



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

FAMILY BULLETIN

June 2023

Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples – xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam) sḵw̓xwú7mesh (Squamish), and sellwítulh (Tseil-Waututh) nations.

Dear Vancouver Technical Community...

As we reach the end of another incredible academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and growth we have witnessed throughout the months. It has been a journey filled with determination, resilience, and hard work, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of you. Also, a huge congratulations to the Grad Class of 2023! We wish you all the best as you start on the next path on your journey.

We encourage you to use this summer break wisely and purposefully. Take the opportunity to pursue your passions, delve into hobbies, and engage in activities that bring you joy and fulfillment. Whether you're travelling, volunteering, working, or simply spending time with loved ones, make the most of this period to grow personally, mentally, and emotionally. Remember, learning is a lifelong journey, and the experiences you encounter outside the classroom are just as meaningful as those within it. Embrace new challenges, seek out new perspectives, and allow yourselves to be curious explorers of the world around you.

We would like to thank the following short-term staff members Mr. Shaye Arthurs, Ms. Pasquale Cazabon-Sansfacon Ms. Emma Dosen, Ms. Brittanny Downey-MacDonald, Mr. Huan Ming Mao Mr. Jeffery Hamilton, Mr. Hugh Nicols, Ms. Jenny MacDonald, Ms. Marcela Melendez, Ms. Jessica Mok, Mr. David Johnston, Ms. Natasha Schultz, Ms. Ursula Twiss, Ms. Andrea Webster, and Mr. Matthew Yuen for their contribution to our learning community. Your dedication and commitment to education have made a significant impact on the lives of our students, and we are truly grateful for your time with us.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Mr. John Mueller, who is retiring this year. Mr. Mueller has taught for over 28 years with the VSB. You will be deeply missed, and we wish you well on your new adventure!

As we look towards September, we want to inform you of some staffing changes at Vancouver Technical Secondary. Ms. Sangeeta Kauldher will be moving to Prince of Wales Secondary as Principal. Ms. Kauldher has shown tremendous enthusiasm in supporting the students and staff at Van Tech over the past four years. She has been an invaluable member of the Van Tech administration team, demonstrating a passion and dedication to creating a supportive and caring learning environment for all students through her leadership. We wish you the best, and the Van Tech Community will miss you and how you started each announcement with "Hey Techies"!

Before we conclude, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the entire school community. To our incredible students, thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication. To our parents, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. And to our amazing staff, thank you for your tireless efforts and commitment to nurturing the potential within each student.

May this summer break be a time of joy, relaxation, and rejuvenation for everyone. Cherish the moments, make lasting connections, and return to us in the fall with renewed energy and enthusiasm. While you enjoy your summer adventures, we will be working diligently to prepare for the upcoming school year. Our dedicated faculty and staff will refine lesson plans, organize exciting events, and create an environment that fosters growth and success. We eagerly anticipate your return, ready to continue the educational journey together. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **September 6th, 2022** after a safe and restful summer break! ~ **VT Administration**



Mr. Roberto Moro,
Principal (Grade 12)



Ms. Sangeeta Kauldher,
Vice Principal (Grades 9,11)



Mr. Adam Tuerlings,
Vice Principal (Grades 8,10)

SUMMER HOURS

During the summer break, the school will be open and will have limited office hours and staff. From July 4 –July 31, the school office will be open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Note, the office will be closed Aug 3-20.

Please call ahead of time to book an appointment if you need to come into the office.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

If your child is expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on Friday, September 8, 2023 but prior to September 29, 2023, please complete the [NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM](#).

Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Monday, September 11, 2023, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Monday June 19	School Leaving Ceremony @ 7pm (Orpheum)
Monday June 26	Final Locker Clean Up (all locks to be removed by 3pm) Grade 12 Countdown @ 3 pm (Meet at 2:55 pm, front stairs. Please bring grad cap.)
Tuesday June 27	Tech Day, Theme: Celebration Technival, Yearbook Distribution
Wednesday June 28	I-Day Students may attend school/invited in for credit recovery. Marks Published
Thursday June 29	I-Day Students may attend school/invited in for credit recovery. Last Day of Classes
Friday June 30	Admin Day (No classes)
Tuesday September 5	First Day of Classes of the 2023-24 School Year

OVERVIEW OF FINAL WEEKS OF JUNE

MON JUNE 19	TUES JUNE 20	WED JUNE 21	THURS JUNE 22	FRI JUNE 23
School Leaving Ceremony @ 7pm (Orpheum)		INITIAL LOCKER CLEAN UP [BLOCK 2, 10:15- 10:30 AM] FEES DUE LIBRARY BOOKS DUE CHECK, PLEASE! @ 7PM (DRAMA STUDIO)	GRADUATION ASSESSMENT MAKE-UP [Grade 11 & 12 @ 9AM, ROOM 223]	
MON JUNE 26	TUES JUNE 27	WED JUNE 28	THURS JUNE 29	FRI JUNE 30
FINAL LOCKER CLEAN UP [BLOCK 3, 12:15-12:30 PM, ALL locks to be removed by 3PM] Grade 12 Countdown [Meet at 2:55 pm, front stairs. Please bring grad cap.]	TECH DAY Technival Yearbook Distribution	I-DAY Marks Published by 3 PM to MyEd	I-DAY Last Day of Classes	I-DAY (No classes)

June 27- Tech Day, Yearbook Distribution & Technival

We will follow a shortened bell schedule for yearbook distribution and Technival.

Period 1: 8:40 AM- 9:25 AM

Period 2: 9:30 AM- 10:05 AM

Period 3: 10:10 AM- 10:45 AM

Period 4: 10:50 AM- 11:25 AM

11:30 AM- 2:30 PM Yearbook Distribution (Room 605, Signing in Cafeteria) & Technival (Basketball Courts & Oval)

Last Names	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9	Grade 8
A→ M	11:30- 11:45 AM	12:00- 12:15 PM	12:30- 12:45 PM	1:00- 1:15 PM	1:30- 1:45 PM
N→Z	11:45- 12:00 PM	12:15- 12: 30 PM	12:45- 1:00 PM	1:15- 1:30 PM	1:45- 2:00 PM
Anyone who missed their time	2:00- 2:15 PM				

Notes:

- Students with outstanding fees may not be able to pick up their yearbook until fees have been paid.
- Any remaining Yearbooks will be sold at 2:00 pm in Room 605. *Limited copies are available for purchase.

TECHNIVAL

Technival is a Van Tech Student Council Tradition... This is a carnival held towards the end of the year where student clubs host booths and carnival games, food, and raffles for prizes!

Students purchase "Tech Bucks" to participate in the carnival games including: The Eliminator, Hamster Ball Race, Velcro Obstacle Course, Dunk Tank and more! Student clubs are selling cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs. There will also be a high school jersey sale, cake walk, bubble tea sale, dunk tank, face painting, video games and coding showcase, and much MORE!

June 28 & 29- Incomplete or "I" Days

Wednesday June 28th and Thursday June 29th are Incomplete or "I" days. This means classes are not in session (no new material will be taught), but students are welcome to attend their semester 2 classes. Teachers may invite students to attend their classes to wrap up Semester 2 material, and students may be able to make arrangements with their teachers to complete missed work on these dates.

LEARNING RESOURCES RETURN

As we approach the end of the school year, teachers will ask students to return any learning resources provided in Semester 1 or 2. This includes: textbooks, technology, uniforms and library books.

As the school has a limited supply of learning resources, it is important that we retrieve them so that they can be used again the following year. Staff will be issuing lost items or fees owing notices to families for any unreturned items. **Fees owing will be added to student accounts on SchoolCashOnline.** We are asking parents to follow up with their children if they receive a school notice. The resources are often at home and just need to be returned. Thanks in advance for your help!



SEMESTER 2 FINAL REPORTING

The Semester 2 Final Report will be published to MyEd accounts on **Wednesday June 28, 2023 by @ 3 pm**. It will indicate final marks, work habits, and comments for all classes. Please take the opportunity to review your child's progress concerning the courses that have been completed this school year. A reporting memo for parents with instructions on how to access this report will be emailed out on June 28. Please contact the school if you would like a printed report card (either through your child's counsellor or office).

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, you may email their subject teacher or counsellor. **Staff will be available for questions on reporting until June 30**. All staff contacts can be found on our school website [HERE](#) or you may phone the school to speak to the teacher directly (604-713-8215)

VSB SUMMER LEARNING



All students who have registered for a Summer School course are asked to please check their O365 student account (@learn.vsb.bc.ca) for upcoming email messages about first-day procedures. As a reminder, Vancouver Technical Secondary WILL NOT be a summer school site this year. Summer school is hosting three programs at the following sites: Gladstone Secondary, John Oliver Secondary, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary and Prince of Wales Secondary.

- Secondary Grade 10-12 Completion Program - July 5 to August 4
(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.)
- Secondary Grade 10-11 Remedial Program - July 5 to July 29
(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.)
- Secondary Grade 8-9 Preview Program - July 5 to July 28
(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.)
- Secondary Grade 8-9 Review Program - July 5 to July 28
(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.)

Please see the [summer school website](#) for more information or contact your grade-based counsellor.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSMENT- MAKE UPS

Grade 11 and 12 students who need to make up a graduation assessment, please see your counsellor to sign up. **The make-up date is Thursday June 22 at 9 am in Room 223.**

Grade 10 students who have not completed any of the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 Assessment will have opportunities to complete this graduation requirement in the 2023-24 school year. The first opportunity will be in November of 2023.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

For students who want to access their results and a personalized performance report, go to [Student Transcripts Service](#) website and register for a BCeID . Once you have created an account to access the site, click on "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results" to view results. Note, this site is where you can also "View Your Transcript", "Send/Order Your Transcript" and other options. The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

Note: The results of students who wrote a graduation assessment in April 2023 should be posted by mid-June. Results for any assessments written in June will be available in August.

To see and download a copy of your child's results for either the Gr10 or Gr12 Assessments -

1. Go to www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca (don't be thrown by the info re transcripts, you are on the right page)
2. Click on Current Student
3. Then either Register for a Basic Account or Login if you already have one. You will need your child's information as noted on the page.
4. You will receive an email via the email you entered (should be child's). Click the link in the email to confirm.

You can then login and you will see Assessments and Results among other items on the Dashboard. You can view or download PDF.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR 2023-24

CALENDAR INFORMATION

We will continue to follow a semester model next year. Students will take four courses from September to January and another four courses from February to June.

Dates: Semester 1: September 5, 2023 - January 31, 2024 Semester 2: February 5 - June 27, 2028

Please find the Vancouver Technical general school calendar and school fee information for 2023-2024 year Calendar- [HERE](#) School Fees- [HERE](#) on our website.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)

FIT is a period of instructional time built into the weekly schedule that empowers students by giving them some choice and control over their learning. For the 2023-24 school year, FIT time has increased to 160 minutes per week.

During FIT, students are expected to be in a class, working on assignments, either individually or in groups, meeting with teachers for support on classwork, or working on projects that they are passionate about, under teacher supervision. Van Tech staff are working out the details of each week; more information will be shared with our community in our Summer Newsletter prior to school starting.

BELL SCHEDULE

To accommodate the increase in FIT time for students to support their learning, we have adjusted our bell schedule for the 2023/24 school year:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
BREAK	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
BLOCK 1	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM
BREAK	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM
BLOCK 2	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
BLOCK 3	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM
BREAK	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM
FIT		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
BREAK		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
BLOCK 4	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM

CHANGES IN STUDENT REPORTING

Student reporting is the assessment and communication of student learning. Every student in B.C. receives communications from the school at different times in the school year, providing parents, caregivers, and students with information about student learning. The way teachers and schools communicate student learning, and the format of traditional report cards is shifting for the 2023/24 school year. We encourage families to read about the changes [HERE](#)

GRADE 8 WELCOME EVENT

On August 29, we will be inviting new grade 8 students and families to our annual grade 8 welcome and orientation event where we introduce them to the various aspects of the Van Tech Community.

MYED STUDENT FAMILY ACCOUNTS

All MyEd BC Student Family accounts will be suspended by **July 31,2023** for scheduled maintenance, then re-open for a short period from Aug.14-Aug.18 for viewing summer school report cards.
Some key points for families accessing MyEd over the summer:

- No access to the published report card after July 31 except summer school students will have temporary access from Aug.14-18.
- If you need to access your child's published report card during the summer, we suggest that you print a hardcopy or save a digital copy to a medium you can access.
- You can request a copy of your report card from the main office during summer hours.

Please note: returning students' accounts will be reactivated near the first day of school and will be accessible by their last successful login ID and password.

Grade 12 students will no longer have access to their VSB school accounts after June 30th. Please ensure you have copied and saved all your documents to your personal accounts/devices.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC PROGRAM

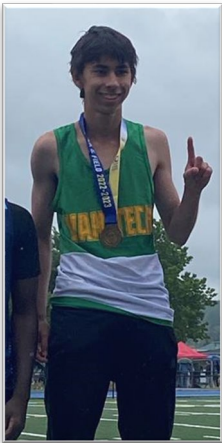
For anyone who missed them live, this link will take you to the Spring Music Concerts:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpf4nb4zDcqZwgU4Bm19wHk8TPULPLjU->

Summer Instrument rentals - \$20 for band and strings to rent all summer long. Forms can be picked up from the music room and need to be turned in ASAP, by the 23rd of June.

Instrument cleaning - Beginning, Intermediate, and Senior Band students who play brass instruments (trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba) need to bring a towel and a washcloth that they don't mind staining to band class on Friday the 23rd. If you rented an instrument in semester 1, you need to clean and return your instrument by the 23rd, or hand in a rental form.



ATHLETICS



Congrats to track and field athlete Kyle (Grad 2025), who was crowned the grade 10 provincial champion in triple jump!

Our athletics program celebrated its achievements last week with our annual athletic banquet, attended by almost 300 student-athletes, team managers, teacher-sponsors, and coaches. We finished the year with 42 different teams across our 5 grades, with 3 city championship banners and 7 teams qualifying for provincial championships. Congratulations to all our award winners, especially the following major award winners:

Top Athletes

Grade 8 Top Athlete	Timothy E.
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Gavin R.
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Rianne T.
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Cornelia R.
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Eire B.
Grade 9 Top Athlete	Cassandra M.
Grade 9 Top Athlete	Megan J.
Grade 9 Top Athlete	Crewe P.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Lukas W.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Kyle dW.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Avery M.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Danielle D.
Grade 11 Top Athlete	Nathan H.
Grade 11 Top Athlete	Liv W-B
Grade 11 Top Athlete	Liz K.



Congratulations to the Grade 8/9 Girls soccer team who won the City Championship!

Grade 12 Awards

Top Graduating Athlete	Kyle M.
Top Graduating Athlete	Alexa M.
Sportsmanship	Joaquin P.
Sportsmanship	Noah M.
Sportsmanship	Caroline V.
Unsung Hero	Forrest S.
Unsung Hero	Caitlynn D.
Unsung Hero	Michelle E.
Coaches Award	Brody F.
Coaches Award	Jaglynn N.



Across the province of BC, over 400 students wrote the Chemistry Contests from Thompson Rivers University. Three of our Gr. 12 students (Edward C., Mirco C., and Natalie G.) placed 1st in the province for the Thompson Rivers University (TRU) Chem 12 contest. Yuta T. in Gr. 11 achieved the top score in our school for the TRU Chem 11 contest.

Congratulations!

From left to right: Yuta T. (Grad 2024), Edward C. (Grad 2023), Natalie G. (Grad 2023), and Micro C. (Grad 2023)



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