



July Family Bulletin

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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) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Summer is here!

As summer vacation begins, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of our learning community. Students, your determination, resilience, and hard work inspire us, and we're immensely proud of you. To the Grad Class of 2024, we hope you continue to learn and care for others as you embark on this exciting phase of your lives. And to the caregivers of our Van Tech students, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership.

Thank you staff for your tireless efforts and commitment to our students. We express our appreciation to departing staff members Lamia Hanosh, David Johnston, Hannah Naylor, Drew Landry, Natasha Schultz, Virginia Watson, Jennifer Belanger, Kyle Glennie, Stephanie Sonke, Derek Zee, Peter Fong, Chad Stuart, Viviane Chan, Michael Rosen, Arielle Fraser, Sohan Dulai, and Nathalie Davies for their contributions to our learning community.

We say farewell and thank you to retirees Xue Wu, Kynthia Petrakis, and Nicky Paris. Their dedication and commitment to education has made a significant impact on the lives of our students. They will be deeply missed, and we wish them well on their new adventures! We congratulate our Vice Principal, Mr. Adam Tuerlings, on his move to Templeton Secondary as Principal. Students and staff will miss his kindness, thoughtfulness and fancy socks!

In September, we welcome new teachers including Mr. Steven Asdrubale, Ms. Marian Falbo, and Ms. Brenda Koch. We're also thrilled to introduce Mr. David Cacchioni as our incoming Vice Principal, joining us from Prince of Wales Secondary School, where he has worked for the last five years.

Please stay tuned for our August Family Bulletin. In the meantime, may your summer break be a time of joy, relaxation, and rejuvenation. We look forward to seeing students and staff back on September 3, 2024!

Warm regards, the Vancouver Technical School Administration



Roberto Moro
Principal
Gr. 12



Adam Tuerlings
Vice Principal
Gr. 9 & 11



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal
Gr. 8 & 10

Summer Hours

During the summer break, the school office will be open 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, Monday to Friday, from July 2 - August 5. It will reopen for the 2024-2025 school year on August 19. If you need to speak to a member of the office staff, please call ahead to book an appointment. Please Note: Van Tech is a Summer School location, and only Van Tech Summer School students are allowed in the building in July and August.

Notice of Late Return

If your child is expecting to return to school later than Friday, September 6, 2024, but prior to September 30, 2024, please complete the [NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM](#). Please note: if the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Monday, September 9, 2024, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist. [Notice of Late Return \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)

How to Access Learning Updates on MyEd

There are two types of Written Learning Updates (report cards): Mid-Semester and Summary of Learning.

Summaries of Learning (final report cards) for 2023-2024 are now available on MyEd BC until August 9. It is recommended that you download and save a copy of this Learning Update for future reference. You can request copy of your Learning Update report from the main office during summer hours.

MyEd BC Student Family accounts will be suspended on August 9 to accommodate students attending Summer School, allowing them to view/download their Learning Update upon courses completion.

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

1. Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
2. The MyEducation BC Login ID is your child's student number.
3. If you haven't logged in before, the default MyEducation BC Password is set by the district to: Dist\$2024
4. If you've forgotten your Password, or if it has expired (passwords must be reset every 90 days), see the reset instructions here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5038/account-management>

VSBC MyEd HELP PAGE: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5038/account-management>

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

Assessment and Learning Updates

Learning Updates provide an assessment of student progress.

What is the purpose of assessment?

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer three questions about their learning:

- Where am I now?
- Where am I going?
- How do I get there?

Quality assessment is ongoing and responsive. It informs the instruction cycle and provides **teachers** with evidence to plan. It helps **families** understand and support their children's learning. Most importantly, it provides **students** with meaningful feedback to guide their learning and help them reflect on their growth.

How will my child be assessed?

All students will receive **Written Learning Updates** (report cards) and **Informal Learning Updates** such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences. Written Learning Updates will include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback. The new Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 10 -12 receive a **letter grade and percentage**, while students in Grades 8 and 9 receive grades on a **four-point proficiency scale** (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending).

EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Comments

Please read the comments on your child's Summary of Learning carefully. These comments will highlight areas of growth in relation to the learning standards, areas for future growth, and strategies to further learning. *If your Gr. 8 or Gr. 9 child is assessed at Emerging, the teacher MAY recommend they repeat the course. If this is the case, and you have not already done so, please contact your child's grade counsellor after August 20 to discuss.* Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

Core Competencies

Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to engage in deep, lifelong learning. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to BC's K-12 curriculum and assessment system and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens.

Vancouver students are required to reflect on Core Competencies and set goals of their choice three times each school year. **Van Tech students participated in these activities in November, April, and May. Their work has been uploaded to their Grade Core Competency TEAM. Please ask your child to login to their TEAM and show you their work.** Student development in Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social Core Competencies at school often looks different than it does at home, so we encourage parents/caregivers to have conversations with their children about how Core Competencies can be developed in all aspects of their lives.

It is recommended that you download and save a copy of this Learning Update for future reference. Learning Updates are NOT saved on MyEd. Only the most recent Learning Updates are posted on student accounts.

Graduation Assessment Results

Students are required to write three Graduation Assessments as part of the graduation requirements: Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12. French Immersion students who wish to obtain a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique must also write the French Immersion Literacy Assessment. Note that these are NOT Provincial Exams. The result a student achieves on the Assessments will not impact their academic standing.

Results

To view and download a copy of your child's results for any Graduation Assessment, go to [Student Transcripts Services](#), click on Current Student, and register for a BCeID (or login if you already have one). You will need your child's information as noted on the page. You will receive an email via the email you entered. Click the link in the email to confirm. Once you have created an account to access the site, click on "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results" to view results. This site is where you are also able to "View Your Transcript," "Send/Order Your Transcript," as well as other options. The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

Athletics

This year, Van Tech's Athletic program coordinated 42 different teams across 5 grades. Many thanks to Athletics Director Mr. Ken Li, and congratulations to the following major award winners:

Top Athletes	
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Anya S.
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Claire S.
Grade 8 Top Athlete	Dante L.
Grade 9 Top Athlete	Eire B.
Grade 9 Top Athlete	Cornelia R.
Grade 9 Top Athlete	Jordon L.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Maddie A.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Cassandra M.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Lewis K.
Grade 10 Top Athlete	Crewe P.
Grade 11 Top Athlete	Avery M.
Grade 11 Top Athlete	Kyle d.
Grade 11 Top Athlete	Lukas W
Team of the Year	Junior Boys Basketball

Grade 12 Awards	
Coach's Award	Nathan H.
Coach's Award	Rizal L.
Coach's Award	Alycia M.
Coach's Award	Cassandra W.
Coach's Award	Clarice Z.
Unsung Hero Award	Mace C.
Unsung Hero Award	Liz K.
Sportsmanship Award	Chanelle L.
Sportsmanship Award	Kostas P.
Sportsmanship Award	Ty v.
Sportsmanship Award	Liv W-B
Top Talisman Award	Owen C-D.
Top Talisman Award	Nat D.

Fall Season Athletics Registration

Those students wanting to participate on one of our school teams in the fall season need to register by using the QR Code here. Our fall sports activities include...

- Aquatics
- Cross Country
- Girl field hockey
- Boys rugby (grade 8-9 only)
- Boys soccer
- Boys volleyball (grade 10-12 only)
- Girls volleyball

For more information, please check the Van Tech website under "Extracurricular" and then "Athletics," our Instagram account @vantechathletics, or email Mr. K. Li, Athletic Director at klli@vsb.bc.ca



Chemistry Contests

Congratulations to our Chemistry students for their remarkable accomplishments in the recent Chemistry contests! Christopher Coury (Gr. 11) was ranked among the top 175 students from Canada and U.S. and placed in the top 17% of participants who wrote the Chem 13 News Exam Contest. He has received a limited-edition tile award featuring Fluorine (Element 9).

Jeremy Van (Gr. 11) placed in the top 9% of participants in Canada and the top 15% worldwide in the University of Waterloo's Avogadro Exam.

Asha Carnahan placed 3rd, scoring in the 96% percentile in the TRU Chem 11 contest, and Lottie Liu and Noah Oliver-Pang tied for 3rd place, scoring in the 92% percentile in the TRU Chem 12 contest.



Lottie, Christopher, Jeremy, Asha and Noah.

Fine Arts



Van Tech Music Program’s **Spring Music Concerts** held in June can be accessed here: [Night of Strings and Choir \(youtube.com\)](#)
[Night of Bands and Jazz - YouTube](#)

Thanks to Music teachers Ms. Amanda Kilburn and Ms. Elizabeth Riegert for their tireless work with the Music Program!

2024 VAMPT Film Festival

In late May, Van Tech hosted the Vancouver Association of Motion Picture teachers Film Festival. Congratulations to the following Van Tech students who won festival awards:

- Best Film: "Perfect Day" by Martina Melnychuk
- Best Music Video: "Stan" by Claire Patchell
- Best Screenplay: "Distance" by Eve Kalvert, Atlas Pilkington, and Mairead Wong-Moon

Thanks to the entire VSB team, including Van Tech’s very own Ms. Sepideh Saii, who acted as the Venue Host and Technical Coordinator. Read more about the festival here: [Student Films at the 2024 VAMPT Film Festival \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)



Van Tech Theatre Company

In mid-June, the Van Tech Theatre Company performed student-led studio plays. These comedies featured a *Have a Seat*, a take-off of the classic nursery rhyme, *Little Miss Muffet*, and *Fast Food*, a series of hilarious scenes, set in, you guessed it, a Fast Food restaurant. Congratulations to the students who worked behind the scenes and on the stage. Special thanks to Ms. Ramona Orr for her continued enthusiasm for all things theatrical!

Indigenous Celebration Week

Van Tech hosted its Indigenous Celebration Week, June 10 -14. Each day during announcements, students and staff listened to Indigenous musical artists and learned about Indigenous role-models. Classes created projects such as a French language video montage which highlighted contemporary Indigenous poets, and a display on Indigenous influencers. The school hosted special FIT sessions, including Indigenous math games, Learn the Coast Salish anthem and Women’s Warrior song, the Power of Indigenous Storytelling, Tour Van Tech’s Indigenous Garden, and a “Three Sisters” celebration of Indigenous agricultural scientific knowledge. Students in PHE 9 participated in a Powwow bootcamp, and staff shared their favourite Indigenous authors, artists and athletes with students.



L-R: Brandon Peters, Curriculum Consultant, teaches students the Coast Salish Anthem, students learn about Indigenous agricultural practices from Ms. Sonke, and a sign from the school’s Indigenous Garden.

2024-2025 Information & Calendar

Gr. 8 Welcome and Orientation

Gr. 8 students and families are invited to Van Tech’s annual Gr. 8 Welcome and Orientation event on Thursday August 29, 2024, where we will introduce them to various aspects of the Van Tech Community. **More information will be sent to families in mid-August.**

Flexible Instructional Time, 2024–2025

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) will occur every day *except* Wednesday, for 40 minutes. During FIT students are expected to be engaged in a learning activity of their choice. Monday and Friday FIT runs 8:40 - 9:20 am, and students do not need to sign up in advance, but when they are in the building, they must be in a learning space, and they must sign-in to the room’s Green Book for attendance in the case of an emergency. Tuesday and Thursday FIT runs 1:20 - 2:00 pm. Students must sign up for Tuesday and Thursday FIT sessions using <http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net> and are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member.

Bell Schedule, 2024-2025

	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

Visit the Vancouver Technical Secondary School website for the [2024-2025 Van Tech School Calendar](#). You’ll find a more detailed calendar here: [Calendar \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)

Van Tech will run on a semester model for the 2024-2025 academic year. Students will take four courses from September to January and another four courses from January to June.

Semester 1: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - January 28, 2025

Semester 2: January 29, 2024 - June 26, 2025

The Van Tech staff wish you and yours a ...

