



# June 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 x̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səilwətaf (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

## Summer is almost here!

As we wrap up the school year, we want to take a moment to thank everyone who's been part of our amazing Van Tech community.

To our students—your hard work, resilience, and growth this year have truly inspired us. We're so proud of everything you've accomplished. A special shoutout to the Grad Class of 2025! We hope you carry your curiosity, compassion, and courage with you as you take on new adventures.

To our families and caregivers—thank you for being such strong partners in supporting our students. Your encouragement and involvement make a big difference. A special thank you as well to the PAC for generously providing baked goods for our teachers on the morning of June 20—your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

To our dedicated staff—thank you for your energy, care, and commitment to our students every single day. We'd also like to recognize and thank Juliette De Loof, David Johnston, Morgane Pocard, and Wayne Mar, who are moving on from Van Tech. Your contributions have left a lasting impact. And to our retirees—Shane Byron, Darryl Wong, and Phil Lee—thank you for your years of service and dedication. You'll be deeply missed, and we wish you all the best in this next chapter.

Keep an eye out for our August Family Bulletin for updates before the new school year begins. Until then, we hope your summer is filled with rest, fun, and time with loved ones. We can't wait to welcome everyone back on September 2, 2025!

Warmly,

The Vancouver Technical School Administration



Roberto Moro  
Principal  
Gr. 12



Janet Thompson  
Vice Principal  
Gr. 9 & 11



David Cacchioni  
Vice Principal  
Gr. 8 & 10

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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# Important Upcoming Dates

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Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25, 2025, are “IE Days.” Although these are days of instruction, no new material will be taught by your child’s Semester 2 teachers. Students are welcome to attend classes during their regular Semester 2 schedule class times. Students are not required to attend, unless a teacher has requested that they do so. June 27 is an Administrative Day, and students should not be in the building.

JUNE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9</b> Athletic Banquet	<b>10</b> Graduation Assessment Make-up  Dinner/Dance Ticket Distribution	<b>11</b> Pride Month Showcase	<b>12</b> Grad Rehearsal & Grad Gown Distribution, FIT Assembly	<b>13</b> Grad Dinner Dance
<b>16</b> French Immersion Graduation Celebration	<b>17</b> Grad Rehearsal, FIT Assembly	<b>18</b> Graduation Ceremony	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PAC Teacher Appreciation
<b>23</b> Grad Cap Toss & Final Countdown	<b>24</b> P1 8:40 - 9:25 P2 9:30 - 10:05 P3 10:10 - 10:45 P4 10:50 - 11:25  Yearbook distribution (room 605) Gr 12, 10:30-10:45 Last Names A-L Gr 12, 10:45-11:00 Last Names M-Z Gr 11, 11:30-11:50 Gr 10, 11:50-12:10 Gr 9, 12:10-12:30 Gr 8, 12:30-12:50  Technival 11:30 - 2:30	<b>25</b> IE Day Wednesday Schedule  Summary of Learning Published	<b>26</b> IE Day Wednesday Schedule	<b>27</b> Administrative Day

## Spring Highlights

Several Van Tech students came together to organize the **KAPWA STRONG Fundraiser**, raising support for the families affected by the Lapu Lapu Festival tragedy. *Kapwa*, a Filipino word meaning “shared humanity” and “deep connection,” reflects the values we strive to uphold every day at our school.

As a tribute from Van Tech, all flowers and heartfelt messages were delivered to the Lapu Lapu memorial site at John Oliver Secondary. Every dollar raised was donated directly to the affected families through **Filipino BC**, the nonprofit organization behind the festival, which is now leading the crisis response efforts.

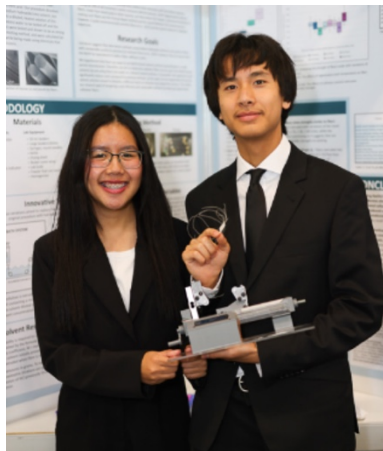




Daniel L, Ilia M, Kyle T, Kenneth T, Marietoni B, Hannah L, Anna M visited **Canadian Blood Services** to donate blood and to learn about donation after the Lapu Lapu festival tragedy.



Van Tech won first place in this year's YELL (Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad) Venture Challenge event out of a field of 80+ teams from across BC, Alberta, and Yukon. Their business idea was a fully eco whiteboard marker company called Remarkablez. Congratulations to Megan H, Angelina H, Jacky L, Nicole L, and Kinsey C.



Angelina H and Noah O won a **Silver Excellence Award in the senior division at the Canada Wide Science Fair** in Fredericton, New Brunswick! Excellence Awards recognize outstanding STEM achievement in each grade category. These medals represent a significant accomplishment among Canada's brightest young minds.



Van Tech Boxing Club visits Diaz Combat Sports with Coach JY and Constable Michelle

Riding with the VPD Marine Squad and Constable Michelle.



## Asian Heritage Month



In honour of Asian Heritage Month, Van Tech students took part in a vibrant array of FIT activities that celebrated the rich diversity of Asian cultures. Highlights included hands-on experiences with origami, rangoli, mehndi, Mahjong, Korean games, Arabic calligraphy, and a variety of Asian snacks.

Special events throughout the month featured *Trivia Tuesday*, an Asian movie night, daily announcements showcasing music by Asian artists, and an interactive map of Asia where students could share their cultural roots and stories. The Talishop also joined the celebration by offering Asian snacks recommended by students.



# Athletics

June brings the end of our 2024-2025 athletics year. We celebrated our successes with our annual Awards Banquet, where student-athletes were recognized for their contributions to their teams and our school!

## Spring Season Highlights:

- Two of our senior teams advanced through league and zone competitions to earn spots at the BC School Sports Provincial Championships.
- Our Bantam Boys Volleyball team brought home a City Championship banner—a proud moment for our school!
- For the first time in school history, both our Senior Ultimate team and Senior Boys Rugby 7s team qualified for the provincial championships—a historic achievements

## Spring Sports

- Bantam Co-Ed Badminton – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Golf - B League 6<sup>th</sup>
- Juvenile Girls Soccer – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Boys Rugby 7s - 2nd in AAA Zone, 14<sup>th</sup> in BC
- Senior Girls Tier 1 Soccer – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Junior Ultimate - Gold – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Ultimate - Green – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Ultimate – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in AAA Zone, 9<sup>th</sup> in BC
- Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys, and Senior Girls Badminton – T5<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Boys Volleyball - Gold - City Champions
- Bantam Boys Volleyball - Green - T9<sup>th</sup>
- Juvenile Boys Volleyball – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Top Athlete Awards	
Grade 8	Celyne M.
Grade 8	Olivia R.
Grade 8	Athena D.
Grade 8	Musa W-S.
Grade 8	Trenton K.
Grade 9	Claire S.
Grade 9	Jonah D.
Grade 10	Cornelia R.
Grade 10	Eire B.
Grade 10	Jordon L.
Grade 11	Cassandra M.
Grade 11	Megan J.
Grade 11	Hazen S.

Grade 12 Awards	
Top Graduating Athlete	Avery M.
Top Graduating Athlete	Kyle d.
Top Graduating Athlete	Lukas W.
Sportsmanship	Danielle D.
Sportsmanship	Felix M.
Unsung Hero	Zoie M.
Unsung Hero	Imran Z.
Coach's Award	Emily M.
Coach's Award	Elise R.
Coach's Award	Nick S.



Senior Ultimate



Senior Boys Rugby 7s



Bantam Boys Volleyball

## Fine Arts



Van Tech Music Program's Spring Music Concerts held in June can be accessed here:

[Night of Band and Jazz Spring Awards Concert](#)

[Spring Awards Concert Strings and Choirs Night](#)

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

### 2025 VAMPT Film Festival

Van Tech hosted the Vancouver Motion Picture Teacher (VAMPT) annual film festival in May, showcasing 36 short films from across the Vancouver School District. The collection of short films encompassed a wide range of genres and styles including animation, music videos, science fiction, comedy, experimental, documentaries and dramas. Thank you to Van Tech Film teacher, Sepideh Saii, for helping coordinate submissions and programming. Congratulations to Van Tech's own Artin Hadipour for winning Best Overall Film. Read more here: [2025 Vancouver Association of Motion Picture Teachers \(VAMPT\) Film Festival](#)



### Van Tech Theatre Company

This spring, the Van Tech Theatre Company put on three evening shows of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*! 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. Thanks to all the cast and crew for the show, and special thanks to Ms. Laura Reynolds, TTOC extraordinaire, for her contributions which went above and beyond the job.

## Fresh Roots at Van Tech

Fresh Roots is a program that helps students across Vancouver learn how to grow and enjoy fresh produce—right from schoolyard farms! To keep these farms thriving, Fresh Roots is upgrading its irrigation systems and cold storage unit. These improvements will help grow more food, reduce waste, and support local food ecosystems.

Your support can make a big difference. Every dollar donated helps Fresh Roots grow more, waste less, and nourish more people—including students, families, and local food security programs.

Click [here to donate and support these projects](#)

[Learn more about Fresh Roots and their mission](#)

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## 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 2024-2025 will be published on June 25 and available on MyEd BC until August 8. 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.

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\$2025
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>

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

MyEd BC Student Family accounts will be suspended on August 8 to accommodate students attending Summer School, allowing them to view/download their Learning Update upon courses completion. All student accounts (new and returning) will be enabled by the end of day Friday August 29, 2025, so that students can have access on the first day of school September 2, 2025. Returning students' accounts 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 before Friday, June 27 or after Monday, August 25 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, February, and May by posting to their SpacesEDU digital portfolio. Please watch for an email from the VSB with a link to your child's digital portfolio.** 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.

## Parent and Caregiver Resources

This Van Tech resource provides quick access to key people at our school and answers to common questions: [VT Caregiver Bulletin Dec 12 2024](#).

Free and low-cost support services for families in the Lower Mainland / Vancouver: [Parent Resources, June 2025.pdf](#)



**Caregiving After a Traumatic Incident - Parent/Caregiver Workshop - June 11 from 6:00 - 7:30 at David Thompson Secondary**

In collaboration with Vancouver Coastal Health's Adolescent Response Team (CART), David Thompson Secondary will be offering an information session and discussion around some of the challenges of parenting following the tragedy of April 26th. If you are interested in attending, please join us on June 11, from 6:00 to 7:30PM at David Thompson Secondary School (1755 E55 Ave, Vancouver). Please use the QR code to register.

### FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers

You're invited to attend "In the Know," online events with parents and caregivers supporting children or youth facing mental health and substance use challenges. Click on the links for information about each event.

- [Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 9 - 12 - FamilySmart](#) June 3 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PDT
- [Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 9 - 12 - FamilySmart](#) June 12 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PDT
- [Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 9 - 12 - FamilySmart](#) June 18 @ 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm PDT
- [Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary - FamilySmart](#) June 11 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PDT
- [Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary - FamilySmart](#) June 17 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PDT

These sessions provide an opportunity to watch an educational video, exchange experiences, and explore effective strategies for navigating difficult situations while fostering stronger connections with their children.

### Vaping and Nicotine Pouch Resources

[QuitNow](#) is offering a recording of their recent [webinar](#) for parents, guardians and caregivers on supporting youth to quit vaping. The webinar provides an overview of vaping and how QuitNow can support families and youth through this difficult process. Additionally, a new information sheet on [What to Know About Nicotine Pouches](#) has been developed as a resource for parents, guardians, caregivers and educators.

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## Summer Hours

During the summer break, the school office will be open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday to Friday, from July 2 – 31. It will reopen for the 2025-2026 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.

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## Notice of Late Return

If your child is expecting to return to school later than Friday, September 5, 2025, but prior to September 30, 2025, please complete the [Notice of Late Return, 2025](#). Please note: if the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Monday, September 8, 2025, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist



# 2025-2026 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 Wednesday August 27, 2025, 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, 2025-2026

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 and are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member.

## Bell Schedule, 2025-2026

	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>BLOCK 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>BLOCK 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>BLOCK 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>BLOCK 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

Visit the Vancouver Technical Secondary School website for the [2025-2026 Van Tech School Calendar](#). Here is the [2025-2026 district calendar](#).

Van Tech will run on a semester model for the 2025-2026 academic year. Students will take four courses from September to January and another four courses from January to June.

**Semester 1:** September 2, 2025 - January 27, 2026

**Semester 2:** January 28, 2026 - June 25, 2026

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



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