



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Family Bulletin JANUARY 2023

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Dear Vancouver Technical Community...

We hope our school community found time for the 3 R's over the break- relaxing, recharging, and reconnecting with family and friends!

We ended December with several exciting events, including band concerts, Talisman Invitational Winter Basketball Tournament, Pep Rally in addition to events for the Grade 8 and 9 cohort. Grade 8's participated in a connection event where they were grouped randomly and participated in team challenges put on by our Grade 11/12 students. The Grade 9's participated in a recognition event where their celebrated peer success in citizenship. The Grad Committee put on a fantastic Winter Formal for the seniors and Student Council hosted a few holiday events such as the Holiday Maze and spirit week. On the last day of school before the winter break, the Summit Program held their annual Hot Chocolate event where they handed out hot chocolate for transit drivers. TransLink Santa, Ms. Claus as well as the Rudolph and Dasher busses also came for a visit to Tech and Translink staff greeted students with delicious rainbow candy canes!

Upcoming Important Dates	
Wednesday January 11	Collaborative Day PM (Students dismissed at 1:45 PM, No Period 4 Classes)
Tuesday January 10	Grade 10/11 Course Planning & Career Programs Assembly (AM FIT, Auditorium)
Monday January 16	Professional Development Day (No classes for students)
Tuesday January 17	Course Planning Night for Families (Virtual- Via Teams) Grade 8 → Grade 9 (Grad 2027): 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Grade 9 → Grade 10 (Grad 2026): 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Grade 10 → Grade 11 (Grad 2025): 7:05 pm- 8:05 pm Grade 11 → Grade 12 (Grad 2024): 7:05 pm- 8:05 pm
Tuesday January 24	PAC Meeting, 7pm- Library
Wednesday January 25	TECH DAY (Note: No FIT Classes January 17- Feb 2) Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Grade 12 FRIMM Assessment (Semester 1 students)
Thursday January 26	New Grade 8's Family Info Night (Grads of 2028)
Tuesday January 31	End of Semester 1
Wednesday February 1	Semester 1 "Turnaround" Days
Thursday February 2	
Friday February 3	Semester 2 Begins
Friday February 10	Final Semester 1 Reports published to MyEd (by 3pm)



The Grade 9 Cohort with a Holiday Visitor



The Summit Hot Chocolate Event



The Grade 8 Cohort Teambuilding and Connection Event



PEP Rally



Grade 12 Winter Formal

Our students are looking to finish strong with the end of Semester 1 at the end of this month. As we visit classrooms, we see students presenting, creating final projects and Capstones while studying hard for their final assessments. We would like to celebrate our students' successes and experiences that have deepened their knowledge of the world, expanded their horizons, and allowed them to make connections with others. Their teachers have provided support while strengthening their student's understanding of the three core competencies of the curriculum: communication, thinking and personal and social competencies within each of their classes.

As all of us "Techies" start Semester 2, we must remember and build upon our past successes and continue to invest our efforts toward positive academic and personal development. #gotechgo

Vancouver Technical Administration



Mr. Roberto Moro,
Principal (Grade 12)



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



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

PAC INFORMATION



We invite all parents/caregivers of Van Tech students to join us for PAC meetings!

PAC meetings are an opportunity for folks to hear from, and ask questions of, the school administration and we welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings! Our meetings will follow a hybrid model of in person and on zoom. Agendas, with Zoom links, can be found on the [PAC webpage](#) along with notes from previous meetings.

Any questions, please contact PAC chair, chairvt@gmail.com

Join us at the next meeting on January 24 at 7pm in the Library or Zoom - all are welcome!

INDIGENOUS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students working toward a B.C. Certificate of Graduation ("Dogwood Diploma"), in English or French, must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework. This requirement applies to students in B.C. public, independent, First Nations, and offshore schools. There is no change to the total number of credits required to graduate, which remains at 80. This change to the BC Graduation program represents an important next step towards lasting and meaningful reconciliation. The new graduation requirement will provide all B.C. students with the necessary time and opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the experiences, cultures, histories, and contemporary contexts of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Course options that satisfy this requirement will be discussed during course planning with Grades 10-12. We encourage families to review the "Information for Students and Parents" of the [Ministry of Education website](#).



Click [HERE](#) to view:
[Advancing Reconciliation through Education](#)

FAMILY COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION NIGHT

The Vancouver Technical Counselling Department will be hosting virtual one-hour sessions for students, parents and families to learn more about the course offerings for the 2023-24 school year and the course selection process on **Tuesday, January 17th, 2023**.

Please note course planning information as well as recordings and slide decks from course planning information night will be posted [HERE](#) after the event.

This is a great opportunity to learn about available classes, grade requirements, and post-secondary information (particularly for current grade 10 and 11 students) and to ask questions. Please note, students will be participating in course planning with the counsellors in classes as well.

Please click the link below to register for the grade-based session:

Times for meetings and meeting links:

Grade	Meeting Time	Contact	Registration Link (ctrl+ click)
Grade 8 (Grads 2027)	6:00- 7:00 PM	Mr. Al Cuerrier acuerrier@vsb.bc.ca	Grade 8 Meeting
Grade 9 (Grads 2026)	6:00- 7:00 PM	Mr. Nick van Iersel nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca	Grade 9 Meeting
Grade 10 (Grads 2025)	7:05- 8:05 PM	Ms. Leanne Hagglund lhagglund@vsb.bc.ca	Grade 10 Meeting
Grade 11 (Grads 2024)	7:05- 8:05 PM	Mr. David Waisberg dwaisberg@vsb.bc.ca	Grade 11 Meeting

As a reminder to Grade 12 families, an info session was held in November. You can access the slide deck from the session: [HERE](#)

SEMESTER TURNAROUND DAYS- FEBURARY 1 & 2

Wednesday February 1 and Thursday February 2, 2023 are our "Semester Turnaround Days". Although these are days of instruction, no new material will be taught by your child's semester 1 teachers. Students are welcome to attend classes (during their regular semester 1 schedule class times), but attendance will not be taken on MyEd. **Teachers may request specific students to attend their class for academic recovery.**

As well, the Counselling Team will be holding Course Planning Info Sessions (schedule will be made available in the next two weeks) and will be available for course changes by appointment.

Note: Last day for course changes for semester 2 is Friday February 17th, 2023 @ 3 pm

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE & RESULTS

On **January 25th, 2023** (Tech Day) - Grade 10s will write the Numeracy 10 assessment and the Grade 12 Semester 1 FRAL 12 students will complete the written portion of Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année . The schedule will be as follows:

Group	SESSION	TIME	ASSESSMENT	ROOM
Barry → Whitehouse	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	FRIM 12	219
Students utilizing an alternate setting/extra time (Ms. Price will be in contact with students)	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	NUM 10	815
Abreha → De Castro	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	NUM 10	221
Chan → Deer	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	NUM 10	223
De Los Santos → Sonishi	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	NUM 10	601
Gee → Huynh	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	NUM 10	605
Ladeira → Le	AM	8:45- 11:45 AM	NUM 10	Lib Lab
Lee → Main	PM	12:30- 3:30 PM	NUM 10	219
Mitchell → Nelson	PM	12:30- 3:30 PM	NUM 10	221
Nemeth → Promsorn	PM	12:30- 3:30 PM	NUM 10	223
Quach → Steele	PM	12:30- 3:30 PM	NUM 10	601
Stevens → Van	PM	12:30- 3:30 PM	NUM 10	605
Vega- Sanchez → Ziaee	PM	12:30- 3:30 PM	NUM 10	Lib Lab

Students and families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars by clicking the links below.

ASSESSMENT	LINK
French as a Second Language- Immersion- Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année ((LTP12)	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12
Numeracy 10 (NME10)	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment#pre

ACCESSING RESULTS

The November 2022 assessment session results are now available for the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (LTE12).

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

REPORTING & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INFORMATION

If your child receives an Incomplete/In Progress Report (also known as an "I" Report) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to complete the missed work. Please note, that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for the semester 1 Final Report unless specified by the teacher. The end of the semester is the end of the course and teachers are unable to accept and assess work after the semester ends. If you have any questions about your child's progress, you are welcome to email the teacher or grade counsellor directly. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

All students will be receiving a Final Semester 1 report on **Friday, February 10, 2023**. These reports will include a final mark, work habit, and comment for each Semester 1 class. Please note that your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. Semester 1 final reports will be available until March 7th, 2023. **It is recommended that you download and save a**

copy for future reference. Detailed information on how to access this report will be sent to families closer to the reporting date.



We are looking for Parent/Guardian's opinion on the distribution of report cards- Electronic vs. Paper Copies. Please complete the [FEEDBACK FORM](#) by: January 20 @ 4pm.

TECH DAY

On January 25, 2023, we are planning our second "Tech Day" for the year. There will not be "regular classes", but opportunities for students to attend a variety of workshops, hear presentations, participate in grade wide activities and complete assessments and much more! January's theme is a Theme of Sustainability & Allyship. We thank the staff and students who have spent their time creating and leading sessions for this "real-world" day of learning. More details will be provided to families closer to the date. Note, we are pooling FIT time from January 17- February 2, which means during these weeks everyday will follow a MWF schedule or four-81 minutes periods each day with no FIT periods. TECH DAY is created based on Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) periods of instructional time. Next Tech Day will be Wednesday April 25, 2023 with a theme of "Mental and Physical Health".

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)- REMINDER

? **What is FIT?** Tuesdays and Thursdays, students are provided with 50 minutes of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT). FIT is intended for learning opportunities and student support. This will continue in Semester 2.

As a reminder to students:

- All students are expected to be in a school learning space with a teacher
- **Students are expected to sign up for a teacher each week** via: <http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net> (attendance is taken)
- This is school time (instructional time) and students get a choice of how to spend it doing school work or student interest activities.
For example, students may participate in weekly classes, collaborate with peers, see individual teachers, or pursue learning activities that may fall outside of their scheduled classes
- Staff and supports will be available for students.

ATHLETICS

The winter season is in full swing with practices, games, and tournaments. The winter sports season includes basketball, table tennis, girls ice hockey, wrestling, and curling.

Spring sports registration for teams and tryouts will begin in mid-February, so look for this information on Microsoft Teams, in the Student Hub's Athletics Channel, and on our social media account Instagram @vantechathletics! Spring season sports include badminton, mountain biking, golf, girls soccer, tennis, track and field, ultimate, grade 9-10 boys rugby, and grade 8-9 boys volleyball.



Shout Out to the Athletic Council for putting on an amazing pep rally before the Senior Boys basketball game! [#gotechgo](#)

GENERAL REMINDERS

Student Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8215 (then select option #1) and leave a message or email TECHAttendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Information required are:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment)

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Student Fees

As a friendly reminder, School Cash Online will now be offered as the preferred method of payment for all school fees. Please double check if your child owes any outstanding fees. You can register by following the steps on: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

Student and Family Affordability Fund In late August the provincial government announced that new, one-time funding would be provided to BC school districts to help address some of the rising costs families currently face. If your child and family could benefit from support, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan how to meet the needs of our school

community. All requests for support will be treated as private information and will only be shared with staff who need to know. **Please let us know if your family would benefit from support by contacting your child's counsellor.**

Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period (trave, medical etc.) should see their grad counsellor to complete an extended absence form.

Daily Health Checks

Although there are no formal protocols, we encourage all students and staff to complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home. Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

Student Pick-up/Drop-off

A kind reminder that traffic signs are in place along Penticton Street to allow space for school buses to drop-off and pick-up students. Thank you for being compliant with city bylaws. Please note that several drivers have been ticketed in the past. You can drop-off and pick-up students past the traffic signs further south along Penticton Street.