



Gladstone News

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Dear Gladstone Students and Families,

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, February 3rd: Collab AM: School starts at 10:00 AM

Friday, February 13th: Pro D Day – no school for students

To keep up with important dates at Gladstone, please check our calendar at:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/gladstone/page/1889/calendar?tab=monthview>

LUNCH MENU

Please note that menu items are subject to change

| Monday, February 2 | Tuesday, February 3 | Wednesday, February 4 | Thursday, February 5 | Friday, February 6 |
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| Baked Veggie Pasta, Garlic Toast | Baked Salmon, Roast Baby Potato, Zucchini | Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice | Roast Chicken with Hunter Sauce, Mash, Veg | Chef's Choice |
| Monday, February 9 | Tuesday, February 10 | Wednesday, February 11 | Thursday, February 12 | Friday, February 13 |
| Penee with Meatballs and Marinara, Caesar Salad | Chili Nachos, Sour Cream | Pulled Pork Burger, Coleslaw, Fries | Lemon Grass Chicken, Jasmine Rice, Stir Fry Veg | PRO D DAY No School for Students |

DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Join us for Gladstone's Theatre Production of, "The Real Story of Alice in Wonderland", written by Kristen Doherty! Performances are on Tuesday, February 10th, & Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased online through School Cash Online, or at the door. This whimsical and family-friendly comedy is perfect for all ages. Be there for an evening of creativity and fun!

COURSE PLANNING FOR THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR

Course planning for the next school year has started! Counsellors will be visiting classes for course planning sessions to communicate course offerings, graduation requirements, and other information pertinent to the grade. The deadline to submit course requests is February 12th at 11 PM (on MyEd BC). Please note that for grade 8-10 students, the counsellors will be collecting requests on paper during class visits and ensuring these are added into MyEd BC.

Please have your child reach out to the counsellor if they missed their course planning session.

You and your child may wish to preview grad-requirement information and the course offerings online prior to the classroom visit. Please see the Gladstone website for Course Planning

information: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/gladstone/course-planning>

Student Mental Health Support

The return from winter holidays and end of semester can be a time of high stress and low mood. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counsellor if you have concerns and/or would like information on further mental health support.

The Counselling section of the Gladstone website was recently updated to include more current counselling support information if you and your child wish to browse at home: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/gladstone/counselling>

DATA AND IMAGE CONSENT FOR SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) and its schools are authorized to collect, use, and disclose student personal information in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FIPPA"). At the start of the school year, your child's photo will be collected for operational purposes such as attendance or ID verification in accordance with section 26(c) of FIPPA.

As part of its commitment to protecting student privacy, the VSB is providing notice to you regarding the collection, use and disclosure of your child's personal information and image(s) for the purpose of creating a school-specific publication of the school year (a yearbook) and, if applicable, featuring their school photo, class composite photo, and other images (ex. Sports teams or clubs), in accordance with sections 32(a) and 33(1), respectively.

If you do not wish for your child's personal information or photographs to be included in the yearbook, please email phui@vsb.bc.ca by February 13th, 2026, with the following information:

Child's first and last name

Student number

Unless withdrawn, consent is effective from the day of receipt and lasts until June 30th of the current school year.

For inquiries about FIPPA, please contact privacy@vsb.bc.ca.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)

The Vancouver School Board is committed to creating a supportive school environment where students can cultivate a passion for learning and continue to pursue knowledge throughout their lives. Preparing students to be active, productive, and socially responsible citizens is part of the Board's value statement. To achieve this, the District has taken steps to enhance the learning experience by including 160 minutes per week of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT). This allocated time will enable and empower students to take charge of their own learning. It also honours the First People's Principles of Learning that state: learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational. Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors; and learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.

FIT is instructional time and its purpose is:

- to support the **learning** and **well-being** of students by enabling them to have choice in how, when, and where their learning takes place,
- provide students with time and flexibility to meet with teachers for support, guidance and inspiration regarding curriculum or other passions and interests,
- collaborate with students, teachers, or community members; and
- explore, work on, or complete assignments and projects.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS DURING FIT:

- Students are to be **on-site** and in a **learning space** (with an adult and not in a hallway).
- Grade 8-12 to be with one of their 8 teachers, club sponsor, or student supports staff (e.g. Counsellor, SACY worker, SWIS workers, Indigenous support worker).
- Grade 10-12 students may also work in the library.

- Grade 12 students only, may also work in the cafeteria.
- There will be class size limits and students are encouraged to **get to their learning space ASAP**.
- For the gym, the availability schedule is as follows:
 - Monday (grade 8)
 - Tuesday (grade 9)
 - Thursday (grade 10)
 - Friday (grade 11/12)
- FIT preps for teachers will be posted. Students are to follow up with their teachers if they have any questions

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: Share your ideas for VSB’s 2026-2027 budget

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) is preparing its budget for next school year. Your input will help trustees make the best decisions about how to use funding to support students.

Complete the survey by February 2nd, 2026 and share your ideas!

Survey link: <https://ca.research.net/r/FMG857B>

Learn about other ways to share your thoughts. See our [website](#) for more details.

FAMILY SMART ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS: Online Events That Bring Us Together

Come together with other parents and caregivers to learn and connect online. Discover strategies that help strengthen our understanding and connection with our kids. More information about the workshops may be found here: <https://familysmart.ca/online-events/>

VSB EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT DIPLOMA PROGRAM OFFERING

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in VSB schools.

The next session of the VSB EA (SSA) Program will begin, April 1, 2026. Applications are accepted beginning January 12, 2026. Apply at Burnaby Community & Continuing Education at <https://www.burnabyccce.ca>

To register for a free online Information Session from 7-8:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11th, go to www.burnabyccce.ca. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions.

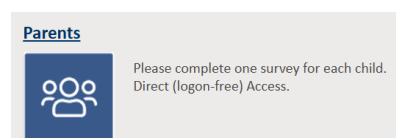
Burnaby Community & Continuing Education | New Job. New friends. New language. New knowledge. New opportunities.

ATTENTION: PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES 10, 11, AND 12 **2026 Student Learning Survey**

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:

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. Click on the **PARENTS** section and complete the fields:
 - District : **39 Vancouver**



- School : **Gladstone Secondary**
- Language : Select the language of your choice.



Student Learning Survey - Parent Logon

Take the online survey

The survey is available online from January 6th to May 2nd. 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

School

Language

4. Click the **LOGON** button.
5. 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.
6. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
7. If you feel you made a mistake, repeat the procedure above.
8. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project.

EAST 24TH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

BC Hydro has informed us that they will be working on East 24th Avenue between Brant and Gladstone streets from January 22 to February 5, 2026. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic may be affected.

Best,

Gladstone Office