



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

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

Congratulations to our Graduates of 2025! It was a delight to celebrate at our Graduation Ceremony this week. Our sincere gratitude to the many UHill staff and student volunteers that worked together to organize and plan for the ceremony, as well as to our Grade 12 family, friends and honoured guests that joined us for this special celebration.

We are pleased to announce that Travis Bell will be joining the UHill staff next September as the new principal. Travis is currently a vice-principal at Magee Secondary and prior to that he was an administrator and teacher in the Abbotsford school district. Welcome to UHill Travis!

As we approach the end of the school year, there are many upcoming events to highlight. Thank you to our Physical and Health Education (PHE) Leadership students for organizing a school-wide sports day today, Friday, June 6th. The schedule and information has been posted in the "All-Students" MS Team. Our last day of regular classes this year will be on Tuesday, June 24th, which will include our Year-End Celebration Assemblies.

In this newsletter, you will find information about Communicating Student Learning, Counselling, Athletics, Graduation Dinner & Dance, PAC, and School Office Reminders. Thank you for taking the time to go through this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning.

With Appreciation,

Alec MacInnes
Principal

Administrative Team:

Alec MacInnes, Principal
David Bach, Vice Principal
Alfred Chien, School Trustee
Rick Lopez, Director of Instruction

Office Staff:

Holly Low, Accountant
Tina Matsalla, Office Admin Assistant
Mandana Shojaat, Receptionist & First Aid
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.

Communication Student Learning

The purpose of assessment is to move learning 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. These reports will be available from the MyEducation Family Portal for four weeks. In addition to written reports, communication about student progress takes place by telephone and parent teacher interviews. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact individual subject teachers or counsellors for information on student progress.

Reporting Timeline

Semester 1

- Informal Learning Update published **October 10, 2024**
- Written Learning Update published **November 21, 2024**
- Summary of Learning published **January 30, 2025**

Semester 2

- Informal Learning Update published **March 13, 2025**
- Written Learning Update published **April 25, 2025**
- Summary of Learning published **June 26, 2025**

Full Year Courses

- Informal Learning Update published **November 21, 2024**
- Written Learning Updates published **January 30 & April 25, 2025**
- Summary of Learning published **June 26, 2025**

Counselling Corner

Summer School Reminder:

IMPORTANT: Please keep your counsellor up to date with the most accurate information about summer learning plans so we keep a seat for you in the correct course for next year! This includes confirming plans reported in course planning and any changes to plans as they unfold. We remind parents that we may not have room in upper-level courses for students who are trying to accelerate in a subject. The older students get priority in senior classes.

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.bgc.bc.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>

SUPPORTING AND CONNECTING YOUTH

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Athletics

Badminton:

The senior team (full of all grades actually) had a strong season overall, with our boy's team making the playoffs and losing in the first round.

Track & Field:

One of our biggest teams yet, a great year of track. We have three (most ever) provincial competitors in the championships happening this weekend, good luck to D. Almegbel, R. Conatser and J. Zhu!

Tennis:

The Tennis season was led by a former Uhill student and recent grad A. Khounsarian and a community member I. Haberman. They really made this group gel, and they had a lot of fun! The girls team made the playoffs and will be a force next year. Looking forward to seeing this young group improve next year!

Ultimate:

The Senior Ultimate team came 2nd in their pool and made their way through the city playoffs to the championship game. Unfortunately, they ran into a very strong Lord Byng squad and settled for a second place showing in the city, an awesome accomplishment. A great season overall, another young team that will surely make noise next year.

Golf:

Our A and B teams had a good year this year narrowly missing out on the playoffs. Overall, we have a core group of youngsters that will certainly impress next year.

Rugby:

We have 6 students that are part of a joint team with 3 other schools. Hoping that we can find more athletes to make a single UHill team in the future!

GO HAWKS GO

Jeff Hodgson, PE and Athletics Dept Head

Whitecaps FC Academy

Congratulations to the following players for their Canadian national team callups in May!

U16 players

Tyler Brown
Manav Badwal
Liam Campagna
Jayden Kim
Isaiah Chahal
Aiden Bejaoui
Sam Rogers
Ryder Sewell

U18 players

Yuma Tsuji-Yoshimoto
Sahil Deo
Tony Nehme

Good luck to both U16 and U18 teams as they play in their final tournament of the season in June!

LET'S GO WHITECAPS!

Congratulations Graduates of 2025



Photograph courtesy of Mr. Edmondson (June 4, 2025)

Graduation Dinner & Dance

Date: **Friday, June 13, 2025**
Place: **Pan Pacific Hotel - 999 Canada Place –1st floor, Suite 1-4**
Doors Open: **6:00 pm**
Dinner: **7:00 pm**
Music Ends **11:00 pm**
Everyone out by: **12:00 am**
Seating **First come first to claim your seat. Note: Each table holds 10 people**
Dress Code **Formal Attire**



Other Reminders:

- Students must bring their student ID to enter
- If you no longer have your Student ID card, you must obtain an Administration Note from Mr. MacInnes or Mr. Bach.
- No food or drink from outside is permitted
- This event is for UHill 2025 Graduates only
- There will be a bag check upon entry. Therefore, please avoid bringing bags and backpacks.

MyEducation BC Accounts – Summer Access

Reminder that all **MyEd BC Student Family accounts will be suspended by August 8, 2025**. There will be **NO** access to the published learning updates after **August 8, 2025**. 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.

All Grade 12 Grads accounts will be disabled and locked after August 8, 2025.

All students' Accounts (returning and new) will be enabled for **September 1, 2025**. They will be accessible by their last successful login ID and password.

Notice of Late Return for September 2025

Please complete the [Notice of Late Return Form](#) for September 2025 if your student is expecting to return to school **LATER THAN** noon on **Friday, September 5, 2025, but prior to September 29, 2025**. Click on the “notice of late return link” or see the last page of this newsletter for the form. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child’s attendance at school by **noon on Friday, September 5, 2025**, your child’s space will be given to another student on the school’s waitlist.

School 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 8 - **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**.

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

Medical Alerts

If your child has important health alerts, please update the school office with written documentation.

Absences

Parents/guardians are to report all absences by email at uhillswitchboard@vsb.bc.ca. Emails should be sent using a parent/guardian email address and should provide the following:

- **students first and name**
- **student number**
- **date(s) of absence**
- **time of absence/periods of missed classes**
- **and the reason for the absence**

For extended absences parents/guardians must email the student's counsellor. A student should also email their teachers directly. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work that is missed, regardless of the reason for the absence. Exceptions to this may be granted due to unforeseen circumstances. If a student becomes ill while at school, or has an appointment during school time, students must sign out at the office. Students will only be released with parent/guardian permission. Students who are ill should not come to school, and if they attend school and are deemed to be unwell, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child.

MyEducationBC Accounts

A reminder that MyEducationBC (MyEd) is the student information system for the Vancouver School Board. A Student/Family Portal Account has been created by the district for all students at University Hill Secondary School. This account is a shared account where students and parents can access student schedules, daily/class attendance, course grades and learning updates. It is imperative that you share the account information (password) as a family (with your child). Your login for this account is your child's student number. Please use the website to login: [MyEducationBC Account](#) and the instructions for set up of account: [MyEd Student Family Portal](#). Click on the link to UHILL's [Technology Guide](#) if you require assistance. Please do not use the BC Services Card option.

School Fees/School Cash Online

If you haven't already done so, please check and register for "School Cash Online" and pay for any items or outstanding or new school fees. If there are any discrepancies, please email Mrs. Low hlow@vsb.bc.ca. The following link will take you to the website: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>. This is the preferred method for paying for all items for school including: yearbooks, school fees, workbook fees, etc. This method is also a quicker way to receive a refund if one is required. Thank you for your attention and consideration in this method of payment.

2025-2026 School Fees

The University Hill Secondary School Fee Schedule for the 2025-2026 school year has been approved by the Vancouver School Board. The fee schedule may be found at the following [2025 2026 School Fees](#)

UHill West Parking Lot - Reminders

- During school hours, the parking lot to the west of our school is our staff parking lot.
- We have very limited space; Members of our community have been using the parking spots, and staff have not had anywhere to park;
- We kindly request that the community & families please don't park in the staff parking lot before school and during school hours. Thank you!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Parents can find information about the University Hill Secondary PAC at the [UHILL PAC Website](#). The remaining PAC Meeting for the 2024 – 2025 school year will be on **Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 pm** in the Upper Learning Commons. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Caregiver After a Traumatic Incident

Parent/Caregiver Workshop
June 11, 2025
from 6:00 - 7:30
at David Thompson Secondary

In collaboration with Vancouver Coastal Health's Adolescent Response Team (CART), the district will be offering an information session and discussion around some of the challenges of parenting following the tragedy of April 26th. If you are interested in attending, **please join us.**

Date: June 11

Time: 6:00 to 7:30PM

**David Thompson Secondary School
(1755 E55 Ave, Van.)**

Please use the QR
code to register.

CAREGIVING

AFTER A TRAUMATIC INCIDENT



Offered to you by VCH Child and Adolescent Response Team (CART) in partnership with the Vancouver School Board (VSB).

JUNE 11, 2025 | 06:00 - 07:30 PM
DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL
1755 E 55th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5P 1Z7

Come join us for the evening at David Thompson Secondary library for an information session and discussion around some of the challenges of parenting following the tragedy of April 26th. There will be coffee/tea, discussion, and resources available! We will explore and provide some support around questions you may have as caregivers. You may wonder...

How do I know if my child is impacted and struggling since this incident occurred?

Sometimes I don't know if I am helping my child or making things worse for them.

How do I know if my child needs more than my support/community support?

Bring your questions, as we will allow for ample time for Q & A.



Calendar Dates to Note for 2024-2025

June 2025

- 2 to 13 Student Council 2025-2026 (STUCO) Campaigns & Voting
- 10 CPT – Classes end at 1:45 pm
- 11 Grad Assessments 8:30 – 11:30 am – Make Up Session Only
- 11 Pride Picnic During Lunch on School Field
- 13 Grad Dinner and Dance – Doors open at 6:00pm at Pan Pacific
- 18 PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm in ULC
- 18 Athletic Banquet at 5:00pm – (Revised date)
- 19 Locker Clean/Organize – During FIT
- 20 PE Classes Dance Performances
- 20 Yearbook Pick up at Lunch – For Grade 12
- 23 Yearbook Pick up at Lunch – For Grades 10 & 11
- 24 Grade Assemblies Periods 2, 3 & 4 in Gym
- 24 Last Day of Classes
- 24 Yearbook Pick up at Lunch – For Grades 8 & 9
- 24 Lockers Must Be Cleared Out
- 25 & 26 IE Days
- 26 S2 & FY Summary of Learning Published at 3:00 pm
- 30 Last Day for MS Teams/Email/Office 365 Account Access for Grade 12 students



2025 – 2026 University Hill Secondary School Calendar

Below are the Important Dates that have been approved by the Vancouver School Board.

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW	
Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	180
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days; 1 Non-Instructional Day and 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

IMPORTANT DATES	
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025-Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026

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Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Friday, September 26, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 20, 2026	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 15, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)

COLLABORATION DATES

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Friday, September 19, 2025	AM - 8:40 – 10:00
Thursday, October 16, 2025	PM - 1:45 – 3:05
Friday, December 12, 2025	AM - 8:40 – 10:00
Thursday, January 15, 2026	PM - 1:45 – 3:05
Friday, February 20, 2026	AM - 8:40 – 10:00
Thursday, April 9, 2026	PM - 1:45 – 3:05
Thursday, May 07, 2026	AM - 8:40 – 10:00
Tuesday, June 9, 2026	PM - 1:45 – 3:05

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Semester 1 – Thursday, December 11, 2025	Dismissal at 2:05 pm
Semester 2 – Wednesday, May 06, 2026	Dismissal at 2:05 pm

REPORTING SCHEDULE DATES

Semester / Term	Informal Learning Update (Window & Published Dates)	Written Learning Update (Mid-Semester Window & Published Dates)		Summary of Learning (Window & Published Dates)	Turnaround Days (classes not in session)
S1 Sep 02 - Jan 27	Oct 03 - Oct 10 (P: Oct 10)	Nov 14 - Nov 21 (P: Nov 21)		Jan 23 - Jan 30 (P: Jan 30)	Jan 26/27
S2 Jan 28- Jun 25	Feb 27 to Mar 06 (P: Mar 06)	Apr 24- May 01 (P: May 01)		Jun 19 - Jun 25 (P: Jun 25)	IE Days (classes not in session)
FY Sep 02 - Jun 25	Nov 14 - Nov 21 (P: Nov 21)	Jan 23 - Jan 30 (P: Jan 30)	Apr 24 – May 01 (P: May 01)	Jun 19 - Jun 25 (P: Jun 25)	Jun 24/25

2025 NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM – University Hill Secondary

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Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Friday September 5, 2025, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

The School Phone is **604-713-8258** The School Email is uhillswitchboard@vsb.bc.ca

Dear Principal:

My child(ren) will be attending University Hill Secondary School for the 2025-2026 school year but will **NOT** be in attendance in the school before noon on Friday, September 5, 2025. Please reserve a space in your school for my child(ren).

_____, in Grade ____ (Sept. 2025)
Last Name First Name

_____, in Grade ____ (Sept. 2025)
Last Name First Name

_____, in Grade ____ (Sept. 2025)
Last Name First Name

The expected DATE OF RETURN for our child(ren) is _____

Reason for late return: _____

Please note: Space will not be held beyond September 30, 2025.

Parent's Name or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Day Phone (Father): _____

Day Phone (Mother): _____ Primary Email: _____

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Alternate Contact/Phone Name & Number/e-mail: _____