

March 2026

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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwatał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## Happy Spring Break

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

As we approach Spring Break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous energy and effort our students and staff have poured into this semester so far. March is always a meaningful milestone—an opportunity to recognize growth, celebrate accomplishments, and take a well-deserved breath before the final stretch of the school year.

Over the past few months, our athletics teams have demonstrated outstanding commitment and sportsmanship. Whether competing at home or away, our student-athletes have represented our school with pride, perseverance, and teamwork. Equally impressive is the hard work happening every day in our classrooms. Students continue to challenge themselves academically, collaborate thoughtfully, and strive toward their personal and academic goals. These successes—on the field, in the gym, and in our learning spaces—are a testament to the dedication of our students, staff, and families.

As we head into Spring Break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful moments with friends and family. Please remember to be safe, make responsible choices, and return refreshed and ready for the important work ahead.

When we come back, we will shift our focus toward finishing the year strong—continuing to grow in our classes, supporting one another, and contributing to a positive, connected school community. Each of us plays a role in building a school environment where everyone feels valued, supported, and inspired to succeed.

Thank you for your partnership and for all you do to make our school an exceptional place for students to learn and thrive. I wish each of you a restful and safe Spring Break.

Warmly,

Tyler Evans  
Principal

### Top stories in this newsletter



Dates To Remember



School Play



VSB Podcast



Parking/Pick-up



Grad of 2026



## dates to Remember

Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 27	Spring Break
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday
Wednesday, April 8	PAC Zoom Meeting (link & time will be shared after Spring Break)





## Ministry Assessments:

On April 21, 22, and 23 Grade 11 students will be writing the Numeracy 10 assessment. Students will be scheduled into our computer lab for either a morning session or afternoon session. The schedule will be posted outside the main office and on Teams.

The Numeracy 10 Assessment is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in numeracy. It is a graduation requirement that focuses on the application of mathematical concepts learned across multiple subjects from kindergarten to grade 10.

To prepare for this assessment, students and caregivers may go to this website for more information: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

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Huge congratulations to the KG Senior Boys Basketball team, coaches and sponsors for their hard work and 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Provincials!

Go Dragons! 🐉

## Student and Parent Learning Survey Grade 10, 11 and 12

# Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades Grades 10, 11 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-713-8999

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## SCHOOL PLAY



Theatre Company and Production students have been rehearsing for this year's school play *The Doctor in Wonderland* by Don Zolidis. Show dates are April 28th-May 1st, 2026.

Synopsis: "Wonderland is no longer just in the mind of Alice. In Don Zolidis' new parody, Dr. What and his companion Cara crash into Wonderland. When the two are separated they meet all the usual suspects, mainly the Queen of Hearts, who is ready to chop off the heads of anyone who crosses her. It's up to the time travelling duo to escape and get their phone booth fixed before it's off with their heads."



## 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)

The Magee PAC is hosting a talk by Kim Barthel about the Teenage Brain. We would like to warmly invite VSB secondary school communities to this talk. We hope parents, caregivers, teaching staff and teens can attend.

*Magee Secondary is hosting a talk on the Teenage Brain*

Speaker: KIM BARTHEL

ADOLESCENCE MATTERS: THE TEENAGE BRAIN

Date: April 21, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Magee Secondary

Address: 6360 Maple St, Vancouver, BC V6M 4M2

Join us for an insightful presentation by internationally renowned expert Kim Barthel on the fascinating world of the teenage brain. "Adolescence Matters: The Teenage Brain" will explore the unique developmental changes and challenges faced by teens, providing valuable understanding for parents, educators, and anyone interested in youth development.

Schedule:

Youth Wellness Fair: 6:00-7:00pm

Attendees are encouraged to explore wellness resources and exhibits

Kim Barthel presentation in Magee Theatre: 7:00-9:00pm

Doors open at 6:15pm for general seating

Ticket Information:

General Admission tickets: \$25

Early bird tickets: \$20 (before March 1st, 2026)

Youth admitted free with accompanying adult

Tickets are required for entry and sold online @

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/.../182293/196/False/True>

MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL PAC PRESENTS  
**KIM BARTHEL**  
ADOLESCENCE MATTERS:  
THE TEENAGE BRAIN

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**Ticket Information:**

- General Admission: **\$25** (\$20 Early bird pricing until March 15)

Youth admitted free with accompanying adult  
check out [www.kimbarthel.ca](http://www.kimbarthel.ca) or [www.mageepac.ca](http://www.mageepac.ca)

Ticket purchases can be made using this QR code

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS:

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge that many in our communities are feeling the impact of what is happening around us – both globally and close to home. Events in the world, the province, and within our own communities can create stress, uncertainty, and strong emotions for students and families.

Please support and care for yourself, listen to others needing support, and seek out someone you can talk with when needed. Please consider the information below if you, a friend, or a family member experiences distress during Spring Break. Call 911 if you or someone you know is seriously unwell.

Vancouver Coastal Health Youth Clinics 778-871-7132

There is a central intake line you can call to access support across the city, depending on where you live for Youth Clinics (there are four centres across Vancouver). Please listen to the message provided to get information on where you or a friend can access service over the holidays.

To attend intake, please come in person to a CYMH office on a designated intake day to book an appointment for the same day. They do not book appointments over the phone and appointments cannot be booked days in advance.

Intake is done on a *first come, first served* basis. They operate like a walk-in clinic, so *please expect to be seen right away or later on in the day*. Appointments are approximately 1-2 hours long. You, the child/youth, must be present at the appointment. You are welcome to attend walk-in intake at any of the following CYMH office locations:

- Pacific Spirit Child & Youth Mental Health (3rd floor, 2110 W 43rd Ave) (604) 267-3970; Tuesdays 12:00pm - 6:00pm, Thursdays 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Northeast Child & Youth Mental Health (3rd floor, 2750 E Hastings St.) (604) 675-3895; Mondays 9:00am - 3:00pm, Wednesdays 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- Raven Song Child & Youth Mental Health (3rd floor, 2450 Ontario St.) (604) 872-8441; Fridays 9:00am - 3:00pm
- West End Child & Youth Mental Health (101-1128 Hornby St.) (604) 331-8908; Thursdays 9:00am - 3:00pm

Foundry BC—Granville Street, Vancouver 604-806-9415, 1260 Granville Street, Vancouver Please visit to book an appointment with Foundry BC: [Foundry Vancouver-Granville - foundrybc](#)

You can also access virtual counselling by phone 1-833-308-6379 or by downloading the Foundry app and registering for services. Please visit: <https://foundrybc.ca/virtual/>

Mental health and substance use supports available during the holiday season are listed and linked on the [erase mental health and substance use web page](#). The [Report It tool](#) also remains available to students over winter break.

### Other Helpful Resources:

C.A.R.T. 604-874-2300

Suicide Hotline 1-800-784-2433

BC Crisis Line: 604-310-6789

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Vancouver Distress Line 604-872-3311 or online chat ([www.youthinbc.com](http://www.youthinbc.com))

Vancouver After Hours (MCFD) 604-660-4927

Access and Assessment Centre 604-675-3700 (17+)

WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre (24 hours) 604-255-6344

Indigenous Crisis and Support Line- KUU-US Crisis Support Line 1-800-588-8717

Safehouses & Sheltersbc211.ca

Youthspace.ca online chat or text 778-783-0177

## RAINCITY BASKETBALL CLUB

### Spring 2026 Club Season Approaches

- \*Spring Season will officially run Mar. 30th - Jun. 21st. (12 Weeks)
- \*Summer Season will officially run Jun. 22nd - Aug 16th (8 Weeks)
- \*Purple 1 & Purple 2 teams are top teams with travel and local schedules
- \*Drip teams are development teams that train and play in Vancouver only
- \*All Teams will train and play 3 days a week min.

All players interested in joining Raincity Basketball need to sign up for ID Sessions starting Feb. 22nd - Mar. 15th 2026.

[Click here on how to join our upcoming club teams](#)

Please email [info@raincitybasketball.ca](mailto:info@raincitybasketball.ca) if you are NOT able to make your scheduled session.



Just a friendly reminder that parking directly in front of the school during pickup can cause a lot of congestion and makes it difficult for traffic to move safely. Please avoid parking in front of the school when picking up your children. If possible, use the designated parking areas or park a little farther away and walk over. This helps keep the area safer and smoother for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!



# CAPACITY CAFÉ

MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

## The Vision

### Capacity Café

**Parents and caregivers** please join us for this unique **learning opportunity** to hear from youth leaders across Vancouver's high school district about **important teen issues**. Youth leaders connected to SACY will be asked a series of questions related to **topics** such as:

- high school challenges
- substances
- mental health
- what they wish parents knew

**Parents and caregivers** will be asked to participate in the event as, "**active listeners**," with **no questions** asked for the **duration of discussion**.

Come ready to **show your engagement** by way of **listening** to the thoughtful responses of our speakers and **reflecting** on the concerns shared when later **considering** your own **teen's high school experience**.

We will **gather in a circle** with SACY youth leaders, parents, caregivers, and SACY facilitators **sitting with each other**.

## Event Details

**Date:** May 27, 2026

**Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Location:** King George Secondary  
1755 Barclay St, Vancouver, BC V6G 1K6

Please **arrive at 5:30pm** for refreshments, **discussions at 6pm**.

## Registration

Scan QR code or contact a facilitator!



## Parent Facilitators

Savoy Williams  
savoy.williams@vch.ca  
604 612 9109

Hayden Averill  
haverill@vsb.bc.ca  
604 690 9261



## 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.schoolcashionline.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	<p>Period 3 &amp; FIT Grad Assembly – Mandatory Attendance</p> <p><b>Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Brooks</li> <li>CLC Reminder</li> <li>Valedictorian mini-speeches &amp; voting</li> <li>Fee payment reminder</li> </ul> <p>Crossing the Stage Quotes Open (<i>Form available in MS Teams Grade 12 Channel</i>)</p>
Monday, May 25	Payment Deadline for School Leaving Ceremony and Grad Dinner & Dance
Friday, June 5	Grad Dinner & Dance Cordova Ballroom Pinnacle Hotel Arrive 6:00-7:00 ends 11:30pm
Monday, June 8	Crossing the Stage Quotes Deadline
Friday, June 12	FIT Grad Rehearsal – Mandatory Attendance, Gown Pick-up After School
Tuesday, June 16	School Leaving Ceremony Vancouver Playhouse 2:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 23	Last day of scheduled classes



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](#)