

# **January 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 x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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### **Happy New Year!**

Welcome to 2025! December was a flurry of activity for Van Tech students and staff. The month began with an energetic Pep Rally run by Leadership students to open the annual Talisman Invitational Winter Basketball Tournament. Our Music Program dazzled with two enchanting Winter Concerts. Grade 8s got into the festive spirit with breakfast alongside Santa. Student Council kept the fun rolling with Spirit Week and a Holiday Maze. Students had the chance to share their thoughts on the School Learning Plan and other key topics during a lively Student Forum hosted by the Administration. The Grad Committee continued the festivities with a spectacular Winter Formal that left seniors with unforgettable memories. Just before the Winter Break, the Summit Program spread warmth and cheer with their annual Hot Chocolate Event, handing out cocoa to transit drivers and students alike. What a fantastic way to end the year!









Van Tech students will complete Semester 1 at the end of January. The new semester is a perfect time for self-reflection, setting goals, and embracing new challenges. Students can reassess their priorities, develop effective study habits, explore new interests, and approach their studies with renewed motivation and determination. Our dedicated staff will continue to guide students, offering diverse learning experiences. We are grateful to caregivers for trusting us with their children and acknowledge the important role they play in supporting our school community. Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy and joyful 2025.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



David Cacchioni Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)

### **Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)**

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

Please join us for the next meeting. All parents and caregivers are welcome!

When: Tues, Jan 28, at 7pm Where: Van Tech Library

Our meetings follow a hybrid model of in-person and remote. Agendas, minutes and meeting links can be found on the PAC webpage. If you have questions, please contact the PAC chair: <a href="mailto:chairvt@gmail.com">chairvt@gmail.com</a>





# Thank You from the Holiday Hamper Team

The Holiday Hampers team would like to personally thank everyone in the Van Tech community for the impressive campaign that was collectively forged together in December. Online donations went just beyond last year's already impressive total and with cash raised by classes included, we raised \$19,800. Because of this incredible effort, our wonderful

community partners, and our fantastic team of hamper elves, we managed to meet the needs of all 147 Van Tech families we intended to support. That meant a large box of food and toiletries plus at \$125 gift card for more groceries.

Thanks so much for your kindness and reminding us how wonderful the Van Tech community is! Happy New Year! - Mr Van.

### **Semester Turn Around Days**

Mon, Jan 27 and Tues, Jan 28, 2025, are "Semester Turn Around 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. Students are not required to attend, unless a teacher has requested that they do so.

# **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.

Note: all student work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for the Semester 1 Summary of Learning unless specified by the teacher. Semester 1 courses are designed to be completed by the end of Semester 1 and teachers may not be able to accept and assess work after the semester ends.

### Learning Updates (report cards) schedule

All students will receive their Semester 1 Summary of Learning, which includes final marks for Semester 1, and a Mid-Semester Written Learning Update for full-year courses on **Fri, Jan 31, 2025**. 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 Summary of Learning for future reference. They will not be available after March 10, 2025.

Semester	Interim Learning Update	Mid-Semester Learning Update	Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conferences	Summary of Learning
1	Oct 9, 2024	Nov 22, 2024	Nov 7, 2024	Jan 31, 2025
2	Mar 13, 2025	Apr 25, 2025	Apr 10, 2025	Jun 25, 2025
Linear Courses	Nov 22, 2024	Jan 31, 2025	Nov 7, 2024 Apr 10, 2025	Jun 25, 2025
Core Competencies	Nov 22, 2024	Jan 31, 2025		Jun 25, 2025



### **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:

- 1. Go to <a href="https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do">https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do</a>
- 2. 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
- 3. If you've forgotten your Password, or if it has expired (passwords must be reset every 90 days), see the reset instructions here: <a href="https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5038/account-management">https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5038/account-management</a> and click on <a href="Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account">Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account</a> \*You will need to know the email attached to the account to use this function.

### **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 November, Van Tech students created four posts, and parents and caregivers should have received an email with a link to their child's digital portfolio. We encourage caregivers to discuss with their children how these skills can be developed both at school and at home.



### **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. The first TWO assignments should be submitted by Jan 10, 2025 to be considered for the Jan 31, 2025 Mid-Semester Learning Update.

# **Family Course Planning Information Night**

In supplementing what they will do with their students, the VanTech Counselling Department will be hosting virtual one-hour sessions for caregivers and families to learn more about the course offerings for the 2024-25 school year and the course selection process on **Tues, Jan 21, 2025**.

This is a great opportunity to learn about available classes, grade requirements, and post-secondary information (particularly for current grade 10 and 11 students), as well as an opportunity to ask questions through the chat feature.

Please note course planning information as well as recordings and slide decks from course planning information night will be posted <u>HERE</u> within one week of the event.

No registration is required to attend the event. Simply click the Teams link before or as the meeting begins.

Note: Last day for course changes for Semester 2 of THIS academic year (2024-2025) is Mon, Feb 10, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

Grade	Meeting Time	Contact	Meeting Link (Ctrl + Click)
Grade 8 into 9 (Grads of 2029)	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Mr. Waisberg <u>dwaisberg@vsb.bc.ca</u>	Meeting link
Grade 9 into 10 (Grads of 2028)	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Ms. Adele <u>aaesnault@vsb.bc.ca</u>	Meeting link
Grade 10 into 11 (Grads of 2027)	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Mr. Johnston djohnston@vsb.bc.ca	Meeting link
Grade 11 into 12 (Grads of 2026)	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Mr. Van <u>nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca</u>	Meeting link

# **Grads of 2030 (Grade 7) Family Information Night**

Every year Van Tech hosts a number of events for Gr 7 students who will join us in the upcoming academic year. The first event is an online Family Information Night **Tues, Jan 21, 2025.** 

Grade	Meeting Time	Contact	Meeting Link (Ctrl + Click)
Grade 7 into 8 (Grads of	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Ms. Leanne	Meeting link
2030)	French Immersion information will be shared from 8:00 – 8:30 PM	<u>Ihagglund@vsb.bc.ca</u>	

An in-person Family Information Night will be held in the school auditorium on May 8 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The Grade 7 Mixer event, where students can tour the school and meet other incoming Grade 8s, will be on May 21. Details will be posted on our school website <a href="HERE">HERE</a> and sent to our elementary feeder schools. For information pertaining to all Gr 7 students preparing for Gr 8, please visit the VSB District webpage <a href="Pereparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year">Pereparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year</a>



# **Technology Tools**

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

Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	My Weekly Planner	Office 365
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website	https://vantech. myweeklyplanner .net/	https://www.office.com/
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?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	How to SIGN UP Note: Old video. Information relevant to 2023 information starts at 1:55 mins	LINK FOR OFFICE HELP
Where can I go to reset pass-word?	Click on Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account, or ask a member of the Office Staff	https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/ Note: you need to enter your Provincial Education Number (PEN) and date of birth.  Need help finding your PEN? Visit https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penreq uest.aspx and have the following information available:  Student's Legal Last Name Student Birthdate Parent/Guardian Email Address on File	Click "I forgot my password" button, or ask any teacher or Office Staff	https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/ Note: you need to enter your Provincial Education Number (PEN) and date of birth.  Need help finding your PEN? Visit https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/ penrequest.aspx and have the following information available:  Student's Legal Last Name Student Birthdate Parent/Guardian Email Address on File

### **Bell Schedule and Period Rotation**

	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
PERIOD 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
PERIOD 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				
PERIOD 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	
PERIOD 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

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

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	BREAK	10:00 AM – 10:10 AM
PERIOD 2	10:10 AM – 11:30 AM	PERIOD 2	10:10 AM – 11:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	LUNCH	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
PERIOD 3	12:15 PM – 1:35 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**

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Se	eptember 4 – October 7: Rotation AB CD	January 29 - February 28: Rotation AB CD	
Oc	ctober 8 - November 4: Rotation BA DC	March 3 - April 11: Rotation BA DC	
No	ovember 5 - December 10: Rotation AB CD	April 14 - May 20: Rotation AB CD	
De	ecember 11 - January 28: Rotation BA DC	May 21-June 26: Rotation BA DC	

# **Collaborative Planning Time**

The Vancouver School Board has 8 shortened school days for students, allowing staff to engage in Collaborative Planning Time. During these sessions, teachers enhance their practices in curriculum, instruction, assessment, and social/emotional learning. Students should not be at school unless special arrangements are made.

#### **Collaborative Planning Days**

Semester 1	Mon, Sept16 (AM)	Semester 2	Tues, Feb 11 (PM)
	Tues, Nov 12 (PM)		Mon, Apr 7 (AM)
	Mon, Dec 9 (AM)		Mon, May 12 (AM)
	Tues, Jan 14 (PM)		Tues, June 10 (PM)

### **Course Schedule**

Semester 1 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 4, 2024 – January 28, 2025			
<b>Quarter Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 4 – November 8 Q2: November 12 – Ja			oer 12 – January 28
Term Courses Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: September 4 – T2: October 21 October 18 December			T3: December 4 – January 28
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: Janua	ary 27 & 28			
Semester 2 Courses	Semester 2: January 29 – J	une 26. 202	5	
(Most courses)	0011100101 21 001110 011 / 27	0110 20, 202		
<b>Quarter Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: January 29 – April 17	Q3: January 29 – April 17 Q4: April 22-June 26		
<b>Term Courses</b> Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: January 29 – March 13	T1: January 29 – March 13 T2: March 14 – May 13 T3:		T3: May 14 – June 26
<b>Note:</b> Turnaround / IE Days: June :	25 & 26			
Full Year Courses	September 4, 2024 – June 2	6, 2025		
(Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)				

# 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 <a href="http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net">http://vantech.myweeklyplanner.net</a> 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.

# **Professional Development Days**

Professional Development Days allow teachers to continue professional learning through involvement in programs, services and activities designed to enable teachers, both individually and collectively, to enhance teaching and learning. Students should not be at school during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member.

Mon, Apr 28, 2025 Fri, Feb 14, 2025 Fri, May 16, 2025

### **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**

French Immersion 12 Literacy Oral Assessment	Mon, Jan 13, 2025
French Immersion 12 Literacy Written Assessment	Wed, Jan 15
Numeracy 10 Assessment	Tue, Jan 21, 2025
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.

### **General Procedures**

### Financial support is available for families.

The <u>Student Affordability Fund</u> 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 <u>School Cash Online</u>. The school fee schedule (an itemized list of fees to be paid by grade), can be found <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>website</u>.

### 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 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 permtted 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 <u>VSB Lunchsmart</u>™ App (QR codes on the poster linked <u>HERE</u>) 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<sup>™</sup> card and pay the full amoforunt each month. Once purchased, this card
  can be linked to the <u>VSB Lunchsmart</u><sup>™</sup> 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: <u>Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines</u>. 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.

JANUARY 2025						
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI		
6	7	8	9	10		
French Immersion Graduation Oral Assessment	Sem 1 PHE 8 & 9, Indoor Track Meet Collaborative Day PM	French Immersion Graduation Written Assessment	16	17		
20	Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessment  Course Planning Night - online  Grads of 2030 (incoming Gr 8s for 2024-2205) Family Info Night - online	<b>22</b> District Stings Festival	23	VDSC District Wide School Spirit Day Semester 1 ends		
Semester Turnaround day	28 Semester Turnaround day	29 Block rotation: AB CD	30	31 Summary of Learning Published		

# **Important Upcoming Dates**

Visit our school website for the full year calendar: <a href="Calendar (vsb.bc.ca">Calendar (vsb.bc.ca</a>)

Feb 7	Grade 8 - Transit Safety presentation 8:40 - 9:20 AM, auditorium
Feb 10	Last day for course changes for Semester 2, 3:00 PM
Feb 11	Collaborative Day, no P4
Feb 11	VSB Honours Concert

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Feb 17	Family Day, no classes
Feb 19	Immunization Clinic
Feb 25	PAC meeting, 7:00 PM, library
Mar 3	Block rotation: BA DC
Mar 10	French District Concert
Mar 13	Written Learning Updates (Interim Reports) Published.
Mar 13	Term 1, Sem 1 ends (Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation
Mar 14	Term 2, Sem 2 begins (Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation)
Mar 17 - 28	Spring Break, school closed
April 7	Collaborative Day AM, no P1
April 9	Fine Arts Showcase
April 10	Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conferences
April 11	Literacy 10 Assessment
April 14	Block rotation: AB CD
April 17	Q3 ends (Gr 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr 9 Electives)
April 18	Good Friday, school closed
April 21	Easter Monday, school closed
April 22	Q4 begins (Gr 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr 9 Electives)
April 25	Mid-Semester Learning Updates published
April 28	Indigenous Focus Day, school closed
April 29	PAC meeting, 7:00 PM, library
April 29 - May 1	Senior Theatre Company Main Stage Play, 7:30, Auditorium
May 8	Big One at Two Earthquake Drill.
May 8	Grads of 2030 (Grade 7) Family Information Night
May 12	Collaborative Day AM, no P1
May 13	Term 2, Sem 2 ends (Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation)
May 14	Term 3, Sem 2 begins (Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation).
May 14	VAMPT Film Festival
May 15	Family Night
May 19	Victoria Day, no school
May 21	Block rotation: BA DC
May 21	Grade 7 Mixer
May 22	District Choir Festival
May 23	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, Fairmont
June 18	School Leaving Ceremony, Orpheum
June 25	Summary of Learning (report cards) published
June 26	Last day of school

# **Stay Updated**

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