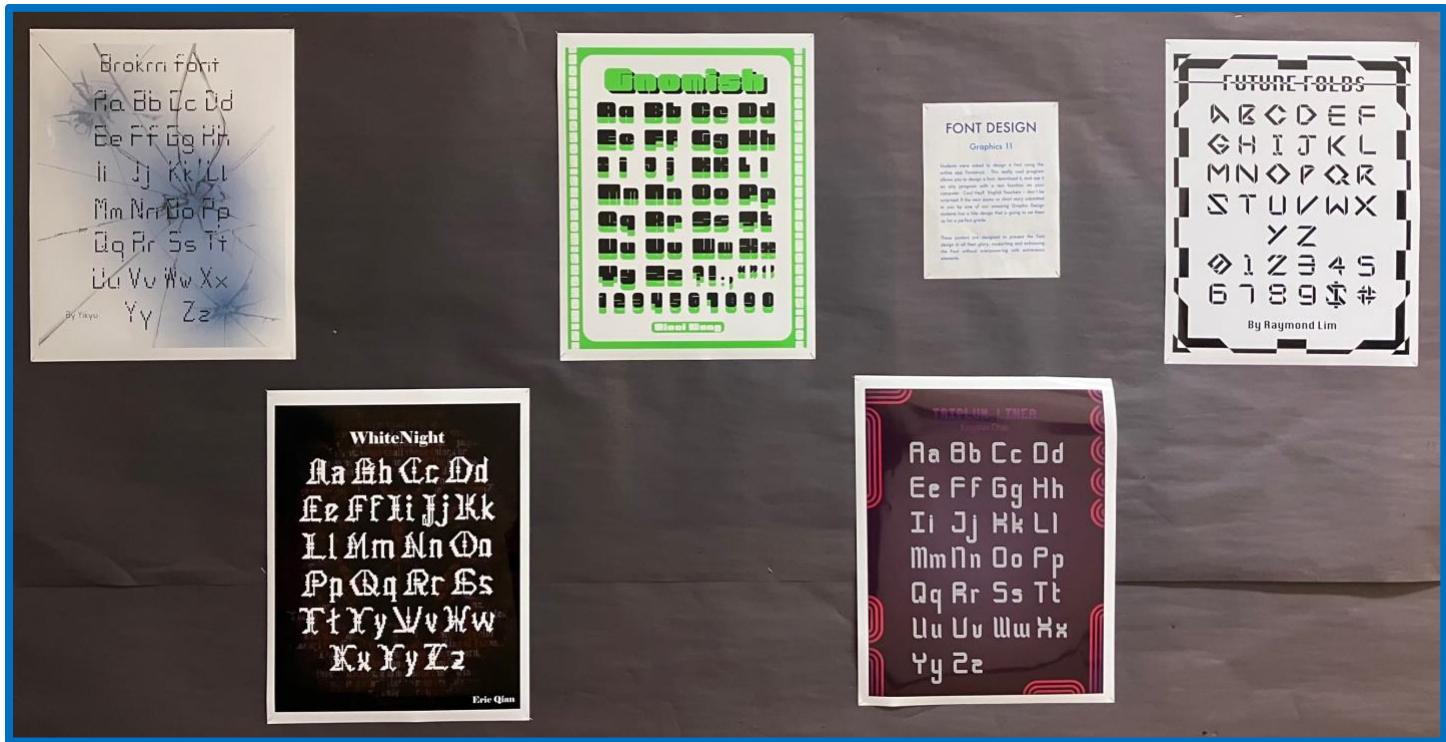
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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

There are two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this 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).

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



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## Provincial Assessments for Grade 10 & 12 Students

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, originally scheduled for November 3–7, 2025, was postponed. **It will now take place January 12–16, 2026.**

The **Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment** will proceed as planned during **January 19–23, 2026**.

These assessments are mandatory graduation requirements, so please ensure students are available and avoid scheduling appointments during these dates. **Students should check the lists posted outside the office for students to see what date and time they are writing.**

For an overview of the provincial graduation assessments, visit: [Ministry of Education Assessments](#)

## Semester Turnaround

The last day for Semester 1 classes is coming up on Friday, January 23rd. Please continue reading for a few key reminders on the closing of Semester 1, the Semester Turnaround Days, the beginning of Semester 2, and some information on course planning for the next school year:

- **Friday, January 23 - Last day of Semester 1 Classes**
  - Please note that the Semester 1 Summary of Learning (Report Card) will be posted to the [MyEducation BC Student Family Portal](#) on Friday, January 30th by 3:00pm.
- **Monday, January 26 & Tuesday, January 27 - Semester Turnaround Days - No formal classes**
  - These days are used to allow teachers to wrap up Semester 1 and prepare for Semester 2. Teachers will use these days to collect outstanding textbooks/materials, plan for the start of Semester 2, and invite students in who may need more time for Semester 1 completion activities/credit capture. Teachers will be available in their classrooms during their regularly scheduled classes, but no formal instruction will be planned.
  - All district special education programs will be in session. If you have a question regarding a district special education program class, please contact the program teacher directly for more information.
- **Wednesday, January 28 - First day of Semester 2 classes**
  - Student schedules for Semester 2 can be found in the [MyEducation BC Student Family Portal](#). Please check your schedules before the first day of Semester 2 by logging in, clicking the "My Info" top tab, and then clicking the "Schedule" side tab.

We wish all our students a fabulous end of Semester 1 and beginning of Semester 2!



*What's on your Plate? A Foam sampling project – Drawing & Painting 11/12*

## Athletics Highlights

The winter season is in full swing! We have basketball, hockey, wrestling, table tennis as well as ski and snowboarding teams on the go. Thank you to all the parents, coaches, teachers, and student volunteers!

- Starting in January, our Ski and Snowboarding Team will be racing down Blackcomb Mountain
- The basketball season started in December, and the Juvenile, Junior and Senior boys' have entered several basketball tournaments to supplement their season.
- Our grade 8 girls' basketball team wrapped up December with their first win of the year. **Congratulations!**
- Point Grey's girls' ice hockey team practiced part of November and all through December and are now ready to see how they compete in their games. Their season starts this week.
- The wrestling team has been working hard. They practice Mondays at Kitsilano and Wednesdays at Point Grey and are all working hard to get ready for provincials in February.

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

*~ Julie Douglas, Athletic Director*

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## Music Highlights

PG music is participating in two upcoming district festivals, both happening at the same night!

- PG Beginner Band is participating in the District Concert at Magee Secondary on Wednesday, January 21st evening at 6:30pm.
- PG Strings will be participating in the District Strings Concert at Van Tech Secondary on Wednesday, January 21st evening (start time still to be announced).

Also, stay tuned for music clinics that will be scheduled soon during class time.



*~ Mr. Fleming & Ms. Ip, Music Teachers*

## Counselling Corner

### Course Planning for the 2026-2027 School Year

It is that time of year again when students begin the course request process for the next school year. This is an exciting time for students as they begin to think about plans for the following school year. The counselling team will be working closely with students on providing information on courses and pathways.

- You are invited to please [click here to access a preview of our 2026-2027 course planning guide.](#)
- Counsellors will be meeting with students through assemblies during FIT in the Auditorium:
  - Grade 8 Course Planning Assembly: Monday, February 2nd @ FIT (2:25-3:05pm)
  - Grade 9 Course Planning Assembly: Thursday, February 5th @ FIT (1:20-2:00pm)
  - Grade 10 Course Planning Assembly: Tuesday, February 3rd @ FIT (9:45-10:35am)
  - Grade 11 Course Planning: Assembly on Thursday, January 29th @ FIT (1:20-2:00pm)
- All course selection requests will need to be inputted in [MyEducation BC](#) by Tuesday, February 17th

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

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## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our first PAC meeting of **2026** will include a presentation by school counsellor **Kasey Chittenden**, focusing on the **course planning process for students**. We warmly invite parents to join us to learn more about:

- The course planning and request process
- Navigating the school website to view course planning information
- How to support students in making informed choices

To be mindful of everyone's time, Mrs. Chittenden will be accepting questions in advance of the meeting via this link: [Course Planning Questions – Fill out form](#). She will address the questions in her presentation.

**Please save the date: January 15th, 2026 @ 7:30pm in the library.** We look forward to seeing you at this informative session!

## Grad Gear 2026

Grad gear ordering is open until **January 18<sup>th</sup>**!

To order, pay using [school cash online](#) **AND** students must complete this online form: [Grad Hoodie & Sweatpants Orders – Fill out form](#)

Costs:

- Grad hoodie: \$45.00
- Sweatpants: \$42.00  
**(with paws on the back or without)**



PREVIEW ILLUSTRATION  
FOR APPROXIMATE POSITIONING OF ARTWORK ONLY.

## Upcoming Dates in January and February

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.

- January 12-16 .....Grade 12 Literacy Assessment Week – *schedule posted outside the office*
- January 14 .....Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborative Planning
- January 15 .....PAC Meeting (with course planning information) @ 7:30pm (Library)
- January 19-23 .....Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Week– *schedule posted outside the office*
- January 21 .....Grade 7 Student & Parent Information Night @ 7pm (Auditorium)
- January 26 & 27 .....Semester Turnaround Days (no formal classes)
- January 28 .....First Day of Semester 2 Classes
- January 29 .....Grade 11 Student Course Planning @ FIT (Auditorium)
- January 30 .....Summary of Learning Reports for S1 Published in MyEd
- February 2 .....Grade 8 Student Course Planning @ FIT (Auditorium)
- February 3 .....Grade 10 Student Course Planning @ FIT (Auditorium)
- February 5 .....Grade 9 Student Course Planning @ FIT (Auditorium)
- February 11 .....Late Start @ 10:10am for Staff Collaborative Planning
- February 13 .....District-Wide Professional Development Day (school not in session)
- February 16 .....Family Day (school not in session)
- February 17 .....Course Planning Requests Deadline (forms to counsellors and requests in MyEd)
- February 18 .....PAC Meeting @ 7:30pm (Library)
- February 23 .....Music Supporters’ Society Meeting @ 7pm (online via ZOOM)
- February 24 .....Math Contest: CNML for Grade 8s
- February 25 .....Math Contests: Pascal for Grade 9s, Cayley for Grade 10s, Fermat for Grade 11s
- February 25 .....Pink Shirt Day



CALENDAR 2025 – 2026  
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DATED MAY 2025



## SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

## IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS  
(SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Friday, September 26, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 20, 2026	Non Instructional Day
Friday, May 15, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)

## COLLABORATION DATES

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Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Late Start for Students ..... 10:10 am
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Early Dismissal for Students ..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Late Start for Students ..... 10:10 am
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students ..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	Late Start for Students ..... 10:10 am
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students ..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students ..... 1:35 pm
Wednesday, June 10, 2026	Late Start for Students ..... 10:10 am

## PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

## EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Thursday, November 6, 2025	Early Dismissal ..... 2:05 pm - Semester 1
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Early Dismissal ..... 2:05 pm – Semester 2