



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 x̱məθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwatał (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic year!

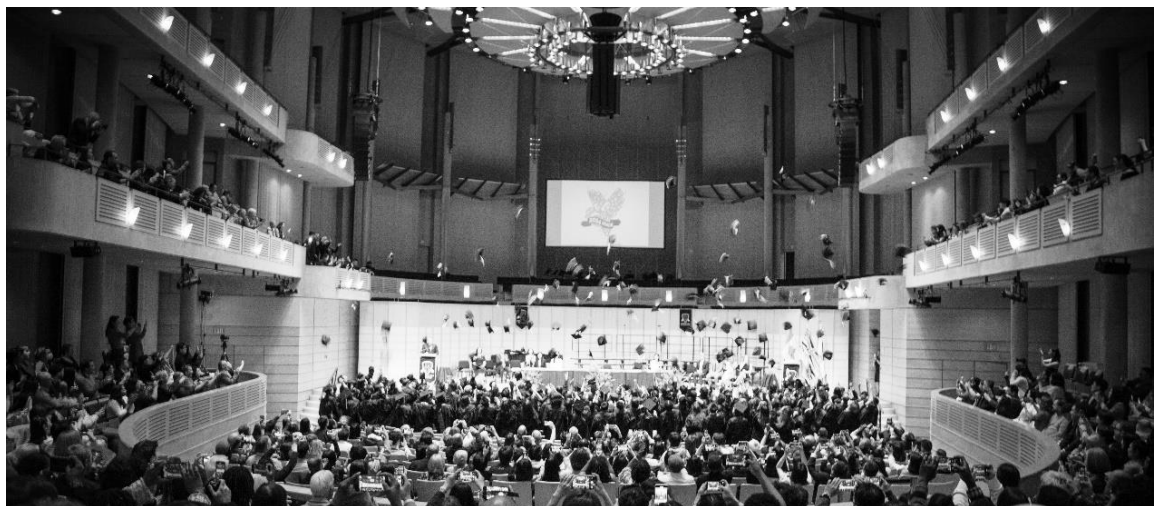
June has been an exciting month with our Graduation Ceremony, Graduation Dinner & Dance, Sports Day, Athletics Banquet, Music Performances, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Pride Picnic, Yearbook signing and Year End Celebration Assemblies. It has been wonderful connecting and celebrating the year together. A special congratulations to our Grad Class of 2024!

In this newsletter, you will find information about communicating student learning, athletics, counselling, PAC, school office reminders, key information for the first week of school and important dates for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for taking the time to go through this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning.

We wish all our students, families and staff a restful, relaxing and rejuvenating summer.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood
Principal



Photograph by Mr. Michael Edmondson, UHill Teacher, June 5th, 2024

Administrative Team:

Michelle Wood, Principal
David Bach, Vice Principal
Lois Chan-Pedley, School Trustee
Rick Lopez, Director of Instruction

Office Staff:

Holly Low, Accountant
Tina Matsalla, Office Admin Assistant
Mandana Shojaat, Receptionist & First Aid Attendant
Charlene Wang, Student Records

Mission Statement and Goal Summary

We are on a mission to inspire an ethical and caring community of evolving global citizens who live meaningfully, creatively, and mindfully.

University Hill Secondary, a multicultural school community, is committed to the pursuit of excellence through the provision of teaching and learning environments based on co-operation and social responsibility. University Hill staff, students, and parents/guardians are guided in their efforts to fulfil the school mission by the following goals and principles:

- Well-qualified and dedicated staff is crucial to the efficient delivery of outstanding educational programs.
- Quality learning is fostered in safe, respectful, encouraging, and creative settings.
- The school curriculum, programs, and activities are student centred for active learning.
- Teachers, parents/guardians, and students co-operate in important ways to ensure effective communication in the process of achieving academic and social goals.
- Recognition is given for the achievements of students and staff, and positive reinforcement for self-reliant and co-operative behaviour.
- The school community and culture are characterized by concern for equity, fairness, school spirit, environmental awareness, and global issues.

Communicating Student Learning

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it 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. All reports will be published to the MyEducationBC Information System. Please ensure you are able to log on to MyEducationBC using the instructions below. The final report for Semester 2 was published on **Thursday, June 27, 2024.**

MyEd Website: [MyEducationBC Account](#) and the instructions for set up of the account: [MyEd Student Family Portal](#). Click on the link to UHILL's [School Technology Guide](#) if you require assistance. Please do not use the BC Services Card option to log in, otherwise only one person in your family will have access.

MyEducation BC Accounts – Summer Access

Reminder that all **MyEd BC Student Family accounts will be suspended by August 9, 2024.** There will be **NO** access to the published learning updates after **August 9, 2024.** This timeline is to accommodate students attending the summer learning program, allowing them to view/download their Learning Update upon courses completion. If you foresee the need to access your published Learning Update during the summer, we suggest printing a hard copy or saving a digital copy to a medium that you can access.

You can request copy of the Learning Summary from your school's main office during summer hours (Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm).

All Grade 12 Grads accounts will be disabled and locked after August 9, 2024

All students' Accounts (returning and new) will be enabled on **Friday, August 30 by 3:00 pm.** They will be accessible by their last successful login ID and password.

Office Reminders

Reminder to all Grade 12 Students of two important dates:

- June 30 - **Last Day to access your MS Teams/Email/Office Account**
- August 9 - **Last Day to access your MyEducation BC Account**

Also, to ensure the safe delivery of your graduation certificates, we are going to be requesting that they are picked up **directly from the school office at the end of the summer**. In previous years, we have encountered many issues with mailing certificates, including lost or returned mail.

We will send a reminder email when the graduation certificates are available for pickup, which will be by the **end of August** or **early September** at the latest.

If you are unable to come to the school to pick up your graduation certificate, you have the following options:

1. **Assign Someone to Pick It Up for You:**
 - Please **notify** Ms. Wang **by email** in advance (cwang@vsb.bc.ca) with the name of the person who will be picking up the certificate on your behalf.
 - The designated person must present their **ID** when they come to pick up the certificate.
2. **Request Mailing Within Canada:**
 - You can come to the school to write the mailing address on an envelope.
 - Please note that we cannot mail certificates **outside** of Canada

Summer Office Hours

During July and August, the office hours will be 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday to Friday. The office and building will be closed July 1, 29 to 31, August 1 to 16 and September 2nd. If you are planning to come to UHill during the summer, please call first as the office may close on short notice due to limited staff working in the summer.

Yearbooks

If students haven't picked up their yearbook, they should pick them up before July 5th in the office from Ms. Low, otherwise the only other pick up would be in September. The yearbooks will not be available for pickup after Oct. 1, 2024. If students have any outstanding books, they will need to be returned or paid for using School Cash-on-line.

School Fees/School Cash Online

Reminder all school and class fees are now due. If you have any discrepancies, please email Mrs. Low hlow@vsb.bc.ca.

Notice of Late Return for September 2024

Please complete the [Notice of Late Return Form](#) for September 2024 if your student is expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on Friday, September 6, 2024, but prior to September 30, 2024. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Friday, September 8, 2023, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

Counselling Corner

Here is a reminder of some resources for youth and families from SACY. The Counselling Department wishes you a health and enjoyable summer break.

SACY Supporting and Connecting Youth

A partnership initiative of the
VSB Vancouver School District
Vancouver Coastal Health

PARENT & CAREGIVER RESOURCES

FAMILY SMART
 FamilySmart has a variety of parent support, webinars, workshops and resources for families. <https://familysmart.ca>

KELTY MENTAL HEALTH
 Kelty helps families navigate the mental health system, connect with peer support, and access resources and tools to support wellbeing. keltymentalhealth.ca

FOUNDRY
 Foundry Virtual BC offers virtual groups & workshop for young people ages 12-24 and their families. <https://foundrybc.ca/virtual/groups-workshops/>

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH
 Resources and information designed to help families support their teens, while ensuring caregivers take care of themselves as well. <https://mentalhealthliteracy.org/parents/>

ERASE = EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION
 erase is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students.
 Various services and information topics are available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

PARENTS TOGETHER & PARENTS IN THE KNOW
 Parents Together is for caregivers of youth 12-24yrs. These are professionally facilitated education and support programs for caregivers who are experiencing challenges parenting a teen. <http://www.bccbc.ca/counselling-support-services/parent-group-support/>

MOSAIC
 MOSAIC offers a wide-range of newcomer services to further the success and sense of belonging of individuals and families from diverse backgrounds. <http://mosaicbc.org>

YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES (VCH)
 Vancouver Coastal Health's free youth substance use services are designed to meet the needs of youth struggling with substance misuse or addiction to drugs or alcohol. They include prevention, counselling and treatment services. <https://www.vch.ca/en/health-topics/youth-substance-use-services>

SACY SUPPORTING AND CONNECTING YOUTH

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Athletics

Well done to all Uhill athletes that competed on a team this school year. Work hard and practice over the summer to improve for next year. Congratulations to the graduating uhill athletes. Come back and support our teams by volunteering to help coach!

Enjoy your well-deserved summer break all.

Jeff Hodgson, PE and Athletics Dept Head

Schedule for the First Week of September 2024

Tuesday, September 3 – School Opening Day

9:15 am	Grade 8 Welcome Assembly (in the Gym) – For Students Only
10:00 am	Grade 8 – 12 Homeroom Class
12:30 pm	Whitecaps FC Students Homeroom Class (in the Gym)

Wednesday, September 4

8:40 - 8:55	Grade 8 – 12 Homeroom Class
9:00 - 10:10	Period 1
10:15 - 11:25	Period 2
11:25 - 12:20	Lunch
12:20 - 1:40	Period 3
1:45 - 3:05	Period 4

Thursday, September 5

8:40 - 8:55	Grade 8 – 12 Homeroom Class
9:00 - 10:10	Period 1
10:15 - 11:25	Period 2
11:25 - 12:20	Lunch
12:20 - 1:40	Period 3
1:45 - 3:05	Period 4

Friday, September 6 - No HR Class and No FIT

8:40 - 10:00	Period 1
10:05 - 11:25	Period 2
11:25 - 12:20	Lunch
12:20 - 1:40	Period 3
1:45 - 3:05	Period 4

Friday, September 6 is also photo day!

Photos will be taken in the LLC (Lower Learning Commons) by grade and in alphabetical order. (Schedule to follow) - Please note that all students are required to have their photo taken on September 6 to obtain a School ID Card.

Calendar Dates to Note for 2024 - 2025

September 2024

- 4 First Day of Classes
- 6 Photo Day - 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
- 9 Grade Assemblies Periods 2, 3 & 4
- 13 Last day for course changes
- 16 CPT Day – Classes begin at 10:00 am
- 25 Photo Retake Day – 12:30 – 3:00 pm
- 25 PAC Meeting
- 27 Non-Instructional Day (School Based)
- 30 STAT–National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

October 2024

- 10 S1 Informal Learning Update Published
- 14 STAT-Thanksgiving Day
- 15 CPT – Classes end at 1:45 pm
- 16 PAC Meeting
- 25 Non-Instructional Day (Province Wide)
- 29 & 30 Grade 12 Literacy Assessments

November 2024

- 6 Take our Kids to Work Day-for Gr. 9's
- 8 Remembrance Day Assemblies-Periods 1,2&3
- 11 STAT – Remembrance Day
- 12 Immunization Day #1-for Gr. 9's – full day
- 20 PAC Meeting
- 21 S1 Written Learning Update & FY Informal Learning Update Published
- 22 Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)

December 2024

- 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 6:30 pm
- 5 (Early Dismissal at 2:05 pm)
- 6 CPT – Classes begin at 10:00 am
- 20 Grade Assemblies Periods 1, 2 & 3
- 23 to Jan 3 Winter Break

January 2025

- 1 to 3 Winter Break Continues
- 6 School Reopens after Winter Break
- 14 & 15 Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments
- 15 PAC Meeting
- 16 CPT – Classes end at 1:45 pm
- 24 Last Day of Semester 1
- 27 & 28 Semester Turnaround Days
- 29 First Day of Semester 2
- 30 S1 Summary of Learning & FY Written Learning Update Published

February 2025

- 3 Grade Assemblies Periods 1, 2 & 3
- 3 to 6 Grad Photo Sessions at Artona Studios
- 12 PAC Meeting
- 14 Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
- 17 STAT-Family Day
- 21 CPT – Classes start at 10:00 am

March 2025

- 13 S2 Informal Learning Update published
- 14 Last Day before Spring Break
- 17 to 28 Spring Break
- 31 School Reopens after Spring Break

April 2025

- 8 & 9 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessments
- 10 CPT – Classes end at 1:45 pm
- 16 PAC Meeting
- 18 STAT–Good Friday
- 21 STAT–Easter Monday
- 25 S2 & FY Written Learning Update Published
- 28 Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)

May 2025

- 7 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 6:30 pm
- 7 Early Dismissal at 2:05 pm
- 8 CPT – Classes begin at 10:00 am
- 14 PAC Meeting
- 16 Non-Instructional Day (School Based)
- 19 STAT-Victoria Day
- 28 Immunization Day #2 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

June 2025

- 4 Graduation Ceremony at Chan Centre
- 10 CPT – Classes end at 1:45 pm
- 11 Grad Assessments – Make Up Session
- 18 PAC Meeting
- 24 Grade Assemblies Periods 2, 3 & 4
- 24 Last Day of Classes
- 25 IE Day
- 26 IE Day
- 26 S2 & FY Summary of Learning published

