



Churchill Update

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sir-winston-churchill>

Forms

A friendly reminder for families to complete important school on-line forms at 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.

Course Planning

Churchill Guidance Counsellors will be offering a one-hour presentation, at each grade level, for parents on Course Planning for the 2024 - 2025 school year **on Thursday, Jan 18th, 5 pm to 6 pm**. We will start in the Auditorium and then move to grade group rooms (A110, A111, the Cafeteria, and the Drama Studio). Signs will be posted. Course planning sheets will be available for preview. Q & A at the end of each session. Presentations to students will be done in February by classroom visits and/or assemblies. All course requests must be entered into MyEd by March 1st.

Ideal Mini course planning will take place directly in the classrooms with Mr Pratt in February.

Grade Groups: Mr. Lattimer - current gr 8s
 Mr. Larock - current gr 9s
 Ms. Lee - current gr 10s
 Ms. Salter - current gr 11s
 Mr. Pratt - all ELL students

Canley Cup

We are in the final days of our Canley Cup Food Drive! Help make a difference for families in need during this holiday season. You can make an online donation to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank by clicking on this link: <https://events.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/churchill>. Donations of \$25 or more will be sent a tax receipt.



January Ministry Assessments

To accommodate all our grade 10s and minimize class disruption, Grade 10s will be scheduled into a morning or afternoon session for Literacy 10 assessment in one of our computer labs on January 24th. Regular classes for Grade 10s will **not** be in session on this day.

- 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 [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#) section.
- On January 24th, students need to bring their student ID card and report to their scheduled exam location at 8:40 am for morning sessions or 12:15 pm for afternoon sessions. Cell phones and other devices (watches) that connect to the internet are not permitted.

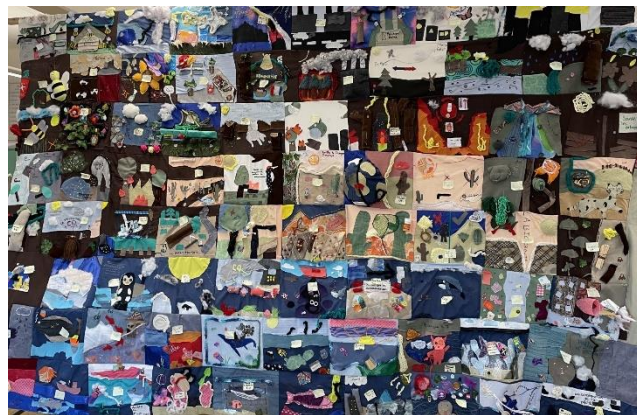
Grade 12 French Immersion students will be writing the Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion on January 16th and 17th, with the Oral component on January 18th and 23rd. Students are to check with Mr. Lam or Ms. Bourreau-Steele to see when they are scheduled for these assessments. Students may find activities to prepare for these assessments from the Grade 12 [Ministry's French Immersion Assessment page](#).

PLASTIFIÉ/DUMP:

We're in the hot seat!

Congratulations to Mme Hoppen's 88 former students of FICO 8 and FICO 9 whose exhibit had its 3rd showing at the Left Coast Labour Music Concert on Sunday, November 26th.

***Everything in the exhibit was tossed out, free, recycled, or non-recyclable except for fabric adhesive, embroidery floss and 2 spools of thread! *It is a call to action for our planet... flora, fauna, oceans, air, and peoples.*



This environmental awareness textile art and multimedia exhibition was once again a great success and was previously exhibited at SWC and the VSB's National Indigenous Day Celebration as a demonstration of Indigenous ways of learning.

If you would like to borrow this 12 by 10-foot exhibit for your event or gallery, please contact Mme Hoppen at bhoppen@vsb.bc.ca.

From the Library, with love.....

The library continues to see lots of students enjoying print materials. Whenever we canvass students, we are surprised that over 90% tell us they prefer to read books in print over books online. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank PAC for your support of the library in the purchase of books for pleasure reading. We have secured a steep discount at a local manga store, and stocked up on the hottest new fiction titles - the students are thrilled! Remember that students can keep books over the holidays. Please encourage your teen(s) to stock up and enjoy some books over the break! Oh, and thanks again to PAC for the chairs for our new study carrels with charging stations – they are in high demand. We are grateful; students are enjoying the quiet space we have carved out for them.

Ms. McGinn, Ms. Agosti and Ms. Wilson



Marpole Oakridge Community Centre Parent Workshop

EDUCATION

Parent Workshop Series: How to Talk/Listen to Your Teenager 19 yrs+

A workshop series by Youth Connect Vancouver (www.ycvancouver.ca), Supporting Your Teen's Mental Health for parents/caregivers of pre-teens or teens interested in better supporting their child. Youth face many challenges and stressors as they navigate and transition through their adolescent years. These workshops provide tools and knowledge to support and develop positive mental health strategies and build resilience within their child. Learn how to recognize signs of depression, anxiety, and addiction by knowing the signs for early intervention. Each workshop is thoughtfully curated, based on the current trends and social issues youth may be facing.

How to talk/listen to your teenager

▶ 487651 \$6/1 sess
Jan 27 Sa 10:30am-12:30pm

Supporting your teen's mental health

▶ 487653 \$6/1 sess
Mar 23 Sa 1:00pm-3:00pm
Youth Connect Vancouver

Link for January 27, 2024 session:
[How to talk/listen to your teenager](#)

Upcoming Events

- IB Applications due online December 13
- Winter Music Concert, 7pm, AUD December 20
- Winter Assembly December 22
- Ideal Mini - Kris Kringle & Pancake Breakfast December 22
- Winter Break December 25 – January 5
- School re-opens January 8
- Science Fair January 9-19
- Prelude Applications due January 15
- IB Mock Exams January 15-19
- Course Planning Info Night for Families, 5pm, AUD January 18
- Gr. 7 Parent Information Night, 7pm, AUD January 23
- Gr. 10 Literacy Ministry Assessments January 24
- PAC Meeting January 30
- End of Semester 1 January 31
- Collab Time, 1:45-3:05pm January 31

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