



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 xʷməṭkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation).*

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

This past week, we honoured [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) and [Orange Shirt Day](#). Thank you to our staff, students and families for taking time throughout the week for reflection, remembrance and learning in order to deepen our understanding and commit to ongoing action throughout the year.

The school year is off to great start, with students settling into their classes and exploring a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. A special thank you to our student council for organizing Clubs Day this afternoon in the large gym, where more than 70 clubs showcased opportunities for students to connect with each other. We are grateful to all our club teacher sponsors and student leaders for offering such a rich and diverse array of ways to get involved. You can find the full, updated list of this year's club offerings on our [school website](#). Thank you for encouraging your students to join a club, make new connections, and have fun.

In this newsletter, you will find information about communicating student learning, school office reminders, traffic safety, photo retake day, Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, athletics highlights, music highlights, counselling updates, PAC updates, and important dates for 2026-2027. Also, you are invited to continue to check our [school website](#) for class schedules, monthly calendar, student agenda, and other information as the school year progresses.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning. Please join us in celebrating [World Teachers' Day](#) on Monday! We are grateful to our teachers, educational assistants, and support staff for their dedication to connecting with our students, families, and each other.

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.



Student Council Display, Orange Shirt Day



Library Learning Commons, Book Display, Truth and Reconciliation

School Office Reminder – Attendance Procedures

Parents/Guardians, please 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>

Traffic Safety

All students and families are kindly reminded to please not enter or block the entrance to both parking lots on W 37th Avenue if you are dropping off in the morning and/or picking up in the afternoon so that the entrances remain clear for school buses. Also, please see the following poster on E-Scooter Safety.



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 16, 2026**
- Written Learning Update published **November 27, 2026**
- Summary of Learning published **February 5, 2027**

Semester 2

- Informal Learning Update published **March 11, 2027**
- Written Learning Update published **May 7, 2027**
- Summary of Learning published **June 29, 2027**

Full Year Courses

- Informal Learning Update published **November 27, 2026**
- Written Learning Updates published **February 5 & May 7, 2027**
- Summary of Learning published **June 29, 2027**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There will be two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this year: **Thursday, November 5, 2026** (for Semester 1) and the other was on **Tuesday, May 11, 2027** (for Semester 2). *More information will be emailed home later in October.*



Photo Retake Day – Monday, October 19

Students who missed the September photo session or would like a retake will have the opportunity to do so **on Monday, October 19, in the cafeteria after lunch.**

Students will be called down **alphabetically by last name:**

- **A–L**
- **M–Z**

All grades will be called at once within their alphabetical group.

Important:

If you had your photo taken in September and would like a retake, you must return your original ID card. Without it, you will not be allowed to take another photo, there is a QR code on the back of the id card that is needed by the photographer.

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will take place during the week of November 2-November 6. This assessment is a graduation requirement. If your child has an absence planned during that week, please ask your child to speak with Ms. Li in the main office so she can take it into consideration when she is building the schedule.

You are invited to find more information about this mandatory assessment here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

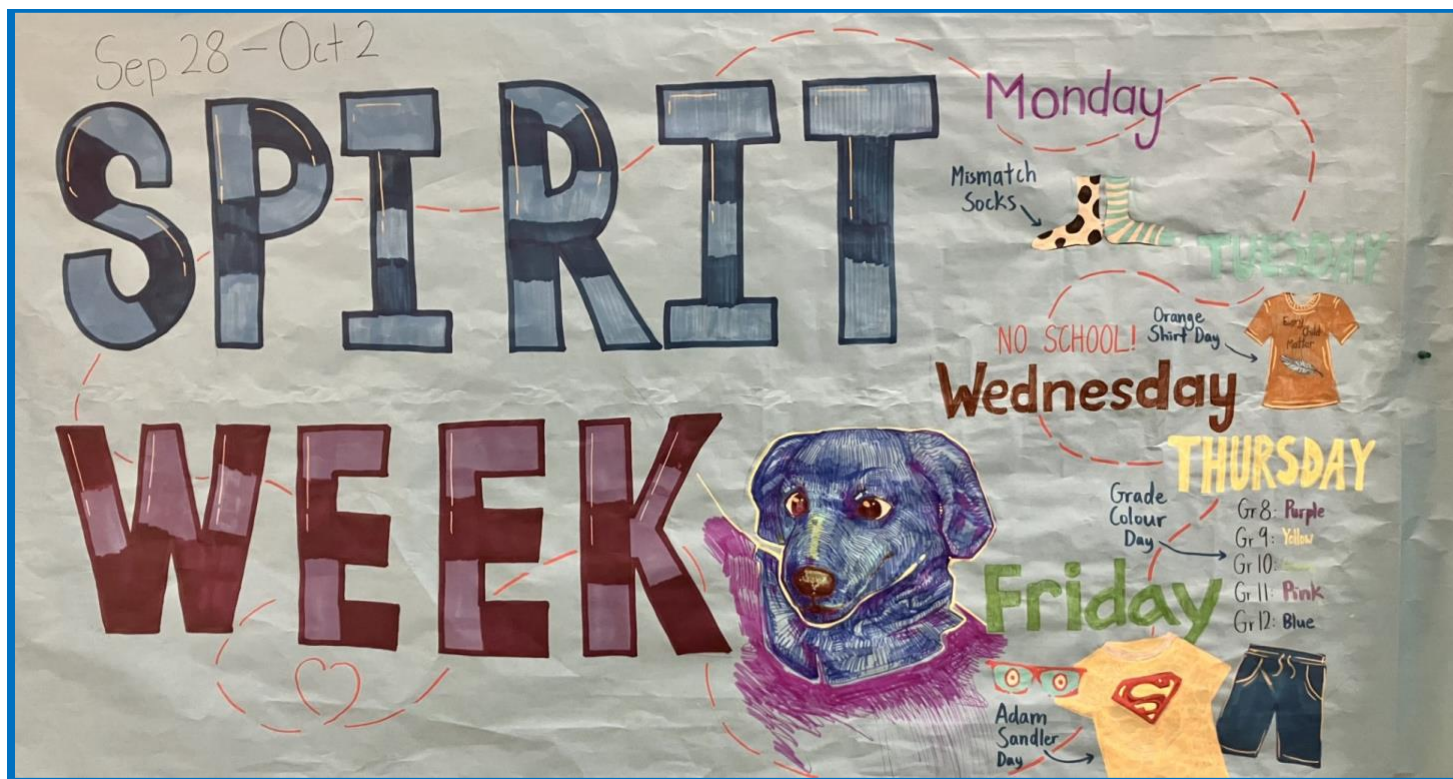
Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

The VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

- <https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>
- <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

If any families have questions about either one of these programs, they can contact the company through the contact information on their website.



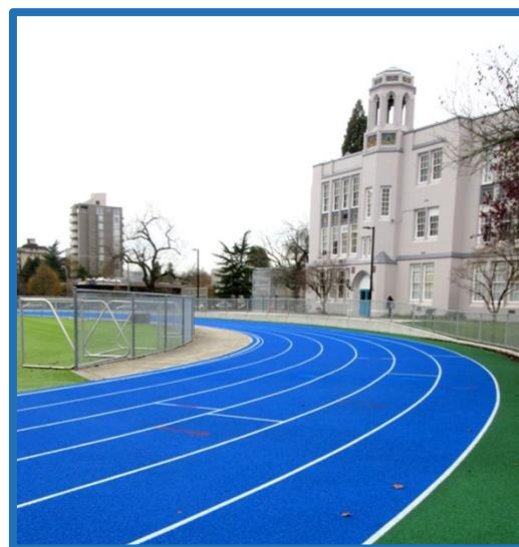
Student Council Display, Spirit Week

Athletics Highlights

PG is running numerous teams this fall thanks to some great staff, parents, and community volunteers! Students are invited to please check the bulletin board outside the large gym as well as MS Teams for athletics information throughout the school year.

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

~ Mr. Lai, Athletic Director



Music Highlights

With only three rehearsals since the beginning of the school year in September, Point Grey Jazz A band had a stellar performance last night at Magee with Fred Stride adjudicating. Fred taught at Capilano University and UBC for over 40 years and is a jazz legend in Canada. He was giving compliments (quite rare for him to do!) to our PG students for their hard work!

~ Ms. Ip & Mr. Fleming



Counselling Update

Microsoft Teams

A reminder to ask your students to check the “All Students” and Grade Level Microsoft Teams in Office 365 for important information that gets posted regularly. If students need help accessing their account, they can contact one of their teachers or their counsellor.

Language Challenge Exams

Any grade 10-12 student wishing to write the language challenge exam for one of the languages below, must complete the Challenge Exam Application (typed) and hand in the package to their counsellor **before October 30th @ 9am**. Application found here: [Microsoft Word - Chall Applic Package - 27.docx](#)

<u>January 30, 2027</u>	<u>January 31, 2027</u>
• Farsi 11 • French 11 • Japanese 11 • Korean 11 • Mandarin 11 (simplified) • Mandarin 11 (traditional) • Punjabi 11 • Spanish 11	• Farsi 12 • French 12 • Japanese 12 • Korean 12 • Mandarin 12 (simplified) • Mandarin 12 (traditional) • Punjabi 12 • Spanish 12

Upcoming Student Opportunities

*These opportunities are posted on the grade MS Teams pages. Please remind your child to check their Teams pages regularly for announcements:

- Grade 10-12: VSB Career Programs is offering a **one-week Aviation Career Sampler program** for students interested in a career in this aviation sector. Career pathways include in-flight, maintenance, and ground operations roles. Apply via link on MS Teams
- Grade 12: Loran Scholarship Applications Open, UBC Engineering Events, UK University Fair, Canadian University Event, Post-Secondary Visits, AUArts application... (Check your Grade 12 Teams Page)

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

- Janice Sim, Counsellor for Grade 9 & Grade 8 (Last Names A-H)
- Kasey Chittenden, Counsellor for Grade 10 & Grade 8 (Last Names I-P)
- Farah Slaihi, Counsellor for Grade 11 & Grade 8 (Last Names Q-Z)
- Shelley Sullivan, Counsellor for Grade 12

CUE Canadian Universities Event

Burnaby Public Event

Monday, October 5, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Metrotown

Explore your post-secondary options **across Canada** and connect with university representatives from **45+ universities!**





CUE Canadian Universities Event

Surrey Public Event

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Westfield Country Club

Explore your post-secondary options **across Canada** and connect with university representatives from **45+ universities!**





Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Are you wanting to make sure you stay connected to PAC information and events? Parents and Guardians are invited to join our email list for PAC newsletter subscription and/or our Parents WhatsApp Group by following this link: <https://www.pointgreyparents.org/about-pac/stay-connected-with-point-grey-pac>

All parents and guardians are also warmly invited to visit our stəywəte:ń Point Grey PAC website <https://www.pointgreyparents.org> for more information on the latest information:

1. **Direct Donation Campaign** – Families can learn how to make a direct donation to support PAC programs, student activities, and school initiatives throughout the year.
2. **Apple Fundraiser** – Our fall apple sale is now open! Families can order fresh BC apples and support PAC programs at the same time.
Order Deadline: 11:59pm tonight!
Pickup: October 3, 2:00–6:00 PM.
3. **Whitecaps Ticket Fundraiser** – Families can find details and the purchase link for our upcoming Vancouver Whitecaps ticket fundraiser on the PAC website.
4. **October PAC Meeting** – Our next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:30pm in the school library, and will include a presentation by **APASS Education Group** on the university application process. The session is intended to help parents better understand the application process and provide practical information while helping reduce some of the anxiety families may experience around university applications.
5. **Spirit Wear Student Design Contest** – We are planning to invite students to submit designs for new school hoodies and T-shirts. It is a fun opportunity for students to contribute creatively to school spirit.

Parents can visit the [PAC website](#) for full details, links, and updates on all of these items.





**SUPPORT
POINT GREY SECONDARY
TICKET FUNDRAISER
WITH VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC**

**CHEER FOR
THE WHITECAPS.
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.**

Purchase eligible Vancouver Whitecaps FC tickets through our fundraising link and a portion of each ticket sold will support Point Grey Secondary School.

 ENJOY AN
EXCITING MATCH

 BRING FAMILY
AND FRIENDS

 SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL

 BE PART OF A
STRONGER
COMMUNITY



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AVAILABLE GAMES
& BUY TICKETS

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Choose the game that works for you!

Point Grey Secondary PAC
(OUR SCHOOL - OUR COMMUNITY - OUR TEAM)

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Together* ♥

erase | EXPECT RESPECT &
A SAFE EDUCATION

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



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Upcoming Dates in October

Remember to check our [school website](#) main page under “Announcements” for daily schedules, monthly calendar, student agenda, and other information as the school year progresses.

- Friday, October 2Clubs Day
- Monday, October 5World Teachers’ Day
- Monday, October 5-7Mini Orientation
- Monday, October 5Homeroom @ FIT for Photo Card Distribution
- Tuesday, October 6Grade 9 HOUNDS Assembly @ FIT
- Monday, October 12Thanksgiving Day (*school not in session*)
- Friday, October 16Informal Learning Updates Published in MyEd @ 3pm for S1 Courses
- Monday, October 19Photo Retake Day, Grade 8 & 12 Group Photo Day
- Tuesday, October 20Grade 10 & 11 Career Programs Assembly @ FIT
- Tuesday, October 20Mini Parents’ Association AGM Meeting @ 7pm via Zoom
- Wednesday, October 21Collaborative Planning Day – Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
- Wednesday, October 21PAC Meeting @ 7:30 pm (Library)
- Thursday, October 22FIT Freeze for Core Competency Reflection & Goals @ FIT
- Friday, October 23Provincial Pro D Day (School not in Session for Students)
- Monday, October 26Parent Teacher Online Conference Bookings Start @ 3pm (*more info to come*)
- Thursday, October 29thGrade 9 Immunization Clinic
- Wednesday, November 4thGrade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Thursday, November 5thEarly Dismissal @ 2:05pm, Parent-Teacher Conferences (online)



Calendar 2026 -2027
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Secondary School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027

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

Monday, September 21, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School - not moveable)

COLLABORATION DATES

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, January 20, 2027	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, February 17, 2027	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, May 19, 2027	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, June 9, 2027	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Thursday, November 5, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students @ 2:05pm
Thursday, April 15, 2027	Early Dismissal for Students @ 2:05pm