



May 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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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Información importante - Por favor traducir	• 重要な情報-翻訳してください
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May Highlights



BC First Peoples 12 classes explored Coast Salish-style weaving's traditional history and resurgence by making Quarter Bags.

May will be another busy month at Van Tech, with students participating in activities such as sports finals and outdoor field trips. Our reconciliation work continues as students engage in art projects alongside Indigenous artists, including interdisciplinary artists Tasha Faye Evans and Atheana Picha, as well as jewelry engraver Allen Thompson. Van Tech Students and staff have created displays to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and staff are planning for an Indigenous Awareness week, from June 10-14. We will also be hosting a mixer for grade 7s (soon to be grade 8s) to welcome them to Van Tech. Over 300 students from our feeder elementary schools will engage in a variety of activities, including a mini clubs fair and school tours.

Now in the second half of Semester 2, students and faculty are beginning to look towards June and next school year. The 2024-25 student council and grad committee elections are in full swing, and candidates are brimming with enthusiasm and ideas for fundraisers and events. The Student Council and numerous

clubs are busy orchestrating Technival, our school's carnival extravaganza. Students can expect a day filled with games, diverse booths, and more.

We encourage students who enrolled in summer school to communicate their plans to their counsellors. This ensures that their course selections for the upcoming academic year reflect these plans. As always, parents and caregivers who have questions or concerns about their child's school experiences are encouraged to contact their child's grade counsellor or any administrator. And as we race towards the academic year's end, let's carry forward the momentum of our past successes and channel our energies toward academic excellence and personal growth.



Student work on display at the VSB offices.

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



Michelle Lugo and Eyvette Tommy with their artwork exhibited at the Roundhouse Exhibition Hall



Celebration of Champions, Gr. 8-10



Robotics, Electronics and Exploring Trades students.

Parent Advisory Council Information

We invite all parents/caregivers of Van Tech students to join us for Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings.

PAC meetings are an opportunity for folks to hear from, and ask questions of, the school administration. We welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings. Our meetings follow a hybrid model of in-person and remote. Agendas, minutes and Zoom links can be found on the [PAC webpage](#). If you have questions, please contact the PAC chair: chairvt@gmail.com

Join us at the final meeting of the school year on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7pm in the library or on Zoom. All are welcome!

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZMrd-rqzwtHNeZM5B3uwDF-3odSoFv0ijx>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Your 2023-2024 Pac Executive: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Shawna Deagle (Treasurer), Shawn-Patrick Carnahan (Secretary)

How to access Learning Updates (Report Cards) on MyEd

Follow these steps for access:

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>

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.

Reporting

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.

"IE" - Insufficient Evidence

The grade **"IE" (Insufficient Evidence)** indicates that the student has not yet demonstrated minimally acceptable performance in relation to the learning standards. For students in Gr. 10-12, an "IE" may be converted to an F (Fail) at the end of the course. Should your child receive an "IE" for any of their classes, the teacher will identify what learning standards (competencies and content knowledge) they need to demonstrate and create a support plan for the student. This plan will outline the actions to be taken by the student and school to help the student provide sufficient evidence of learning. **Please reach out to your child's teacher(s) to discuss an Insufficient Evidence "IE" grade, or any other concerns you may have about your child's progress.**

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 participate in these activities in November, April, and June. This work is 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.

2023-2024 Learning Updates publication

Semester	Learning Update: <i>Interim Report</i>	Learning Update: <i>Mid-Semester Report</i>	Learning Update: <i>Caregiver-Teacher Conferences</i>	Learning Update: <i>Summary of Learning</i>
1	Oct. 13, 2023	Nov. 24, 2023	Dec. 14, 2023	Feb. 9, 2024
2	March 8, 2024	April 26, 2024	May 9, 2024	June 26, 2024
Linear Course (all year)	Nov. 24, 2023	Feb. 9, 2024	Dec. 14, 2023	June 26, 2024
		April 26, 2024	May 9, 2024	

Graduation Assessment Schedule & Results

As part of the graduation requirements, students are required to write three Graduation Assessments: 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 Assessment(s) will not impact their academic standing, BUT students are required to write the assessment to meet Graduation Requirements. **Any Gr. 12 student who has not completed a required assessment should contact Mr. Waisberg ASAP.**

The FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADS OF 2024 to complete Graduation Assessments are:

- Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 - *Monday, June 10*
- French Immersion Literacy 12 Oral - *Wednesday, June 5*
- French Immersion Literacy 12 Written - *Tuesday, June 11*

Any Gr. 12 student who would like to rewrite an assessment can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/8wTH0Nz8PQ> until May 16th. You will be contacted with details closer to the assessment date.

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

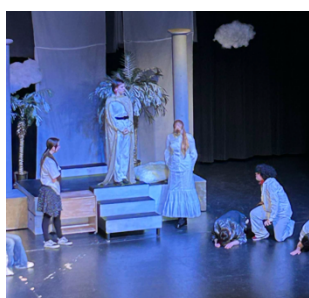
The spring athletics season is drawing to a close and our 13 teams are preparing for their playoff runs in the hopes of bringing home a coveted city championship blue banner. In June, we look towards our year-end athletics banquet and awards ceremony, where our student-athletes will be able to celebrate this school year's achievements with the entire athletics program over some banquet food, hosted in our cafeteria. Date TBA.

Fine Arts

The month of May will be a busy one for Music students. Van Tech will host Choir Fest, the District Choir Festival, on May 16th. May 29th is the Concert Band and Jazz Awards Concert, and the Orchestra and Choir Spring Awards Concert is on June 5.



Senior band tour, Nelson



Theatre company's
The Marxist in Heaven



Junior band tour, Whistler

VSBC District Courses for 2024- 25

History of African Descent 12 and **Queer & Trans History of BC 12** are district courses open to all Gr. 11 and 12 students in Vancouver. With unique curriculums, including many field trips, interesting guest speakers, and online activities, these in-person courses will happen once a week after school. To learn more about the course and register for an information session on May 15 at 5:30, check out this [THIS PAGE](#) of the school website.

Events and Resources

Screenagers: Under the Influence will be screened for families and caregivers on Thursday, May 30th, from 7-9 pm at Van Tech. This event is free of charge.

Addressing Vaping, Drugs, and Alcohol in the Digital Age, the third feature documentary in the Screenagers trilogy, delves into how the tech revolution has reshaped adolescence and its effects on substance use. The film debunks myths and depicts strategies parents and schools can use to encourage healthy decision-making, support teen mental health, set limits, and create healthy home environments. The film also includes many ways young people are using their wisdom and strength to help each other and themselves through this complicated terrain around substance use. **Following the screening, staff and students will be available for a Q&A session.** Trailer: <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/about-screenagers-under-the-influence>

After the Bell (ep. 18) Sustainability in Schools (vsb.bc.ca) There's a lot of information in the world when it comes to going green. How do you know which actions to take, and how are we teaching students about sustainability? In this episode, we learn about how sustainability is integrated into VSB, at the District and school level.

SACY (Supporting And Connecting Youth) workers, employees of Vancouver Coastal Health who work in Vancouver schools, are invaluable supports for school communities. Subscribe to their website <https://linktr.ee/sacyresources> to get updates on facilitated workshops and informative caregiver events.

Fresh Roots at Van Tech

Van Tech Schoolyard Farmer's Market: Join Fresh Roots at our weekly market at Van Tech this season! Here you'll be able to shop for veggies and flower bouquets grown on Schoolyards, and occasionally participate in U Pick when we've got it open. Follow the signs to the big market tent south of the tennis courts. **Wednesdays, 3-7pm / May 29-Oct 9, 2024**
More market information on our website: <https://freshroots.ca/food/buy-our-food/>

Fresh Roots is accepting applications for the SOYL Internship program:

What: 6 weeks of agricultural and leadership skills building. Participants receive a stipend.

Who: Van Tech students grades 9-12 are eligible

Where: the Van Tech Schoolyard Farm (Fresh Roots)

When: July 2 - August 8th, 2024. Monday-Thursdays / 9am - 3pm

To learn more and register, visit our website:

<https://freshroots.ca/soyl/>

Volunteer with Us! Our next Big Help at Van Tech is this

Saturday, May 11 from 1-4pm. Email Camille@freshroots.ca to sign up. Learn more about volunteering with Fresh Roots, here:

<https://freshroots.ca/volunteer/>

General Reminders

Forms

Starting in September, several VSB consent forms were moved to a digital format. Please visit <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/> and enter your child's PEN and birthdate to give consent (or decline) for each form. Parents/caregivers can revoke their consent at any time.

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. Please include the date of absence, student number, student name, and reason for absence (i.e., sick, appointment). Note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Extended Absences

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

Student Fees

School Cash Online is 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 Pick-up/Drop-off and Parking

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 by the City of Vancouver. You can drop-off and pick-up students past the traffic signs further south along Penticton Street. Students may park on Penticton Street in designated parking areas.

Flexible Instructional Time

A reminder that FIT happens 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 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> They are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member.

Grads of 2024 - Important Upcoming Dates

May 16	Grad Dinner Dance Ticket Payment Due (less \$30 Deposit) Table Seating Arrangements Due (to Ms. Bighorn) for students that have paid in full
May 27	Grad Ceremony Tickets- Extra Tickets go on sale until June 10 (school cash online)
May 31	French Immersion Graduation Celebration (Library)
June 4	Dinner/Dance Ticket Distribution (FIT Assembly)
June 5	Graduation Assessments: Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année - Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF12) Final make-up date - Oral
June 6	Grad Gown Distribution & Grad Rehearsal #1 (FIT Assembly)
June 6	Grad Fees (\$85) Due
June 10	Graduation Assessments - (NME 10, LTE 10, LTE 12), Final make-up date
June 11	Grad Rehearsal #2 (FIT Assembly)
June 11	Graduation Assessments: Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année - Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF12) Final make-up date - Written
June 12	Graduation Ceremony (Orpheum Theatre, 7:00 pm)
June 14	Graduation Dinner & Dance (Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, 6:15 pm)
June 19	Grade 8 Letter Opening Evening Event
June 24	Grad Cap Toss and Final Countdown (Front steps, 2:55pm)

Important Upcoming Dates

May 6 - May 21	AP Exams in the Small Gym
May 9	Caregiver - Teacher Conferences
May 10	Gr. 7 Tour & Mixer
May 13	Collaborative Day - no P1 - classes start at 10:10
May 14	APSK T3 rotation
May 16	District Choir Fest, 6:30
May 17	Professional Development Day - no classes
May 20	Victoria Day - holiday
May 27	Block Rotation: BADC
May 28	PAC meeting, 7:00
May 29	Concert Band and Jazz Awards Concert, 6:30
May 30	Screenagers, 7:00
May 31	Final Career Ed 8 Assignments due
June 5	Orchestra and Choir Spring Awards Concert, 6:45
June 10 -14	Indigenous Awareness Week
June 10	Collaborative Day - no P1 - classes start at 10:10
June 12	Immunization clinic
June 25	Yearbook distribution and signing
June 25	Technival
June 26	Summaries of Learning (Report Cards) published

