



# Churchill Update

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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), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## FORMS

A friendly reminder for families to complete important school on-line forms at <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>. These forms are to be completed on a yearly basis. They include CASL, External Media Consent, G4-12 Student AUP, and VSB Media Consent forms.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We have been very busy shopping! In the last few months, we have purchased (from both local businesses and our suppliers) over 450 new titles for our students and staff to devour and enjoy!

Please encourage your teen to pop by and check out some books (including some titles targeted for French Immersion & ELL) to get off their screens and into reading!

Special thanks to PAC for their support of our purchase of titles for pleasure reading, from manga to other popular fiction and popular non-fiction titles. We are forever grateful for PAC's support.

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*  
— Dr. Seuss, [I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!](#)

## BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

We have many people navigating the roadways, sidewalks, and community areas around our building daily. Most of us pass through those spaces in a respectful way. However, from time to time we notice that incidents occur. Perhaps this is horns on the street or littering or loud communication that disturb the peace and quiet. We understand everyone is just trying to get to where they need to be but when community members reach out to us with concerns, it is fair to remind everyone, that pathways through the apartment/condo complexes in the area are private property. Please take a moment to talk with your child(ren) about being mindful and respectful as they walk through these properties on their way to and from school – be a good neighbour.

## ONE ACTS

The One Acts at Churchill is a 20+ year program that builds community, creates connection, with an inclusive lens. It is a theatre production of original 20-minute shows that enact the "voice" of teenagers. With guidance from theatre teacher, Ms. Calder, this groups of students cast, direct, light, costume, act, write and tech the entire show themselves – a program that mixes storytelling and acting with lifelong friendships. Tonight marks the last performance of this year's One Acts. *May Santa light saber his way through time with a pom-pom in each pocket and a deerstalker cap.* CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who supported this event.

## REPORTING

Semester 2 Interim Reports will be published online in MyEd on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. This interim will only include a strength-based comment. Grades and proficiency scales will be reported on the mid-semester report in April.

### How to access your student's Report Card on the MyEd BC Family Portal

Interim Reports can be found on the MyEd BC Family Portal. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to the [MyEd Website \(https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do\)](https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do)
2. Type in your student's student number for the login.
3. Your password is the one that you and your student have already been using.
4. You will find your child's report under "Published Reports" on the right-hand side.
5. Please note reports are deleted when new reports are generated. You may wish to save a copy for your records.

### **What if I forgot my password?**

1. Click on the "I forgot my password" link.
2. A response should come to the email that is associated with the account.
3. If you do not recall the email associated with the account, please send an email to [churchill@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:churchill@vsb.bc.ca) to request assistance for a password reset.

### **What if my account is disabled?**

1. Please send an email to [churchill@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:churchill@vsb.bc.ca) to request assistance.

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## FIT and MY WEEKLY PLANNER

Huge thanks to all members of our Churchill community for supporting our students as they make their Flexible Instruction Time choices. Over the past 2 weeks as we have begun providing families with attendance data, we have noticed:

- A 50 % increase in students creating FIT plans and attending on time.
- More interest from students in classroom use (connected with a teacher), as opposed to open study in the cafeteria.
- Increased questions from students on the best way to use their FIT time.

All of these positive trends have come through your help. **As of March 1 though, we will need to temporarily pause attendance notifications as we navigate to a new communication system at the school.**

When we resume:

- Students will continue to use the same sign up and attendance system (My Weekly Planner).
- Families will be notified by e-mail when their child does not sign up or does not attend FIT.

During this time, we would appreciate continued conversations on the best ways for your children to use Flexible Instruction Time, including which subjects require their attention the most, and which teachers they should visit on different days.

## SCHOOL FEES

With the start of Semester 2 well underway, please take a moment to take care of any outstanding Semester 1 fees and current course fees. A note regarding workbooks – the fee for workbooks is a deposit and is refundable when your student returns the workbook, that hasn't been written in and is in near-new condition, to their classroom teacher. If your student(s) still wants to get a yearbook this year, that is still an available option. You can access SchoolCash with this link <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>.

*The Board of Education Trustees is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class, or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all of school fee are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.*

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## STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the [core competencies](#) of the curriculum and the [British Columbia's Policy for Student Success](#).

The Parent/Guardian/Caregiver survey is now available on-line at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) where you will be asked to select your child's district (Vancouver 39), school's name (Sir Winston Churchill Secondary), and language of preference.

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## APRIL MINISTRY ASSESSMENTS

To accommodate all our grade 10s and minimize class disruption, Grade 10s will be scheduled into a morning or afternoon session for Numeracy 10 assessment in one of our computer labs on Tuesday, April 16th. Regular classes for Grade 10s will **not** be in session on this day. Please note students in ELL 1-3 will **not** be writing this exam.

- Students have 3 hours to write this exam. To familiarize oneself with the exam, students are encouraged to go to the Ministry of Education and Childcare Website to watch the videos about the exam and view practice assessments in the [Numeracy Assessment section](#).
- On April 16th, students need to bring their student ID card and report to their scheduled exam location at 8:35 am for morning sessions or 12:10 pm for afternoon sessions. Cell phones and other devices (watches) that connect to the internet are not permitted. Calculators must adhere to the [Calculator Policy](#)

Grade 11s and 12s who still need to write this exam as part of their graduation requirement, will be scheduled to write in the library on either April 17 or 18.

Students are asked to view TEAMS for their exam location date, time, and location.

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## GRAD 2024 UPDATE AND REMINDERS

Grade 12 Assembly during FIT on Thursday, March 7.

If you haven't taken your grad photo at Artona, the Grad Photo Session has been extended to March 16! Please book your photo session using the Artona link: <https://www.artona.com/schools/CHUR/programs/graduation/>

### Important Grad Dates:

- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Grad Breakfast (Valedictorian election), CAF, 8:40-10:25am
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Grad Ceremony, Queen Elizabeth Theatre @ 7pm\*\*
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Grad Dinner & Dance, Fairmont Waterfront @ 6pm. *No outside guests.\*/\*\**

**\*NOTE ①:** *This event is at risk of being cancelled due to low ticket sales. Buy your ticket by March 15<sup>th</sup>!!*

**\*\*NOTE ②:** *To participate in Grad events all school fees must be paid in full.*

Schoolcash: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

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## Upcoming events

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| • Interims online                         | March 8          |
| • Diversity Week                          | March 11-15      |
| • Spring Break                            | March 18-April 1 |
| • School reopens                          | April 2          |
| • Collab during Period 4 (1:45-3:05pm)    | April 3          |
| • IB Art Show in the New Gym, 3:30-5:30pm | April 12         |
| • Ministry Assessments                    | April 15-19      |
| • Grad Breakfast                          | April 19         |
| • Pro D Day                               | April 22         |

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SUPPORT SWC STUDENTS!**