



# April 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) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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## April at Van Tech

Dear Van Tech Community,

April is always a busy month at Van Tech. Here's a glimpse of what's in store:

- Music Performance: On April 9, our music senior music students will take the stage for an evening concert.
- Theatre: Van Tech's Theatre Company presents *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* from April 29 to May 1.
- Celebration of Champions: Our counselling department will recognize outstanding students, acknowledging their valuable contributions to our school community, encompassing qualities such as inclusion, leadership, and grit.
- Student Forum: students have been invited to participated in the second Student Forum of the year, offering a platform to express their values, opinions, beliefs, and perspectives on teaching, learning, and the sense of community at our school. These insights will inform discussions on school issues and policies, shaping our forthcoming 2026 School Plan.
- Important Dates Ahead:
  - Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences take place on April 10.
  - Semester 2 Learning Updates will be published on April 25.
  - Grads of 2025 can access important dates [HERE](#)

We value your feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts on your child's experience at Van Tech. Please feel free to connect with us for any inquiries, feedback or concerns you may have.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro  
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson  
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



David Cacchioni  
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



The junior trivia club team finished 4th at the Reach Provincial Championships. Nikhil Krishna won the MVP award by answering the most questions among all participants.



Youth Explore Trades  
Skills Masonry Institute



Van Tech students at the  
Chinatown Parade



# Van Tech PAC Fundraiser: support our students by buying gift cards from Donald's Market

This locally owned grocery store (2342 East Hastings) is generously offering us this fundraiser! Donald's will donate **10%** of your gift card purchase to **Van Tech PAC** so you can support a local business and support Van Tech students at the same time.

**Time limited offer: we will be taking orders until April 21st.** Gift cards will be available for pick up at Donald's by April 30th - gift cards never expire.

**Instructions:**

1. Follow [this link](#) to fill out the order form
2. E-transfer to [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com)
3. Receive an email from the PAC when your gift cards are ready for pick up at the store.

If you have a passion for fundraising and would like to work with the PAC, please reach out to us at [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com).

## Fine Arts



Join us as we celebrate our Fine Arts Programs!

**VanTech Theatre Company Presents: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz***

Based on the book by L. Frank Baum  
Adapted by Seamus Fera  
Directed by Avery Connors and Laura Reynolds  
Featuring Theatre Company students in Grades 9-12

When she tries to run away from home, Dorothy is swept away to Oz in a cyclone. There she meets the Scarecrow, Tinman, and Cowardly Lion, and realizes that maybe home wasn't so bad after all. Faithful to the original book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* puts a fresh spin on a classic magical tale of a teenager trying to find her place in the world.

April 29, April 30, May 1 - 7:30pm  
Van Tech Auditorium  
2600 E Broadway, Vancouver  
Tickets: \$10, visit: <https://www.vtixonline.com/the-wonderful-wizard-of-oz/>

Senior Music Night is April 9 at 7pm in the Auditorium.

## Athletics

The Spring Athletics season has begun! Teams include:

- Golf
- Badminton
- Rugby - Boys (Grade 9-12 only)
- Soccer - Girls
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Ultimate
- Volleyball - Boys (Grade 8 and 9 only)



The Bantam Boys Gold Basketball Team completed an undefeated league season and captured our first Grade 8 boys basketball city championship since 1996! They then competed at the year-end Coach Goulet BC Invitational Championships featuring all the top teams in the province and finished 6th! Musa Whelan-Sadiki was named a tournament all star.

## Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)

**Next PAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

**Where:** in the school library

**Time:** 7pm - 8pm

**Online option:** Link to the upcoming meeting: [meet.google.com/kvy-twgf-tio](https://meet.google.com/kvy-twgf-tio)

Meeting agenda will be posted on the Van Tech PAC webpage when available: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4664/parent-advisory-council>



All parents and caregivers of Van Tech students are welcome! Come on down and meet other families. Let's share ideas to support our students, teachers and community. Please contact us at [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

## The 2024/25 PAC Executive Volunteers:

Chair: Lindsie Tomlinson  
Co-Chair: Arvind Ghataurah  
Treasurer: Julie Cole  
Secretary: Pam Dean

Communications Coordinator: Kelly Hamilton  
Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Rep: Kelly Hamilton  
DPAC (District PAC) Reps: Debbie Henry, Mary Carmen, Safiann Khan  
Members at Large: Ruby Langan, Angela Ruth

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## Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are on Thurs, April 10 in the Main Gym. Sessions run from 3:15 - 4:30 pm and 5:15 - 7:00 pm.

General registration opened at 9:00 am on Thurs, April 3, and closes at 9:00 am, on Wed, April 9. There will be limited space for "walk-in" appointments.

Access the online booking system HERE: [School Appointments - Vancouver Technical Secondary](#). Detailed "how to book" instructions are posted on the school website HERE: [Parent & Guardian Teacher Conferences \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)

Please note that you can reach out to your child's teachers at any time. See our staff list [HERE](#).

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## Parent & Caregiver Movie Night

**CHILDHOOD 2.0: A Documentary About Growing Up In The Digital Age**

Join Templeton Secondary's PAC on Tues, April 15 in the [Templeton Auditorium](#), 6:45 - 9:00pm.

### **About the movie:**

Childhood 2.0 is required viewing for anyone who wants to better understand the world their children are navigating as they grow up in the digital age. Featuring actual parents and kids as well as industry-leading experts in child safety and development, this documentary dives into the real-life issues facing kids today – including cyberbullying, online predators, suicidal ideation, and more.

This film is a reflection of the world we currently live in and a resource to be contemplated. The filmmakers have made every attempt to craft an honest picture of what childhood is today, kids spending more time online and less engaging in real life, free play, and autonomy. What are the effects on the next generation's mental, physical, and spiritual health? Childhood was more or less unchanged for millennia – this is Childhood 2.0.

Stay after the movie for a Q&A, hosted by Carol Todd, MSC, SD43 Educator and Founder of The Amanda Todd Legacy Society

### **About Carol:**

Carol Todd has impacted the world as an educator, an advocate, a parent and a leader for social change in speaking openly about the bullying, cyberbullying, exploitation and the mental health challenges that her daughter Amanda went through. She has become a voice of global change and is driven by her passion and leadership to change the mindset behind negative behaviours and the challenging barriers of stigma by sharing Amanda's story. Empowering youth and adults with strategies and resources to address exploitation and sextortion has become a primary goal in Carol's advocacy. She was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Cross Medal of Canada by Governor General Mary Simon on behalf of King Charles III for her dedication in ensuring online safety and mental health wellness for all Canadians.

In 2012, Carol's daughter Amanda took her own life at the age of 15, following the posting of a YouTube video that detailed the sextortion and exploitation she endured via an international predator which then resulted in severe harassment that came from her peers (online and offline). From this place of tragedy, Carol has found that by sharing Amanda's story, she could help others.

**Eventbrite link:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/childhood-20-movie-featuring-q-and-a-with-carol-todd-tickets-1267537271099?aff=oddtcreator>

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## Summer School

If your child is assessed as Emerging (Gr 8 or 9 course) or Failing (Gr 10 or 11 course) in the Summary of Learning, a teacher may recommend they complete a Review course (Gr 8 and 9) or a Remedial course (Gr 10 and 11) in Summer School. Alternatively, the teacher may suggest enrolling your child in a Preview course, which provides an overview of a course they plan to take in the upcoming school year. For more information, please contact your child's grade counsellor. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

Other Summer School courses include ELL courses that give newcomer students the opportunity to improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in a welcoming and supportive environment, and Completion courses are for Gr. 10-12 students who wish to repeat a course to improve their mark up to a maximum of 65%.

All courses are in-person. Review, Remedial, Preview, and ELL courses run from July 3 to July 25, 2025. Completion courses run from July 3 - August 1, 2025.

[Click HERE for Summer School Program Information.](#)

[Click HERE for Summer School Registration Procedures.](#)



Registration is online only. Please note: due to the high volume of registrants accessing the summer registration website on the first day of registration, we expect potential system delays on opening day. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Registration for Summer School courses opens on Wed, April 30, 2025 at noon (12:00 pm) and closes on Wed, June 11, 2025 at 11:59 pm. [Click HERE for the summer registration website.](#)

## Career Education 8 and Career Education 9

Gr 8 and 9 students are enrolled in mandatory Career Education courses via Microsoft TEAMS. These courses build essential skills for future academic and career success. Students can work on assignments during FIT. Please remind your child to check TEAMS regularly for updates and assignments. Assignments should be submitted by the end of May to be considered for the June Summary of Learning.

## District Courses: History of African Descent in BC 12 and Queer and Trans History of BC

Students who will be in Grade 11 and 12 in 2025-2026 are invited to enroll in these district-wide elective courses, which are available to all VSB students and contribute to graduation requirements. Please see Mr. Johnston or Mr. Van to sign-up.

Experiences	Topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trips</li> <li>Guest speakers who inspire and educate</li> <li>Project-based learning with cool online activities</li> <li>Meet students from ALL over the district</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>History of African Descent in BC 12:</b> Dive into Black culture, resilience, art, music, and movements - from Beyoncé to AfroFuturism!</li> <li><b>Queer &amp; Trans History of BC 12:</b> Explore identities, history, and joy in 2SLGBTQIAP+ communities through language, dance, and music.</li> </ul>

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## Access to MyEducation BC

Parents and caregivers can view their child's attendance, class schedule, and Written Learning Updates (report cards) on MyEducation BC.

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

- Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>
- The login ID is your child's student number and last successful password (unless you have changed this)
  - \* If you haven't logged in before, the default MyEducation BC Password is set by the district to: Dist\$2025
- 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> and click on [Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account](#)

\*You will need to know the email attached to the account to use this function.

## Reporting Information and Updates

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** 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



Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Gr 8 and 9 receive grades on a four-point proficiency scale (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending), while students in Gr 10 -12 courses receive a letter grade and percentage.

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.

Learning Updates

All students received their Semester 2 Interim Learning Update on March 13, which includes comments for Semester 2 courses and final marks for Semester 1. Please note that your child's report card is electronic and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. It is recommended that you download and save a copy of your child's Interim Learning Update for future reference. It will not be available after April 23, 2025.

Table with 5 columns: Semester, Interim Learning Update, Mid-Semester Learning Update, Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conferences, Summary of Learning. Rows include Semesters 1 and 2, Linear Courses, and Core Competencies.

Core Competencies

Core Competencies are crucial skills for lifelong learning and are a key part of BC's K-12 curriculum. Vancouver students reflect on these skills and set goals three times a year in their SpacesEDU digital portfolio. (SpacesEDU) In February, Van Tech students will create four posts. Parents and caregivers will receive an email with a link to their child's digital portfolio in June. We encourage caregivers to discuss with their children how these skills can be developed both at school and at home.



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Collaborative Planning Time & Professional Development Days

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# Technology Tools

We encourage students to note their passwords in a secure place.

Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	My Weekly Planner	Office 365
LINK	<a href="#">MyEd Website</a>	<a href="#">TEAMS Website</a>	<a href="https://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net/">https://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net/</a>	<a href="https://www.office.com/">https://www.office.com/</a>
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, learning updates	Classroom Materials, Student Hub, Career Ed 8 & Career Ed 9	To register for FIT sessions.	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
HELP?	<a href="#">LINK FOR MYED HELP</a>	<a href="#">TEAMS TRAINING</a>	<a href="#">How to SIGN UP</a> <i>Note: Old video. Information relevant to 2023 information starts at 1:55 mins</i>	<a href="#">LINK FOR OFFICE HELP</a>
Where can I go to reset password?	Click on <a href="#">Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account</a> , or ask a member of the Office Staff	<a href="https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/">https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/</a> <i>Note: you need to enter your Provincial Education Number (PEN) and date of birth.</i>  Need help finding your PEN? Visit <a href="https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx">https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx</a> and have the following information available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's Legal Last Name</li> <li>• Student Birthdate</li> <li>• Parent/Guardian</li> <li>• Email Address on File</li> </ul>	Click "I forgot my password" button, or ask any teacher or Office Staff	<a href="https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/">https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/</a> <i>Note: you need to enter your Provincial Education Number (PEN) and date of birth.</i>  Need help finding your PEN? Visit <a href="https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx">https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx</a> and have the following information available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's Legal Last Name</li> <li>• Student Birthdate</li> <li>• Parent/Guardian</li> <li>• Email Address on File</li> </ul>

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# Bell Schedule and Period Rotation

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>FIT</b>	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
<b>BREAK</b>	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	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
<b>BREAK</b>	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
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	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
<b>LUNCH</b>	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
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	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
<b>BREAK</b>	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
<b>FIT</b>		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
<b>BREAK</b>		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	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



Linear (full-year) courses such as Leadership occur OFF Timetable (before or after school). Start and end times are set by individual teachers.

Collaborative Planning Time Bell Schedule

When there is a morning Collaborative Day, there are no classes in Period 1. When there is an afternoon Collaborative Day, there are no classes in Period 4

Table with 4 columns: PERIOD 1, AM Collaborative Day, no classes in Period 1, PERIOD 1, 8:40 AM - 10:00 AM, BREAK, 10:00 AM - 10:10 AM, PERIOD 2, 10:10 AM - 11:30 AM, LUNCH, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM, PERIOD 3, 12:15 PM - 1:35 PM, PERIOD 4, 1:45 PM - 3:05 PM, PERIOD 4, PM Collaborative Day, no classes in Period 4

Period Rotation

Table with 2 columns: Semester 1, Semester 2. Semester 1 includes dates from September 4 to January 28 with rotations AB CD, BA DC, AB CD, BA DC. Semester 2 includes dates from January 29 to June 26 with rotations AB CD, BA DC, AB CD, BA DC.

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)

FIT, Flexible Instructional Time, 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 should be in a learning space and 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.

- This is school (instructional) time, and students get a choice of how to spend it doing either schoolwork or personal 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.
Teachers will communicate with students how to best utilize FIT in support of their academic success throughout the school year.

Course Schedule

Table with 3 main sections: Semester 1 Courses (Most courses), Semester 2 Courses (Most courses), and Full Year Courses (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses). Each section includes Quarter Courses and Term Courses with specific dates.



# 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 assessments to meet Graduation Requirements.**

## Upcoming Assessment Dates

Literacy 10 Assessment	Fri, April 11, 2025
Missed and makeup assessments for Gr 10 and 12	Tues, June 10 & Wed, June 11, 2025

## Student Action Items

- Note your assigned assessment time(s) and room location(s) posted in your Grade Channel in the Van Tech Student Hub TEAM.
- You will be excused from classes to write the assessment. If you finish early, go to a designated learning space. Attend regular classes for the other half of the day.
- Contact your counsellor if you have questions about graduation requirements.
- Contact [Mr. Cacchioni](#) if you have questions about writing your Graduation Assessment(s).

## BC Ministry of Education links for Graduation Assessments

Students are strongly encouraged to review the Ministry of Education's supporting webpages to prepare for the assessments. They can try the sample assessment to become familiar with the format, instructions, and navigation.

- [Graduation Assessments](#)
- [À propos de l'évaluation \(French Immersion Literacy 12 Assessment\)](#)

## Results

To view and download your child's Graduation Assessment results, go to [Student Transcripts Services](#), click on "Current Student," and register for a BCeID (or log in if you already have one). You will need your child's information as noted on the page. You will receive a confirmation email; click the link in the email to confirm. Once your account is created, click on "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results" to view the results. This site also allows you to "View Your Transcript," "Send/Order Your Transcript," and access other options. Note that the Ministry transcript includes only completed courses, not in-progress ones.

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# General Procedures

## Financial support is available for families.

The [Student Affordability Fund](#) provides financial from the Ministry of Education and Childcare for VSB families who are struggling to pay for costs associated with their child(ren) going to school. Caregivers can get financial help for: i. Basic school supplies (e.g. pens, paper) ii. Education-related fees (e.g. additional supplies for ADST, culinary and art classes, workbooks, camps, field trips, relevant cultural events, clubs, and instrument and equipment fees or other fees charged by school districts) iii. Clothing/footwear required for school sports and other school activities. **If you would like financial support, please contact our Principal, Mr. Moro, or your child's grade counsellor.**

## Student Fees

To pay school or course fee, create an account using [School Cash Online](#). The school fee schedule (an itemized list of fees to be paid by grade), can be found [HERE](#). School fees should now be paid. Any future fees, for events such as field trips, will be available on School Cash Online. When setting up your account be sure to check "YES" to receive email notifications so that you will be notified when fees are added. A direct link to School Cash Online and the school fee schedule can be found at the top of the Van Tech [website](#).

## 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](mailto:techattendance@vsb.bc.ca) Students cannot report their own absence. Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (i.e., sick, appointment)





Extended Absences

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

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 are not permitted to park on school grounds, they may park on side Streets in designated parking areas.

School Cafeteria

Students can eat lunch on site, and we encourage students to utilize our outdoor spaces such as the garden and front lawn to get some fresh air. Healthy eating helps children learn. There are 3 options for purchasing lunch:

- Option 1: Pay by cash, debit, or credit card.
Option 2: Download the VSB Lunchsmart App (QR codes on the poster linked HERE) and create an account then select the App's VSB CASH CARD. This VSB CASH CARD feature of the App, allows families to preload their account with funds and use a declining balance method to pay without the need for cash or using a credit card by simply scanning a barcode in the App.
Option 3: Families may purchase a Lunchsmart card and pay the full amount each month. Once purchased, this card can be linked to the VSB Lunchsmart App, allowing students the option of using their phone to scan a barcode. This card is limited to a one-time purchase of \$8.75 per day. A subsidy is available for families who require help with nutrition services at school. To register for the program and/or apply for a subsidy, please come to the school office to pick up the necessary forms.

Personal Digital Devices Guidelines

Van Tech has an updated Code of Conduct which restrict students' use of personal digital devices during school hours: Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode before students enter the classroom and remain silent during instructional time. Devices are not permitted for use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission. If you need to contact your child while they are at school, please call the Main Office.

Grads of 2025 - Important Upcoming Dates

Visit our school website for important dates for Grade 12 graduation

Important Upcoming Dates

Visit our school website for the full year calendar: Calendar (vsb.bc.ca)

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include Collaborative Day AM, Sr Music Concert, Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conferences, Literacy 10 Assessment, Block rotation: AB CD, Q3 ends, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Q4 begins, Mid-Semester Learning Updates published, Indigenous Focus Day, PAC meeting, Senior Theatre Company Main Stage Play, Big One at Two Earthquake Drill, Grads of 2030 (Grade 7) Family Information Night, Collaborative Day AM, Term 2, Sem 2 ends, VAMPT Film Festival, Family Night, Victoria Day, Block rotation: BA DC, Grade 7 Mixer, District Choir Festival, Immunization Clinic.



May 27	PAC meeting, 7:00 PM, library
May 29	Band & Jazz Concert Night
June 5	Strings & Choir Concert Night
June 10	Collaborative Day PM, no P4
June 10	Ministry Assessments make-up & rewrite day
June 12	Indigenous Achievement Celebration
June 13	Graduation Dinner Dance, Hotel Vancouver, 6:15 pm
June 18	School Leaving Ceremony, Orpheum, 7:00 pm
June 24	Technival
June 25	Summary of Learning (report cards) published
June 26	Last day of school

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