



Tyee Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back as we start a new year filled with fresh hopes and exciting possibilities. The anticipation of what lies ahead brings a sense of enthusiasm and optimism for all of us.

We are especially excited about the learning and growth opportunities that await our students in the coming months. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work, planning fun and engaging experiences for everyone.

The Ministry of Education has provided schools with additional funding to support families in need. The three approved categories for this support are:

1. **Providing basic school supplies** that might otherwise be purchased by parents, guardians, and students (e.g., pens, paper).
2. **Waiving education-related fees** (e.g., additional supplies for shop, culinary, and craft classes, workbooks, camps, field trips, relevant cultural events, student society meetings related to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and instrument and equipment fees or other fees charged by school districts).
3. **Supporting with clothing/footwear** required for school sports and other school activities.

If you could use funding in any of these areas, please reach out to me in confidence so I can assist you.

Please note that there is a mid-week pro-d day next week, Wednesday January 15th. There is no school for students on this day.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with success, joy, and memorable moments!

Mrs. Monrad



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəy' əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Information Items:

1. Upcoming Dates:

January 15th – Pro D Day (No school for students)

January 16th – Safer Spaces Staying Safe Online for students Grades 4-7 presented by Children of the Street

January 16th/17th - Gladstone Winter Dance Show for students in Division 2-7

January 24th – Greater Vancouver Lice Clinic – PAC Sponsored

January 29th – Chinese New Year Lion Dance @ 9:45 a.m. Families welcome to join us – PAC Sponsored

2. Montessori - District Choice Program Information Session

Please join the VSB online on Wednesday January 15 at 6pm for an information session to learn more about the Montessori District Choice Program. This session is geared to new families applying to the Montessori Program.

*The session date was incorrectly advertised on the district website as January 16. The date should have read January 15. The website has now been corrected. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Here is a link to the Choice Program Information Session website for the remaining information sessions: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5318/information-sessions>

Information will be shared about the program and registration procedures and there will be an opportunity for questions.

General information as well as program registration information is posted to the [VSB website](#).

* *Applications for District Choice Programs in Grades 1 to 7 will be accepted online between January 7 and February 4, 2025.

3. How to report your child's absence/late/leaving early from school:

To report your child's absence:
Tyee Safe Arrival #: 604-713-5159 ext. 88#
OR Email: tyeattendance@vsb.bc.ca

Parents should email or call Safe Arrival **as soon as they know their child will be absent or late** (prior to 9am) and provide the following details:

- Child's Name
- Div # or Teacher
- Reason for Absence
- Date & Length of Absence

Please note: The # symbol must be entered after the extension number. Thank you!

4. PAC Weekly Update

Happy New Year, everyone!

1. Hot Lunch Resumes with New Menu Items Added

Ordering is now open on [Munchalunch](#), and new menu items such as chicken karaage and juice boxes have been added! A friendly reminder that for the Tuesday Hot Lunch, ordering closes on the Saturday prior; for the Thursday Sushi Lunch, ordering closes on the Sunday prior.

The next hot lunch will take place on Tuesday, January 14th. Orders for that delivery must be placed by midnight on **Saturday, January 11th**.

2. New After-School Choir Program

We are excited to partner with the [Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society](#) to offer a new after-school choir program. The weekly, hour-long sessions will take place in the school library. [Registration is now open!](#) Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for program details.

3. TEMS Directory

We hope to make the [TEMS Directory](#) available soon. It will serve as a handy resource for contacting classmates for social activities. If you would like to be included in the optional directory, please click [HERE](#). When ready, the Directory will be distributed ONLY to the families of Tyee students.

4. PAC Contacts

Have questions or comments? Reach out to our PAC Contacts:

- Hot Lunch Program (runs Tuesdays & Thursdays; order through [Munchalunch](#)) - lunch@tyeepac.com
- Fundraising Inquiries and Purchases - fundraising@tyeepac.com
- Blog and Event Inquiries - communications@tyeepac.com
- General PAC Inquiries - chair@tyeepac.com

Registration is Open for Tyee Elementary Choir Term 2!



(diverse music and diverse singers – well behaved monsters welcome)

Dates and Times

Tyee Junior (K to grade 3)	Tuesdays - 3 PM (The Library)	Jan-14, 21, 28, Feb-04, 11, 18, 25, Mar-04
Tyee Senior (Grades 4-7)	Thursdays - 3 PM (The Library)	Jan-16, 23, 30, Feb-06, 13, 20, 27, Mar-06

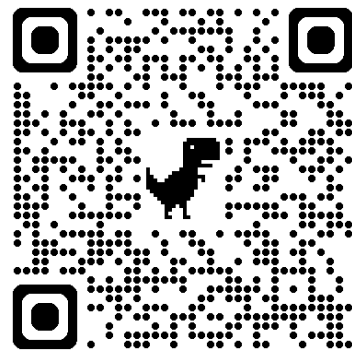
Cost	\$96 for 8 weeks plus a concert
Registration	https://vems.ca/signup.html Need financial assistance? Apply during the registration process.

Rules for Kinders

Your Kindergarten child may attend choir if your child can:

- Find and use the school bathroom on their own.
- Where applicable, can walk to daycare on their own.
- Find the rehearsal space on their own.
- Easily copy things they hear? E.g. can they accurately sing back “row row your boat”?

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What is choir anyway? Students will learn healthy vocal production and musicianship while exploring diverse repertoire. At every rehearsal there is a professional pianist to encourage tuning and experience live music making. Regular attendance is strongly recommended as new songs are regularly introduced. The music has been carefully chosen with the children’s vocal health and abilities in mind.

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- <https://vems.ca/about>
- president@vems.ca



SAFER SPACE:
Staying Safe Online

Safer Space is an interactive workshop designed for children and youth to better understand how to stay safe when using apps, social media, and video games.

Children of the Street works to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth in British Columbia

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The graphic features a blue background with white and yellow text. It includes icons for a padlock, a key, a speech bubble with 'YOU', a Twitter bird, and a speaker icon. The background also shows a blurred image of a person's face and hands using a smartphone.

SAFER SPACE WORKSHOP OUTLINE GRADES 4-7

Safer Space defines and discusses online exploitation in an engaging and accessible way. By using real life examples, activities, videos, and interactive role-playing, our presenters walk through online exploitation in a relatable and age-appropriate way.

Safer Space workshops identify:

- online **exploitation** and **sexortion**
- **red flags** for online exploitation
- **digital citizenship** and permanency
- online **safety tips** for using apps and video games
- **safe adults** and ways to reach out for help
- **resources** available

Why is this important?

Online child exploitation is on the rise in Canada. In BC, it almost quadrupled from 2021 to 2023. Giving children the information and practical tools to keep themselves safe online is key to preventing this crime.

Workshops also address key learning outcomes as laid out by the Ministry of Education. This includes:

- **goal setting** and **decision making**; and
- personal **safety strategies** to avoid exploitative situations on the internet.

