



# 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 xʷməθkʷə́yam (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

As we approach the end of Semester 1, I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication that has brought us this far. These final weeks are an important opportunity to finish strong—complete assignments, prepare for final assessments, and reflect on the progress you've made.

Looking ahead, course selection for next year is just around the corner. This is an exciting time to think about your interests, goals, and future pathways. Please take advantage of the resources and guidance available to make informed choices.

Semester 2 offers a fresh start—a chance to set new goals, build on successes, and embrace new challenges. Whether it's improving study habits, getting involved in extracurricular activities, or striving for personal growth, let's make the most of this opportunity together.

Thank you for your continued commitment to learning and to our school community. Let's finish Semester 1 with pride and step into Semester 2 with purpose and enthusiasm!

Warm regards,

Tyler Evans  
Principal



## Top stories in this newsletter



Dates To Remember



Semester 1 Final Report



Course Selection



Class of 2026



VSB Podcast



## dates to Remember

Friday, January 23	End of Semester 1
January 26 & 27	Semester Transition Days
January 28	Semester 2 begins
January 30	Semester 1 Report Cards Published
February 13	Professional Day – no school
February 16	Family Day – no school



**Semester Turn-around days: Monday, January 26 & Tuesday, January 27**  
**Report Cards will be issued on Friday, January 30**

Semester 1 ends on Friday, January 23. On Monday, January 26 & Tuesday, January 27 are Semester turn-around days where students may be asked by staff to attend sessions to complete some final assessments.

All students are welcome to come into the building. If students want to come in, we need to provide instructions for them, but students and teachers can agree that the student may not need to be there. Students who are borderline passing/failing may do “credit recovery” and other assessments with arrangement with teacher.

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Semester 2. Students and families should access MyED BC for their schedule.

Please follow the guidelines on the school website, to ensure you can access your report card online.

[Account Management \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://vsb.bc.ca)  
[MyEducation BC: Log On \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://gov.bc.ca)

Please check with your child to confirm the password details, otherwise you may disable the account. Please ensure that both the parents and child share and know the password. Always go to preferences to set the primary email to your child’s personal email account. If your account gets disabled, please contact the main office to get your password reset.

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### **Helpful Hints & Resources for Parents & Guardians,**

As we wrap up Semester 1 and make plans to start Semester 2, teachers, teacher assistants and admin have some tips:

- Please encourage your teenager get to sleep by a reasonable hour so that they are ready for class the next day. People of any age learn better with sufficient sleep..
- To be productive members of their classroom communities, and avoid disruption of the lesson happening in class, please support your teenager in arriving on time at 8:40 am.
- Please support your child with the materials required. Supplies required will vary slightly by course. Students must come to class prepared each day to set them up for success in doing the work that day! The school has resources and supplies on hand if students and families need support.
- Please consider that when your teenager is away for long periods of time, this has a significant impact on their learning and, potentially, their academic success.
- Please email the school at [kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:kinggeorge@vsb.bc.ca) and your child’s teachers if they have an excused absence.
- Remember that it's the responsibility of the students to speak with the teacher about work missed.
- Getting to class on time, arriving prepared and with the necessary materials, checking in with the teacher about work missed, communicating clearly with the teacher—these are all important work habits and connect with our work supporting students with Core Competencies

Please also see some excellent resources on the VSB website: [Secondary Resources](#)



## COURSE SELECTION

Before making your selection, you should refer to the grade specific PowerPoint (PDFs will be shared in Teams). In addition, students and families should refer to the Course Planning Guide [Course Planning Guide -2026-2027](#) which provides course specific details by grade and subject area.

Over the course of the next few weeks, all students will receive a presentation from school counsellors during FIT time (in the Cafeteria. These presentations are Grade specific.

**Grade 8 & 9** Course Planning Presentations mid-January – please check teams. Counsellors will collect course selection forms completed by students on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Counsellors will input selections in MYED

**Grade 10** Course Planning Presentation: the week of February 2<sup>nd</sup> during FIT

**Grade 11** Course Planning Presentation: the week of February 9<sup>th</sup> during FIT

For Grade 10 & 11 students, MYED will be open for students and parents/guardians to select courses for next year. **Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>  
[Student Online Course Selection Instructions](#)

If students have any questions about the course selection process, they should contact their counsellor via email:

Grade 8 (A-J), Grade 10, Grade 12  
Ms. J. Miki [jmiki@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jmiki@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 8 (K-Z), Grade 9, Grade 11  
Mr. S. Derganc [sderganc@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sderganc@vsb.bc.ca)

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## GRADE 11 Parent Course Planning Information Night

Parent Meeting Course information night for Grade 11's will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00pm in the school's cafeteria.



## GRAD CEREMONY (Dinner & Dance Information)

### GRAD DINNER & DANCE:

**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026

**Location:** Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

**Address:** 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

**Time:** Students arrive between 6 - 7pm - Dinner/Dance is from 7:00-11:00pm

**Cost:** \$150.00

### GRAD CEREMONY:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026

**Location:** Vancouver Playhouse

**Address:** 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$110.00

If you have not already done so, please pay your Grad Ceremony and/or Grad Dinner Dance fees on-line as soon as possible at

<https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

### KG Grad Activity Calendar Spring 2026

Thursday, April 2	Valedictorian Nomination Form ( <i>Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel</i> )
Friday, April 17	Grad Yearbook Quote Deadline ( <i>Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel</i> )
Friday, April 24	Valedictorian Nomination Deadline
Wednesday, April 29	Staff Scholarship Committee Valedictorian Shortlist
TBA	Period 3 & FIT Grad Assembly – Mandatory Attendance <b>Agenda:</b> Kevin Brooks CLC Reminder Valedictorian mini-speeches & voting Fee payment reminder Crossing the Stage Quotes Open ( <i>Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel</i> )
Monday, May 25	Payment Deadline for School Leaving Ceremony and Grad Dinner & Dance
Monday, June 8	Crossing the Stage Quotes Deadline
Thursday, June 11	FIT Grad Rehearsal – Mandatory Attendance, Gown Pick-up After School
Friday, June 5	Grad Dinner & Dance Cordova Ballroom Pinnacle Hotel Arrive 6:00-7:00 ends 11:30pm
Tuesday, June 16	School Leaving Ceremony Vancouver Playhouse 2:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 23	Last day of scheduled classes

**Dear Parents & Guardians of 2026 Graduates,**

As you know, graduation for your child is coming soon! This is an exciting and important time of year and we would like to share some information about upcoming events.

In May (Date TBD), all Grade 12s will come to the gym during FIT to hear some speeches from valedictorian candidates. This will allow the students to vote for their valedictorian, get some reminders about upcoming grad events and build excitement for grad. This is a mandatory assembly for all Grade 12 students.

Graduates are able to create their own 'Crossing the Stage' message for the ceremony. A link to this form will be available through the Grade 12 channel in Microsoft Teams. The dates for these will be shared in the coming months.

On Friday, June 5, graduates will be able to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow graduates at the Dinner & Dance. The Dinner & Dance is being held at the Vancouver Pinnacle Waterfront Cordova Ballroom at 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. The event will be held from 7:00 to 11:30pm. We are asking graduates who are attending the event to arrive no later than 6:30pm so that they can pass through security prior to the event. Reminder, that this is a school event, so all regular school rules and code of conduct apply. If Grade 12 KG students have not yet registered for either event, they can do so at <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

On June 11, all Grade 12s will come to the gym during FIT for a ceremony rehearsal. This will help the students and prepare for the ceremony as it is an exciting and important time for everyone. This is a mandatory assembly for all Grade 12 students.

After the assembly, graduates will be able to pick up their cap and gown from the office. Gowns will also be available Friday, June 12 at lunch time or from 3:06 to 3:30. We encourage grads to take their gown out of the cello packaging and hang it to let any folds or creases subside. The v-stole (the green and white sash) must be returned at the end of the ceremony but the gown and cap are yours to keep.

Included in this package will be two free transit passes from Translink for graduates and two free tickets to the Grad ceremony. Extra tickets are available for purchase (\$5 cash) from the King George office from May 09 to June 18.

On Tuesday, June 16, the Graduation ceremony will be held at the Vancouver Playhouse at 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver from 2:00 to 4:00pm. We ask all graduates to arrive **no later than 1:00pm** wearing their gowns in order to prepare for the event. Please ensure graduates are not carrying any items (backpacks, flowers etc.) as they will need to have free hands available for the crossing of the stage and storage space is not available.

Families are reminded that graduation diplomas are received at the school from the Ministry of Education during the summer and will be sent out by the office at King George as soon as possible after that.

As we move into the final few weeks of school, I am confident we will continue to work together to finish the year successfully. We encourage grads to stay focused on their studies through the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our graduates all the best in your bright futures. We are proud of you!

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2026!

Regards,

Tyler Evans  
Principal



### Local Community Activities Consent Form

Many of our teachers provide field trip opportunities that are within walking distance of King George. In order for your child to be able to attend, please complete the Local Community Activities Consent form on <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>, so they may go with their classmates. If this form is not completed, your child will not be able to participate.

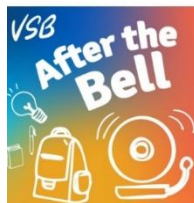
When logging in using the VSB Credential Option, you will need to use your child's @[learn.vsb.bc.ca](https://learn.vsb.bc.ca) address. If this does not work, please use your child's PEN Number option. (Your child's PEN is shown at the top of your child's last report card)

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## SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

If you have questions about Social Media, Digital Citizenship, Cyberbullying, Internet Lingo/Slang Terms, Sexting, and Privacy, please visit the following resource for information:

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-caregiver-resources/>



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>



## **\*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)



## 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](#)