



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 Student and Families,

This week, we celebrated VSB's Support Staff Appreciation Day! It takes a team to nurture a caring community, and we appreciate our wonderful education assistants, multicultural workers, youth workers, settlement workers, Indigenous Education Enhancement workers, office staff, and engineering and custodial team for the amazing work they do every day connecting with our student and families as well as supporting the day-to-day running of our school. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank all our support staff.

On Thursday, November 13th, students will meet with homeroom classes during Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) to self-reflect on their thinking, communicating, personal and social core competencies and to set goals for future learning and growth. The [Core Competencies](#) are integrated throughout all areas of learning in the British Columbia K-12 curriculum, and students engage in core competency self-reflection and goal setting, building on their learning and growth each year. Students will upload their core competency reflection to the [SpacesEdu Digital Portfolio](#) platform. Please watch for an email from VSB by the end of November with a link to your child's digital core competency portfolio so that you can review with your child at home. Students will continue to add to their core competency reflections and goals throughout the year with homeroom classes during FIT in April and June.

In this newsletter, you will find information about school office reminders, communicating student learning, athletics highlights, counselling updates, PAC updates, music highlights, grad fundraising opportunities, 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.*



Remembrance Day Display, 20th Century World History 12 Class

School Office Reminder – Attendance Procedures

Parents/Guardians, please [email pointgreyattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:email.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

- Informal Learning Update published **November 20, 2025**
- Written Learning Updates published **January 30 & May 1, 2026**
- Summary of Learning published **June 25, 2026**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There are two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this year:

The first is **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](#).

Athletics Highlights

Fall Celebrations

- Congratulations to our Senior Girls' Volleyball Team, Vancouver City Champions! The team goes on to zones next week, PG will be hosting games November 12–14. Come out and support the team, who are ranked 1st in the province!
- Senior Boys' Soccer Team play in the city finals on Thursday, Nov 6
- Aquatics – We had 10 compete in the zones and one qualify for provincials – Maja Molyneaux!
- Cross Country – Junior Girls and Junior Boys did a great job in Provincials! Our Senior Boys (Ben Gibson, Dylan Drew, Preston Ko, Acton Chen Gabriel Drew, Raymond Lim and Brian Hung) did a spectacular job and finished 3rd in the province!
- Bantam Girls Volleyball also qualified for playoffs later this month!

Winter Season

- We are looking to run four Boys' Basketball Teams (Bantam, Juvenile, Junior and Senior) and two Girls' Basketball Teams (Bantam and Senior).
- Table Tennis, Ski and Snowboarding, Girls' Ice Hockey and Wrestling Teams are also starting soon.
- We are still looking for a Senior Girls' Basketball coach.

To find out when everyone plays, check out the website www.vancouverchoolsports.ca. GO HOUNDS!

~ Julie Douglas, Athletic Director



Counselling Corner

This fall, our counsellors have hosted a variety of engaging presentations from post-secondary institutions and organizations, including Queen's University, the University of Toronto, the University of Alberta, Shad Canada ([Home - Shad Canada](#)), and the Vancouver School Board's Career Trades speakers (VSB Career Programs: [Program Offerings](#)).

Upcoming Presentations:

- **University of Waterloo** – November 10th at 11:30 AM
- **Simon Fraser University** – Date TBA
- **University of Victoria** – Date TBA

Stay tuned for more details and encourage students to attend these valuable sessions!

After the Bell: Planning for Post Secondary

We also wanted to share the most recent VSB *After the Bell* podcast episodes, which features insights for students and families on post-secondary planning. Part 1 highlights UBC and BCIT, while part 2 highlights SFE, Cap-U and Langara. Please [click here](#) for the episodes.



Ordering Transcripts

Many post-secondary institutions request transcripts as an XML data transfer copy of your current official transcript. When grade 12 students send transcripts, it is important to select: "send updates" for one year to allow post-secondary institutions view their updated transcripts throughout the year.

More information can be found here: [Transcripts and Post-secondary Selection - Province of British Columbia](#)
Helpful tutorial video: https://youtu.be/avAztzUtrZM?si=z7D_My0SXX8crcME

Please connect with your child's counsellor if you have any questions:

- Kasey Chittenden, Counsellor for Grade 8/10 (Last Names A-L) and Grade 9s
- David Johnston, Counsellors for Grade 8/10 (Last names M-S) and Grade 11s
- Janice Sim, Counsellor for Grade 8/10 (Last names T-S\Z) and Grade 12s



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Child Care

StudentTranscripts Service

Information For Students

StudentTranscripts Service (STS) is an online application where students can view their school marks and scholarships. Students can also view and send their B.C. or Yukon transcript to Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI), employers, and/or designated Third Parties and order their B.C. graduation certificate.



Get Started

To register for STS students will need:

- **Basic BCeID**
- Personal Education Number (PEN)
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

Step 1

Go to the StudentTranscripts Service (STS): www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

Step 2

Sign up for a Basic BCeID

To use the STS, you need to sign up for a **Basic BCeID**

- Complete the fields to register for a **Basic BCeID**
- Select your password reset questions and answers

Step 3

Register for the StudentTranscripts Service (STS)

When registering for the STS using your **Basic BCeID**, you will be prompted to:

- Enter your student information (see **Get Started** information above)
- An email will be sent to the email address provided and must be activated within 24 hours of receipt or you will need to complete your STS registration again
- Once activated, you will be able to log onto the STS using your **Basic BCeID** and password

Step 4

Log in to the StudentTranscripts Service (STS)

From your STS Student Dashboard, you can choose your Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) selections, preview, send and order transcripts/certificates, view exam and assessment results and view scholarship information. Please note that all transcripts previewed on the STS are considered unofficial, but official transcripts are sent once ordered.

You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the Ministry of Education and Child Care to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or XML data transfer depending on how the PSI receives transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to three weeks for processing and delivery to your recipients.

Troubleshooting:

For **Basic BCeID** questions, visit: www.bceid.ca

For StudentTranscripts Service questions, email: studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca

Music Highlights

- Everyone is invited to join us in the PG Auditorium on Wednesday, December 10th at 7pm, for our PG Winter Concert featuring Jazz A and B bands, Beginning Bands, Strings, and Concert Choir. Admission by Donation.
- Over 90 students have joined us at the Loon Lake Junior Music Retreat this week!
- PG Concert choir had a workshop with Dr. Vicki St. Pierre from Mount Alison University in October and will be performing at the school Remembrance Day Ceremony Assemblies next week.
- Chelsea Yu and Serena Lee are two of the choir students from PG chosen to be in the BCMEA provincial choir.
- Point Grey had yet another successful concert at the VSB District Band Festival, hosted by Magee. There were 10 schools participating. Point Grey had close to a hundred students on stage, the biggest ensemble for the evening!



~ Ms. Ip & Mr. Fleming

Point Grey Music Supporters' Society (PGMSS)

The PGMSS is a registered Canadian charity that was formed in 1993 by a group of Point Grey music parents. PGMSS works with the Point Grey music teachers and students to provide parent volunteering and financial support for the Point Grey Music program.

Our next meeting is online on **November 24th at 7pm**. Please reach out to Bozana Sabo Sipos at bsabosipos@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the PGMSS email list and receive meeting invite. Additionally, PGMSS is looking for some help with our **accounting**. If you are an accountant and can offer your assistance to our organization as a volunteer, please reach out to Bozana at the above-mentioned email address.

If you would like to support PGMSS and PG Music program, please consider volunteering or attending the **Winter concert** on **December 10 at 7pm** (Point Grey Auditorium) where raffle tickets will be available for purchase with some really cool prizes. Also, if you can, please consider bringing a desert to share at intermission.

We are looking forward to meeting anyone who is interested in supporting the Point Grey Music program!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Apple Sale Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Apple Sale! Your orders, help spreading the word, and volunteer time made this fundraiser a wonderful success. We're so grateful for the community spirit you showed — it directly supports student programs and school initiatives.

Thanks to your generosity, we sold close to **200 boxes of apples** and raised approximately **\$2,000**. We also donated one box of apples to our amazing PG teachers as a small token of appreciation.

Special thanks to all our volunteers and coordinators who managed communications, pick-ups, and logistics behind the scenes — we couldn't have done it without you!

If you have feedback or would like to help with future PAC initiatives, we'd love to hear from you at PG PAC info@pointgreyparents.org.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at **7:30 pm** in the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

PAC Grad Committee

Point Grey families, staff, and friends, please consider supporting the Class of 2026 Graduates with their largest fundraiser of the year. There are 2 ways to order before November 16: school cash online or using our [order form \(click here\)](#).

Grade 12 Parents & Guardians please connect to learn what activities are planned and how you can support our graduates:

Email: grad@pointgreyparents.org

What'sApp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/KP2g7jhzcPcK77LI28VuQ4?mode=ac_t

VSB Family & Community Information

Did you know: VSB now has a central location for family and community information!

Find what you need, all in one place. Explore programs, policies and school supports through VSB's [Family and Community Information Page](#).

Holiday Wreaths, Poinsettias and Candles



Order Deadline Sun Nov 16 midnight

PG Class of 2026 Fundraiser



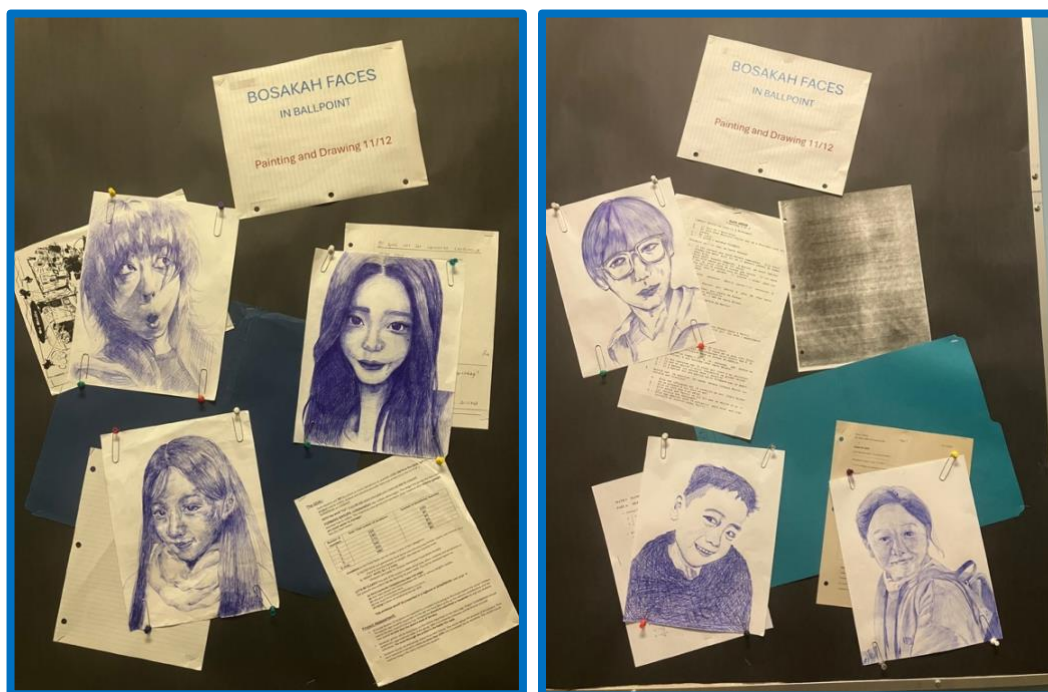
**2 ways to order: QR code for online form
or visit School Cash Online**



Upcoming Dates in November and December

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.

- Friday, November 7First Day for New Class Rotation
- Monday, November 10Remembrance Day Assemblies
- Tuesday, November 11Remembrance Day (School not in Session)
- Wednesday, November 12.....Collaborative Planning Day – Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
- Thursday, November 13.....Core Competency Reflection & Goal Setting for all Students @ FIT in Homerooms
- Tuesday, November 18Mini Parents’ Association Meeting @ 7pm (Library)
- Wednesday, November 19.....PAC Meeting @ 7:30 pm (Library)
- Thursday, November 20.....Written Learning Updates Published in MyEd @ 3pm for S1 Courses
.....Informal Learning Updates Published in MyEd @ 3pm for Full Year Courses
- Friday, November 21.....District Pro D Day (School not in Session for Students)
- Monday, November 24Music Supporters’ Society Meeting @ 7pm (Virtual)
- Tuesday, November 25Grade 12 Assembly for Transcript Verifications @ FIT (Auditorium)
- Wednesday, December 3.....Breezeway Theatre Company Show @ 7pm
- Friday, December 5.....Breezeway Theatre Company Show @ 7pm
- Wednesday, December 10Winter Concert @ 7pm (Auditorium)
- Tuesday, December 16.....Mini Parents’ Association Meeting @ 7pm



Art Display,
Drawing & Painting
11/12 Class

CALENDAR 2025 – 2026
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DATED MAY 2025

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School Board

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