



# VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families and Caregivers of Grade 8 Students,

Congratulations on what I hope has been a successful first semester at Vancouver Technical Secondary. As we begin our second semester, I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce Mr. David Johnston, who will be in for our counsellor, Mr. Cuerrier for the next 3 months. Mr. Johnston comes to us with a wealth of educational and counselling experience, and we are thrilled to have him at Van Tech. Please direct counselling inquiries to [djohnston@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:djohnston@vsb.bc.ca).

Mr. Johnston will be visiting classes that have not yet done course planning for next year to go over the process and provide answers to questions students might have. Parents can also be involved in the course planning process! We encourage you to discuss with students the various course options available in grade 9. All of our course planning information is available on our website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4643/course-planning>

The end of semester also means that final reports will be available soon. We will be posting final marks for semester 1 courses to MyEducationBC on Friday February 10. Please make sure that you are able to access your MyEducationBC account – if you run into issues, please visit the [VSB MyEducation Support Page](#)

As a reminder for Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) that students are required to sign up for FIT sessions through [MyWeeklyPlanner](#). Students have FIT on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons and need to be signed up for a learning opportunity during that time. This is instructional time and students are encouraged to sign up with one of their teachers for support or take advantage of one of the connection activities being offered. We will be sending home attendance notifications through MyWeeklyPlanner for FIT time sessions for those students who miss a session or are not signed up.

Lastly, all grade 8 students are enrolled in Career Education 8. This course is run entirely on Microsoft Teams. Students are asked to complete assignments based on the various learning experiences offered through Tech Days or other events. Please check-in with students and have them show you what they have been working on in this course. This course runs throughout the school year and a final mark for the course will be available at the end of June.

Wishing students a successful second semester.

Sincerely,

Adam Tuerlings  
Vice-Principal, Vancouver Technical Secondary School  
Grade 8 Administrator



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