September 18th, 2026

Gladstone News

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Dear Gladstone Students and Families,

IMPORTANT DATES

September 25th: ProD Day – no classes
September 29th: Orange Shirt Day
September 30th: School closed - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
To keep up with important dates at Gladstone, please check our monthly calendar here.
The 2026/2027 school year calendar is available here.

LUNCH MENU

Please note that menu items are subject to change

Monday, Sept 21st	Tuesday, Sept 22nd	Wednesday, Sept 23rd	Thursday, Sept 24th	Friday, Sept 25th
Cheese Tortellini, Rosa Sauce, Salad, Garlic Toast	Fish & Chips, Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce	Beef Stew, Crispy Baguette	Tandoori Chicken, Rice, House Pickles	ProD

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

Students planning to return to school from summer break later than Friday, September 11th, 2026, noon and prior to Tuesday, September 29, 2026, must notify the school administration of their late return by emailing a completed form https://www.vsb.bc.ca/gladstone/notice-of-late-return-september-2026.89718 to gladstone@vsb.bc.ca

Please note that space will not be held beyond Tuesday, September 29th, 2026.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos were taken on September 18th. Absentee/Retake Day will be October 14th.

GRAD 2027

Mark your calendar. Our graduation date is set for Thursday June 24th at the UBC Chan Centre.
All grads should book their photos with Artona https://artona.com/bookings.
Grad Sessions: October 15, 2026 - October 18, 2026 at the Artona Vancouver Studio
Grad Group Session: September 18 2026 - March 28 2027 at Artona Vancouver Studio

Annual Terry Fox Run

Our 24th Annual Terry Fox Run is happening Friday, October 2nd in period 1-2! This marks the 46 year anniversary of the Marathon of Hope.
We will be walking together as a school around Gladstone and into the community to show our support. All students are expected to follow the District Code of Conduct and School Code of Conduct during this event.
If you feel that your child can not participate in this worthy event, please fill in the form below by Thursday, October 1, before 9:00 AM. This is only if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in this event. We will have an alternate learning area for students who opt out with parent/guardian/caretaker permission.

Please fill out this form ONLY if you do not want your student to participate.

Our Outdoor Classroom

In our west courtyard, there is a neglected and overgrown garden with rotting wooden beds and broken benches. There is also a beautiful but underused green house and lots of space for learning. This courtyard has so much potential for outdoor learning, for helping connect students to nature.

Our vision: benches, a meandering path around an indigenous plant garden, and new garden beds for herbs and greens (for the foods classes).

A group of teachers are working together to transform this courtyard into an outdoor classroom, but it takes a community to raise a garden. We are looking for parent support in the way of volunteers, donations (wheel barrows, tools, woodchips, plants...), and, of course, funds are also welcome.

Please contact Alec MacInnes if you can help amacinnes@vsb.bc.ca

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A Message from the Gladstone PAC

The Gladstone PAC welcomes all families to the 2026-2027 school year. All parents/guardians of Gladstone students are members of the Gladstone PAC and are invited to attend PAC meetings. The Gladstone PAC is the voice of parents and caregivers at our school, helping build a strong school community through parent engagement, information sharing, advocacy, fundraising, and support for student success. The PAC provides opportunities for parents to connect with school leadership, stay informed about school initiatives, support enrichment opportunities for students, and contribute to discussions that help strengthen our school community. You can contact the PAC at this email: gladstone.pac@gmail.com

This year's meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the school library on the following dates: September 29, 2026, October 27, 2026, November 24, 2026, no meeting December, January 26, 2027, February 23, no meeting March, April 13, 2027, May 18, 2027 and June 15, 2027.
See you there!

LIBRARY

We are very excited that the flooring in the library is being replaced with a beautiful, new carpet and vinyl plank. Work began at the beginning of September and should be finished soon. Until then we have a temporary library set up in Room B106. Students are welcome to come in and check out books as we brought the fiction shelves over. Computers and the photocopier/printer are also available.

If you have any questions about the library and the library program, please feel free to contact Ms. Montroy (hmontroy@vsb.bc.ca) or Ms. Loo (rloo@vsb.bc.ca)

SACY

What is SACY?
Supporting And Connecting Youth (SACY) - Substance Use Health Promotion Initiative engages Vancouver parents/caregivers, teachers, students, administrators and the greater community to strengthen school-based substance use education, prevention and early-intervention programs and policies.
The goal of SACY is to: Enhance the prevention and brief intervention infrastructure in VSB schools and surrounding community to prevent substance use, delay substance use and reduce substance use related problems.
Please check out their websites and stay tuned for more information about upcoming workshops.
https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy-substance-use-health-promotion-initiative
https://www.vch.ca/en/service/supporting-and-connecting-youth-sacy-substance-use-prevention-initiative

If you have any questions, please reach out to Savoy Williams at (604) 612-9109 or savoy.williams@vch.ca
If your child would like to speak to someone at school, they can speak to their counsellor or Hailey Oosthoek on Wednesdays in the main office 604-828-1159 hailey.oosthoek@vch.ca

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COPILOT 13+ IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To support student learning and readiness for a rapidly evolving, technology-rich world, we're introducing Microsoft Copilot 13+ for secondary students aged 13 and older. This tool supports students in learning how to use AI safely, thoughtfully and responsibly as part of their education. For more information, please click here.

SAFER SCHOOLS

Safer Schools Together is offering complimentary virtual sessions for students (Grades 5-12) on digital citizenship, respectful relationships, and consent, as well as sessions for parents, caregivers, grandparents, and youth aged 10+. Student sessions are 60 minutes long, offered at various times to accommodate different school schedules, and are intended for educators to view with their classes. Family sessions are designed for parents, caregivers, grandparents, and youth aged 10+. Details, registration, and session schedules are available here for student sessions and here for family sessions. For more information on Safer Digital Communities, please visit this website.

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 the school Principal by November 30, 2026.**

Unless withdrawn, this consent is effective immediately 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.

STUDENT USE OF ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BIKES – SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

This is to remind all families of the current City of Vancouver and Province of British Columbia regulations and to ask for your support in ensuring students travel safely and within the law.
Under provincial legislation and the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation, as well as City of Vancouver bylaws, electric scooters are permitted only under specific conditions:

- Riders must be 16 years of age or older.
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders.
- Scooters may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks.
- Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic signals and signage).
- Scooters must not exceed prescribed speed limits (generally up to 25 km/h where permitted).
- For more information, please visit: https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/247_2023

Under provincial legislation and City of Vancouver bylaws, electric bikes are permitted under the following conditions:

- Riders must be 14 years or older for a light e-bike and 16 for a standard e-bike.
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders.
- Light e-bikes must not exceed 25 km/h and standard e-bikes 32 km/h.
- E-bikes may be used on designated roads and bike lanes, but not on sidewalks
- Riders must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists (e.g., obey traffic signals and signage).

For more information about e-bikes, please visit: E-bike requirements - Province of British Columbia and Motor Assisted Cycle (E-Bike) Regulation.
We are increasingly concerned about:
Students under the legal age riding electric scooters and bikes to school, multiple riders on a single device, lack of helmet use, riding on sidewalks - including near school entrances, riding on school property, including playgrounds, and unsafe speeds.
These behaviours pose a significant safety risk to students and to others in our community.

As a school, we ask families to:

- Ensure your child meets the legal age requirements before riding
- Reinforce helmet use and safe riding practices
- Remind your child to dismount upon arriving on school property
- Review routes to ensure compliance with city and provincial regulations

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students safe.

LET'S GO TO FRANCE! ALLONS-Y !

Gladstone's Modern Languages Department is hosting its second France trip during Spring Break 2028! Intended for current grade 9-11 students who are interested in learning languages, this France trip is a great opportunity for students to learn about French culture while forming new bonds with each other. The school works together with a travel company to create an itinerary that is packed with a mix of activities and adventures that are unique to the region. Students who are interested in languages or have taken French, Japanese, or Spanish are welcome to attend meetings about the trip. Don't miss this life changing opportunity!
If interested, please stay tuned for details about student information meetings and parent info night. If any questions arise, please contact Ms. Mohammed at smohammed@vsb.bc.ca.