

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SCHOOL

# Parent Information Night

Vancouver Technical Secondary

January 21, 2025

(Grads of 2030)



# INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



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Úxwumixw  
(Squamish Nation)



səliwətaʔ  
(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



welcome

bienvenue



Roberto Moro  
Principal



Janet Thompson  
Vice Principal



David Cacchioni  
Vice Principal

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SCHOOL

# PAC Chair

**Lindsie Tomlinson** (Chair) ([chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com))

Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4664/parent-advisory-council>



# Agenda

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Important Dates

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Grade 8 Registration Process

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Grade 8 Program

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Role of the School Counsellor

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Additional Grade 8 Supports

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Upcoming Events - Gr 7 to Gr 8

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Questions?



# Important Dates

(Please see website for more details)

Feb 3-28

- Cross Boundary Application (English online; French Immersion paper)

Feb 18

- Paper Applications due to Van Tech (Gr 7 teachers will set an earlier deadline)

Feb 26

- Mini School **First Offers** go out to students (must be accepted by Feb 28 @ noon)

Mar 5

- Mini School **Second Offers** go out to students (must be accepted by Mar 7 @noon)

May 8

- Family Information Night @ Van Tech

May 21

- French Placement Assessments (students moving from English from French Immersion Elementary Programs)

Vancouver  
Technical  
Grade 8  
Registration  
Process



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**Packages sent to elementary schools**

**ALL STUDENTS**

- Gr 8 Verification and Course Selection Form, *pre-filled*
- Proof of address required

**SOME STUDENTS**

- Skills and Learning Strategies - *Parent Permission Letter*
- French Assessment - *Placement Letter* (for students *leaving French Immersion*)

Links to forms on the Van Tech website

**Due to Van Tech by Feb 18, 2025**

# Cross Boundary Process



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**Cross Boundary Application** open Monday, February 3 to Friday, February 28: [VSB Cross Boundary Link](#)

## **Cross Boundary Process - English**

- English program XB applications ONLY through the District online XB app (desktop, mobile)
- XB applications are not first-come-first-served, there are *priority groups* (see website for more information)

## **Cross Boundary Process – French Immersion**

- Secondary French Immersion XB applications are PAPER [on the Van Tech Website](#)
- Return to the Van Tech Main Office





# Grade 8 Supports



Ms. Leanne Hagglund

Counsellor

[lhagglund@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lhagglund@vsb.bc.ca)



TBD

School Based Resource

## Role of the Student Counsellor



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- One supportive adult who helps students navigate through the entirety of high school.
  - To be the one person who always will go to bat for you, help liaison with you, and guide you.
  - **To work on academic goals, social emotional goals, friend challenges, post-secondary planning (much later), and timetables.**
  - To keep an out eye for you.
  - To encourage you.

# Grade 8 Program (Mainstream)



- English 8
- Math 8
- Social Studies 8
- Science 8
- Physical and Health Education 8
- French 8
- Applied Skills 8 Rotation (Woodworking/ Digital Literacy/ Textiles)
- ONE Elective
  - Art/Drama
  - Art/Theatre Company Drama
  - Beginner Band
  - Intermediate Band
  - OPTIONAL Off-Timetable courses: Beginner Strings, Intermediate Strings, Choir 8)

# Mini School Programs

## FLEX HUMANITIES

FLEX HISTORY 8 (Socials 8)

FLEX CLASSICAL STUDIES 8 (English 8)

FLEX VISUAL ARTS 8

FLEX INTERACTIVE ARTS & DESIGN TECH 8

MATH 8

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 8

SCIENCE 8

## ONE OF:

BEGINNER BAND

INTERMEDIATE BAND

FRENCH 8

OFFTIMETABLE OPTIONS: Beginner Strings, Intermediate Strings, Choir 8

## SUMMIT

SUMMIT MATHEMATICS 8/9

SUMMIT SCIENCE 8/9

SUMMIT ENGLISH 8

SUMMIT SOCIALS STUDIES 8

FRENCH 8

PHYSICAL & HEALTH  
EDUCATION 8

## TWO OF:

APPLIED SKILLS ROTATION

ART/DRAMA

ART/THEATRE COMPANY DRAMA

BEGINNER BAND

INTERMEDIATE BAND

OFFTIMETABLE OPTIONS: Beginner Strings, Intermediate Strings, Choir 8

# Student Support Programs



Mr. Roderick Ofreneo  
Diverse Learners  
Department Head

LSP Application due  
Feb 14

LAC & Life Skills  
Application due  
Nov 29

## LSP

A two-year secondary program offering an adapted/core curriculum, remediation and regulation strategies for Grade 8 and 9 students identified as learning disabled

*\*INCLUSION MODEL\**

## LAC - District Program

Designed for students who have mild intellectual disabilities.

Every attempt is made for inclusion opportunities into elective classes.

Students are provided with instructional tasks at the appropriate level in an individualized program

*\*SEMI-INCLUSION MODEL\**

## SECONDARY LIFE SKILLS - District Program

Small supportive classes for students with Autism, Physical Disabilities, Deaf/Blind, Chronic Health and a Moderate to Severe Intellectual Disability.

*\*OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION\**

## Typical School Day for Grade 8 Student (Semester Model)

- 4 courses for half the year
- Each class occurs everyday
- Attend 4 different classrooms
- Work with 4 different teachers

*For Example....*

<b>Semester 1 (September- January)</b>	<b>Semester 2 (February- June)</b>
Math 8	Science 8
English 8	PHE 8
Fine Arts Rotation	Social Studies
French 8	Applied Skills Rotation



# Grade 8 Courses- ELECTIVES

(Semester)

Applied Skills  
Rotation

Woodwork

1/3

Business  
Ed

1/3

Textiles

1/3

Fine Arts  
Rotation

Drama

1/2

Theatre  
Production

1/2

Art

1/2

Art

1/2

Band

# Skills Block & Learning Hub Support



## Skills and Learning Strategies Course

- Students will learn study strategies and receive support for their courses.
- *Parent consent needed, elementary to supply form*



## Learning Hub Support

- Students have access to various learning supports, from full-time enrollment in the Learning Hub's competency-based curriculum to "drop-in-as-needed" assistance for immediate help with courses.
- The Learning Hub has a team of teachers available to support students in every subject.
- Teachers are available throughout the day, providing targeted and individualized support tailored to each student's specific learning needs.





# Grade 8 Courses- SKILLS BLOCK

English

Math

French

Applied Skills  
Rotation

Social Studies

Science

PHE

Fine Arts  
Rotation



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English

Math

**SKILLS BLOCK**

Applied Skills  
Rotation

Social Studies

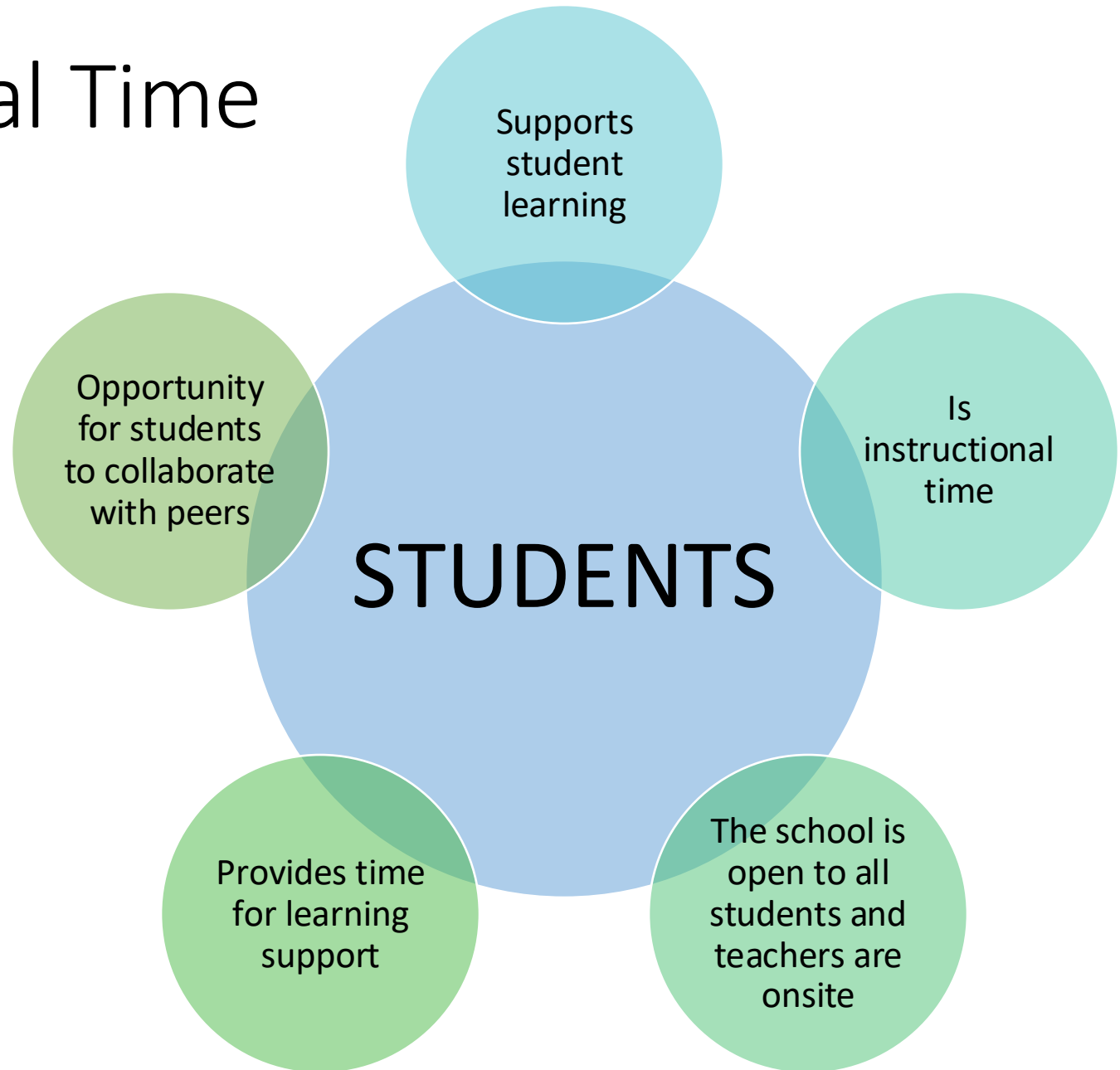
Science

PHE

Fine Arts  
Rotation

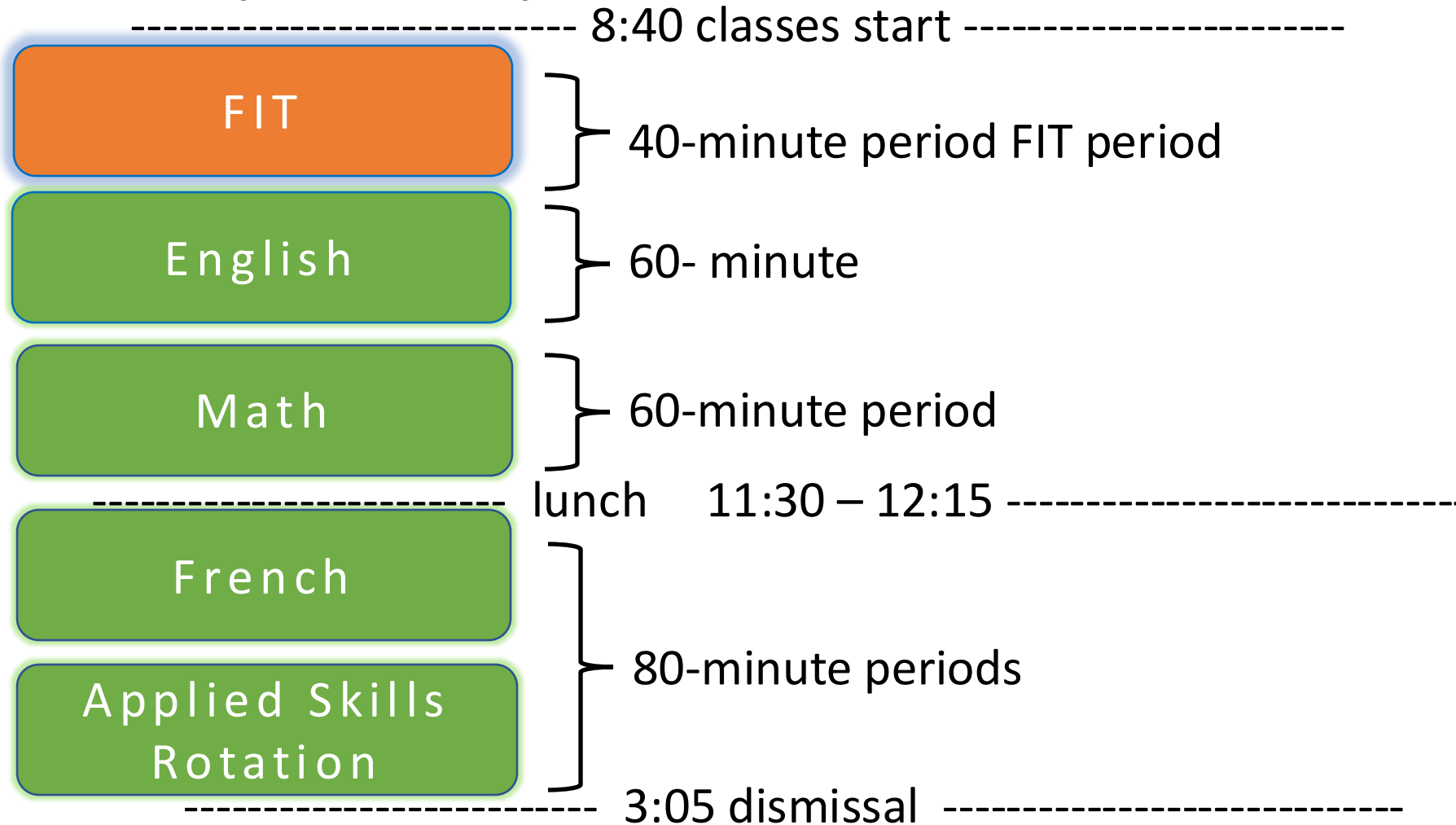
# FIT- Flexible Instructional Time

- Currently, there is 160 minutes of FIT per week
- 4 days x 40 minute periods
- Monday & Friday morning
- Tuesday & Thursday afternoon



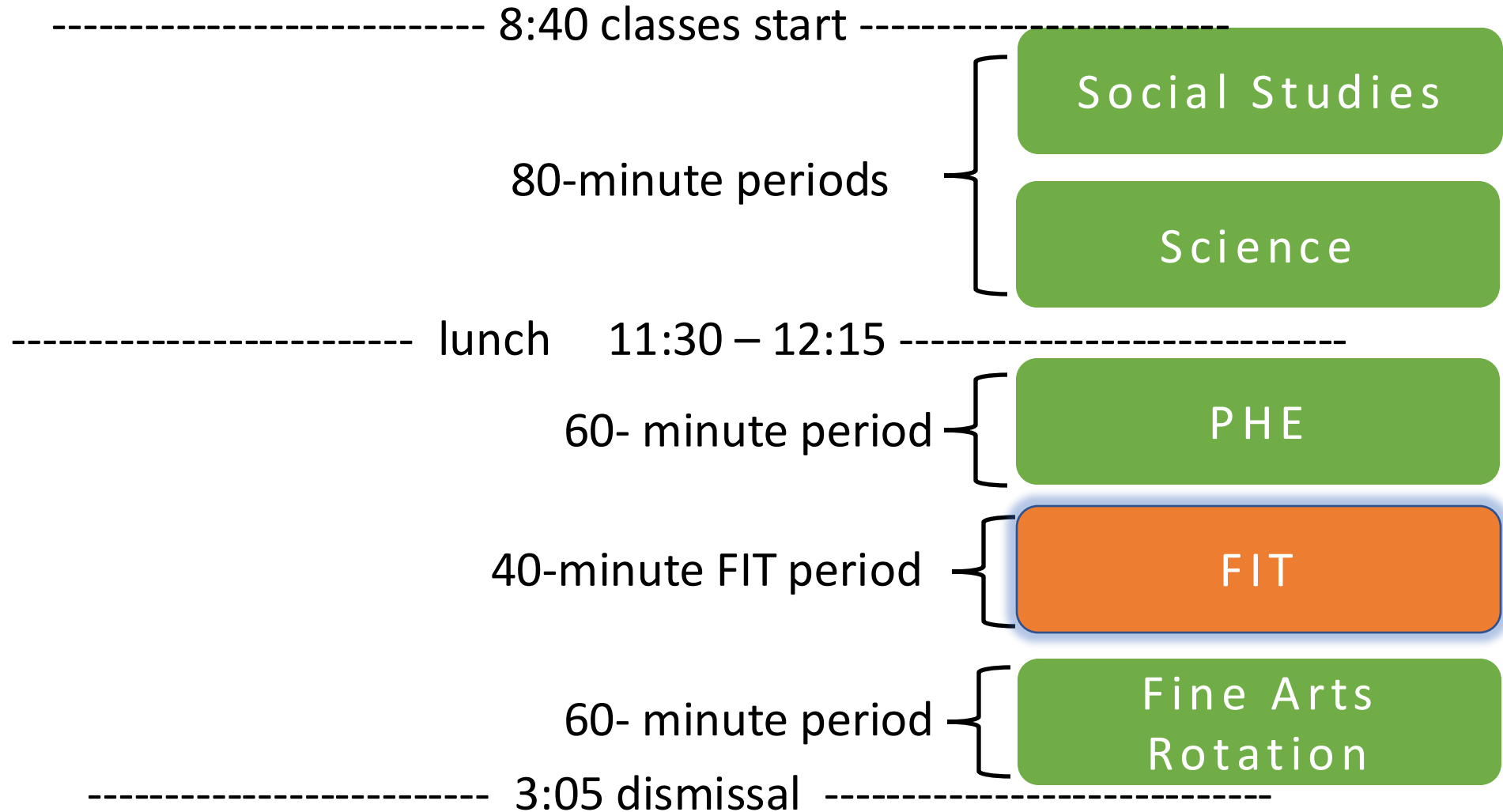
# Grade 8 Timetable FIT

## Monday & Friday FIT



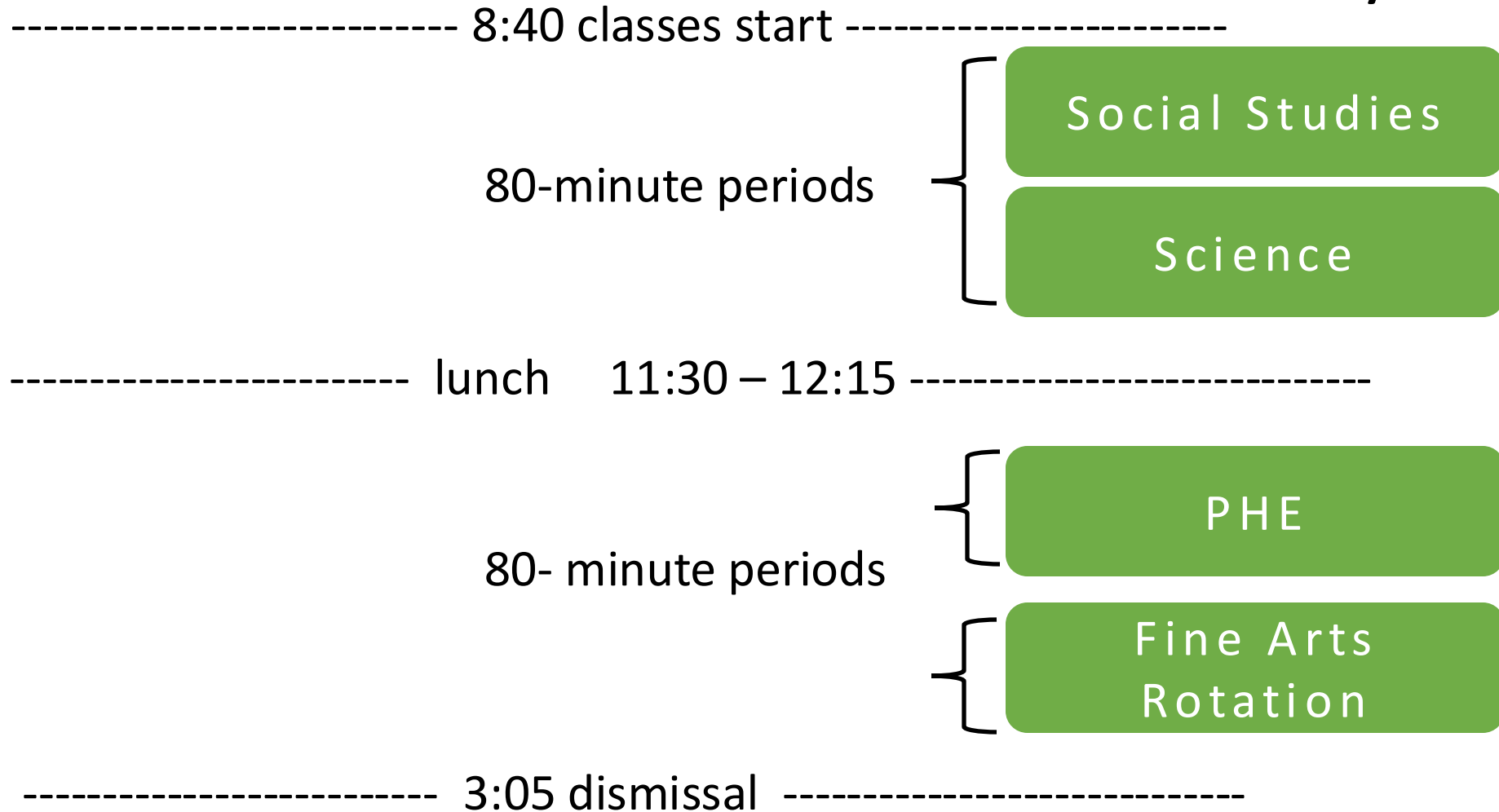
# Grade 8 Timetable FIT

## Tuesday & Thursday FIT



# Grade 8 Timetable

## Wednesday





# ADDITIONAL GRADE 8 SUPPORTS

## Athletic Director



Ken Li

## Community Schools Team



Heidi Benson



Kelsey McCreedy

## Safe & Caring School Liaison (SCSL)



Jamie Khunkhun

## Indigenous Education Team

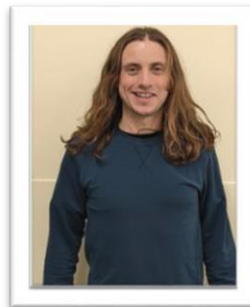


Kristen Quesnelle



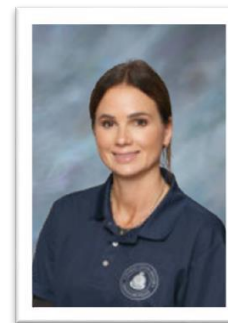
Robin Roberts

## Leadership & Resiliency Program (LRP)



Murray Anderson

## School Liaison Office (SLO)



Cst. Michelle Rajtschan

## Supporting & Connecting Youth (SACY)



Nevena Vojic

# ATHLETICS

Fall (Sept – Nov)	Winter (Nov – Feb)	Spring (Feb – May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aquatics</li><li>• Cross Country</li><li>• eSports (Year-round)</li><li>• Field Hockey 5s (Girls)</li><li>• Rugby (Boys)</li><li>• Soccer (Boys)</li><li>• Volleyball (Girls)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basketball</li><li>• Curling</li><li>• Ice Hockey (Girls)</li><li>• Table Tennis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Badminton</li><li>• Golf</li><li>• Mountain Biking</li><li>• Soccer (Girls)</li><li>• Tennis</li><li>• Track and Field</li><li>• Ultimate</li><li>• Volleyball (Boys)</li></ul>

- Please check the Van Tech website (EXTRACURRICULAR → ATHLETICS) for more details
- Instagram: @vantechatletics
- Questions: e-mail Mr. Li (klli@vsb.bc.ca)





# Community Schools Team

Let's meet the Team!

**Heidi Benson**  
**Kelsey Mc Cready**



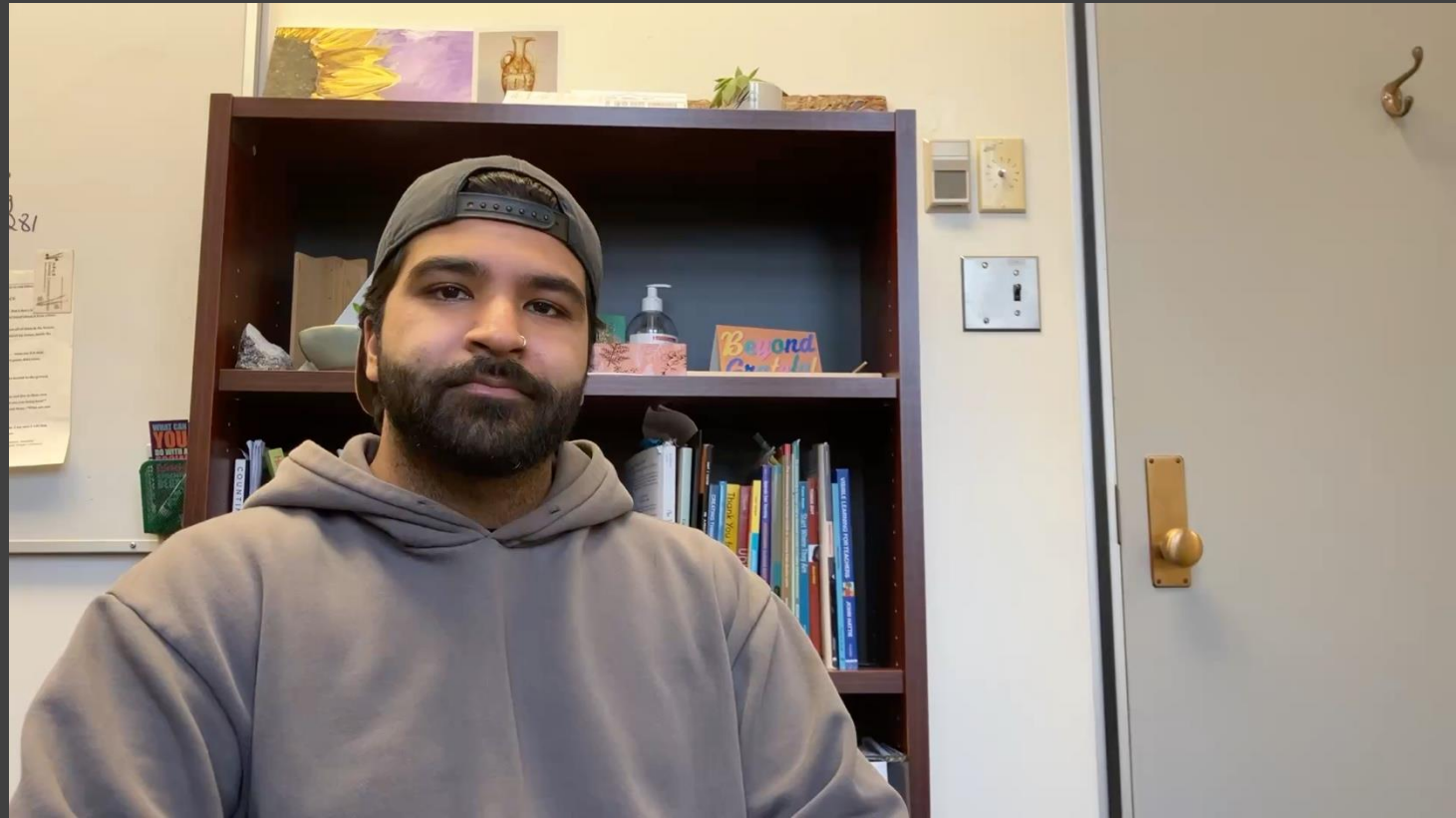
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## Robin & Kristen



# Safe & Caring School Liaison

Jamie KhunKhun

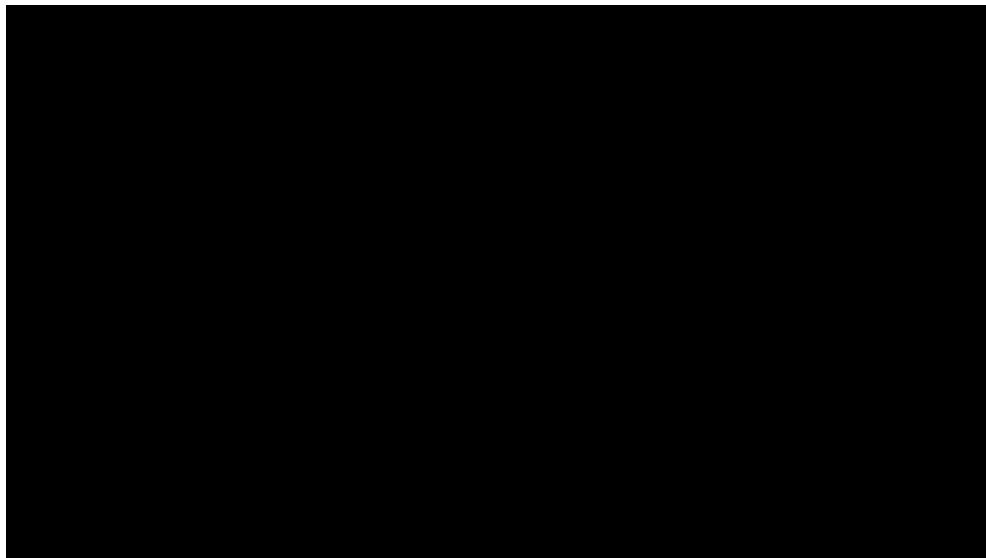


# School Liaison Officer (SLO)

Cst. Michelle Rajtschan



# LRP & SACY



Murray Anderson  
LRP



Nevena Vojic  
SACY



# Other Events...



**May 8**

Family Information  
Night (In person)



**May 21**

Grads 2030 Mixer



**August 27**

Orientation  
(At Van Tech)

# STAY CONNECTED!

The screenshot shows the website for Vancouver Technical Secondary School. The browser's address bar contains the URL <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical>, which is circled in red. A red arrow points from the right side of the address bar to the Families menu item in the navigation bar. The Families menu is also circled in red, and a red arrow points from it to the 'Grade 8 Registration & Information' link in the dropdown menu. The dropdown menu lists various resources for families, including 'My Education BC Family Portal', 'Workshops', 'Fees', 'Communicating Student Learning', 'Forms', 'Parent Bulletin', 'How to Register', 'Parent Advisory Council', 'Grade 8 Registration & Information', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'Volunteer', 'Parent & Guardian Teacher Conferences', and 'Fundraisers and Donation', 'Microsoft 365 Access and Support (Teams & Student Email)'. On the right side of the page, there is an 'Announcements' section with two items: 'After the Bell (ep. 25) Matter of the Month: Inclement Weather' and 'Grade 12 Indigenous Leadership Retreat helps students connect to the past and build for the future'.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical>

**Vancouver Technical**  
Secondary School

ABOUT US ▾ **FAMILIES ▾** GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT ▾ EXTRA CURRICULAR ▾ TEACHING AND LEARNING ▾ DISTRICT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

My Education BC Family Portal Workshops  
Fees Communicating Student Learning  
Forms Parent Bulletin  
How to Register Parent Advisory Council  
**Grade 8 Registration & Information** Frequently Asked Questions  
Volunteer Parent & Guardian Teacher Conferences  
Fundraisers and Donation Microsoft 365 Access and Support (Teams & Student Email)

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## Grade 8 Registration & Information

Jan 8, 2025

Please visit the VSB District ["Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year" website](#) for information pertaining to all Grade 7 students preparing for Grade 8.

### Grade 8 Registration Information for the 2025-26 school year

**Catchment students will receive their enrolment packages from their Grade 7 teacher.**  
Parents and Caregivers, please return all required forms to the Grade 7 by the deadline set by the elementary school. Schools will complete and send the student packages to Vancouver Technical Secondary no later than February 18, 2025 - 3:30 PM.

- [Grade 8 Verification and Course Selection 2025.pdf](#)

If you are requesting for a **Skills & Learning Strategies block**, please complete the applicable form:

- [Skills Parent Permission Letter 2025.pdf](#)





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PARENT/STUDENT EMAIL



@vantechsec



QUESTIONS?

THANK  
YOU





# Bienvenue à Tech!

Welcome to Van Tech's French Immersion Program



# Agenda

Introductions

Information about grade 8

Advice from the experts

Questions



# Who We Are



**Mme. Boucetta**



**M. Byron**



**M. Collier**



**M. Delorme**



**Mme. Edwards**



**Mme. Michel**



**Mme. Przystupa**



**Mme. Rolland**

Mme. Soumeya Boucetta - Français Langue

M. Shane Byron - Sciences Naturelles

M. Curtis Collier - Français Langue

M. Patrick Delorme - Sciences Humaines

Mme. Lisa Edwards - Sciences Naturelles

Mme. Marie-Christine Michel - Français Langue

Mme Katarzyna Przystupa- CLE

Mme. Marie Rolland - Teacher Librarian



# Grade 8 Program (French Immersion)



- Français Langue 8
- English 8
- Math 8
- Sciences Naturelles 8
- Sciences Humaines 8
- French Immersion Communications 8
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Mme. Soumeya Boucetta  
French Immersion  
Coordinator

# Important Things to Note

- Courses are taught entirely in French. The expectation is that your child communicate at all times in French (including, emails to the teacher and with their friends during work periods)
- Learning supports are encouraged, however translation services or people are considered cheating
- The transition from Grade 7 to Grade 8 French immersion is significant, therefore it is advisable to stay in communication with your child's teachers to ensure that this is the best learning environment for your child







## Possible French Immersion Opportunities

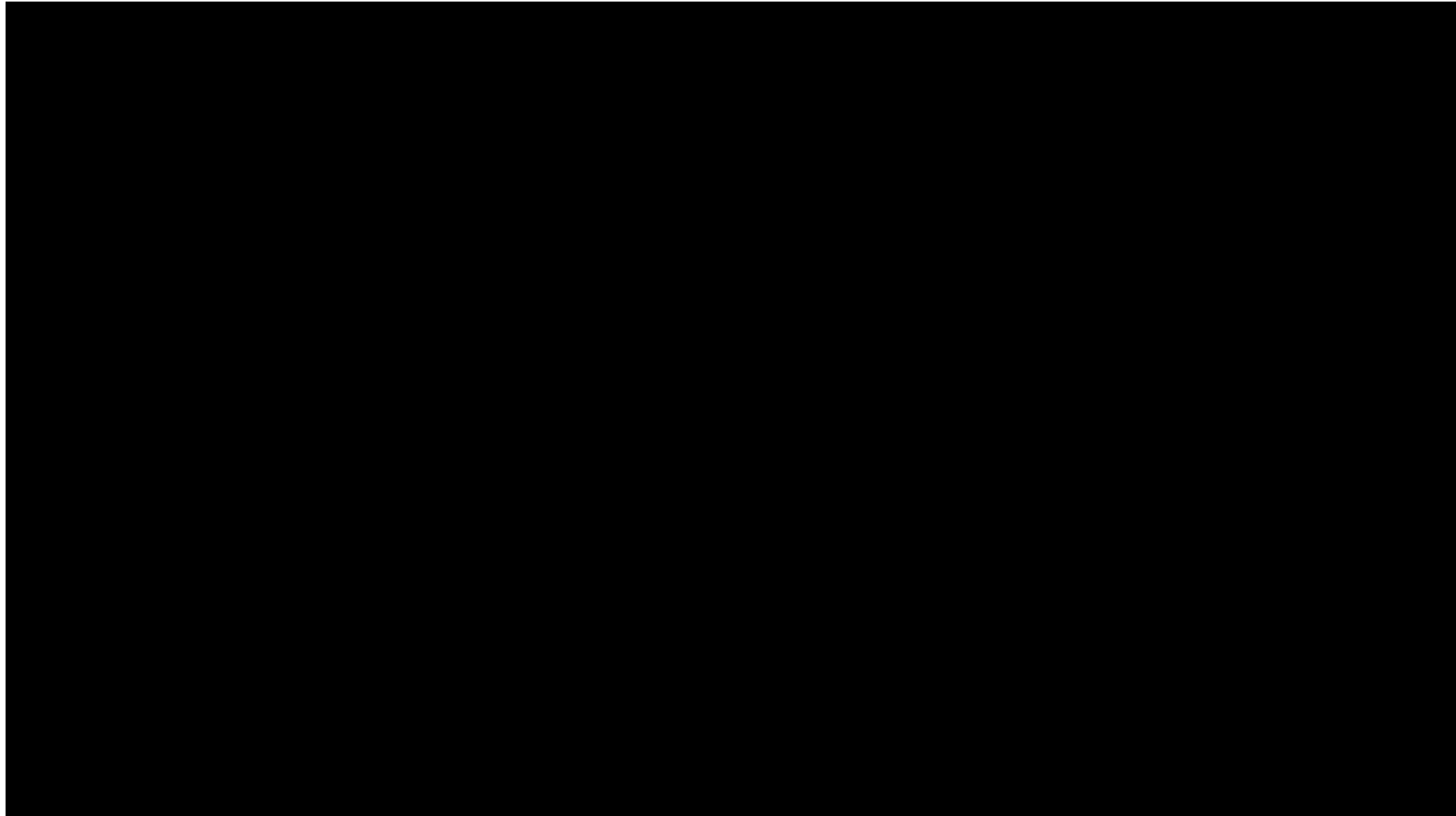
- Strathcona Park Lodge (Grade 8 Camp)
- DELF - Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française (GR 12)
- FRANCE TRIP (GR 11/12) \*provided international trips are allowed







## Some Advice Quelques Conseils





QUESTIONS?



*merci*