



September 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) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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Welcome Van Tech Students!

Whether you are new or returning, we are excited to have you as part of our community.

Van Tech offers a range of programs to meet the needs of diverse learners, including various academic, athletic, and artistic opportunities for our students. Our school is committed to creating an equitable learning environment where every student can experience a sense of belonging.

Students, we encourage you to become active participants in the valuable learning opportunities extended through our programs, clubs, Student Council, and service activities. Parents and caregivers, we invite you to join our school Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). It's a great way to get involved and learn more about the school.

Please join us in welcoming new staff: Ms. B. Pathacharige (cafeteria), Ms. A. Ramirez (SSA), and teachers Ms. M. Melendez (LAC), Ms. C. Mann (Diverse Learners), Ms. M. Falbo and Mr. A. Hannah (Math), Ms. B. Koch (English), Ms. C. Duttchen (English, Career Ed), Steven Asdrubale (ELL, Career Ed), and Ms. K. Przystupa (French Immersion).

To prepare for the return to school, please take some time to review the information in this bulletin as it has important information regarding the school year and some useful links:

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An important change for all VSB schools is an updated Code of Conduct to limit students' use of personal digital devices during school hours, as mandated by the Province of B.C. In secondary schools, personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode before students enter the classroom and remain silent during instructional time. Personal digital devices are not permitted for use during class/instructional time unless an educator has given permission. Please see this link for Van Tech's guidelines: [Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines](#). We encourage parents and caregivers to discuss this change with their student(s) before the first day of school.

As always, we welcome your comments and questions. It is a privilege to serve the Van Tech community, and we look forward to the upcoming school year.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



David Cacchioni
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



Counselling Department Information

Our counselling department is here to support you! We are excited to connect with students and build community within our grade levels. We offer a variety of services, so swing by and we will be happy to help!

Counselling Services



Anything on your mind? Having troubles with your friends or family? Please come by the counselling suite if you would like to talk. Your information is confidential.

Courses & Scheduling



If any course conflicts are present in your schedule, or if things aren't working out for you, come by and we will try to work something out for you.

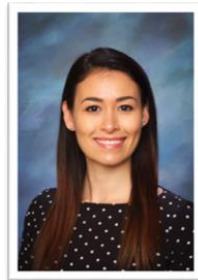
Anything Else



We will try our best to assist with anything within our abilities; if there is anything not listed, feel free to stop by and let us know what's up!



Mr. David Waisberg
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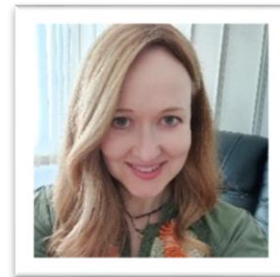
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Not Returning on September 3?

Any student not returning to school on September 3, 2024, must notify the office of the date they expect to return to hold their place in classes. If we have not received information about a late return, students may be withdrawn from their classes and the school. Please complete a late return form available in the office and on the school website [HERE](#).

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 Grade Assemblies, Auditorium Gr. 9 – 9:00 am Gr. 10 – 10:00 am Gr. 11 - 11:00 am Gr. 12 – 12:00 pm Gr. 8 - 1:00 pm	4 First Full Day of Classes	5 Photo Day, schedule below P3 FIT Freeze	6 Grade 8 Assembly, Auditorium, 8:40 am
9	10 Forms Return, P3 FIT Freeze	11	12	13



Tuesday, September 3: Grade Assemblies in the Auditorium

All students should attend as we will be covering important information including locker sign-up instructions. Grade 8s will be assisted with locker registration.

Wednesday, September 4: First full day of instruction

- In Period 1, Grade 8 students will receive an agenda and two forms: Student Information Verification Form 2024, and a Reunification Authorization Form.

Thursday, September 5: Photo Day

- Photos will be used for Grade 8-12 GoCards and for Grade 8-11 yearbook photos. Grade 12 graduation portraits (taken in December by Artona), will be published in the yearbook and are used for the composite gets displayed in the corridor.
- To access photos, students and staff will be given a card with their unique access code and QR code to keep after their photo is taken. Go to [Welcome To Artona](#) to use the access code or scan the QR to go straight to your student’s personal gallery.
- Go Cards will be distributed to students in the first weeks of school.
- Retakes will be held on October 23, 2024.

Photo Schedule

DSP, LAC (SR/JR) 8:40 - 9:00 am OR 10:00 - 10:15 am	Grade 11 A-L 9:00 – 9:30 am M-Z 9:30 – 10:00 am	Grade 10 A-L 10:15- 10:45 am M-Z 10:45-11:15 am
Grade 9 A-L 12:20-12:50 pm M-Z 12:50 – 1:15 pm	Grade 8 A-L 1:20-1:45 pm M-Z 1:45-2:05 pm	Grade 12 A-L 2:10 – 2:30 pm M-Z 2:30 – 3:00 pm
<i>*Students who miss their photo time will be called down with the 2:30 pm group</i>		

Thursday, September 5: P3 FIT Freeze (students stay with their P3 teacher for FIT) - Opening Procedures

- Grade 8s will be called down to the cafeteria as per the schedule above for their photo.
- Grades 9 - 12 will receive a Reunification Authorization Form.
- Grades 9 - 12 will receive Student Information Verification 2024 Form: *please check your email inbox for a message from MyEd that the form has been published. Click on the “Published Reports” button on the right side of your student’s main account page. If changes need to be made to the form, please print and return to your P3 teacher on Tuesday, September 10th.*

Friday, September 6: Grade 8 FIT Assembly

- Grade 8s are to meet in the Auditorium @ 8:40 am for a review of Opening Procedures.

Tuesday, September 10: P3 FIT Freeze (students stay with their P3 teacher for FIT) to return forms

- All students return the Reunification Authorization Form and Student Information Verification 2024 Form
- VSB consent forms are now in 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.

Timetables

Student MyEd accounts are currently “expired.” They will be reactivated with timetable access on Friday, August 30 @1:00 pm.

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

1. Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>
2. The login ID is your child’s student number and last successful password.
* 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: <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.

Grade 8s who have been unable to access their timetable can pick up a copy just before or after the 1:00 pm September 3 Grade 8 assembly in the main foyer.

To ensure complete schedules, students must have at least eight blocks. If classes are missing, **Grade 8, 10 and 11 students** should see their grade counsellor in the counselling suite during the missing Period. For adjustments post-summer course, students should visit when they don’t have a class. **Grade 9 and 12 students** will have special instructions for these changes that will be posted on their Grade Channel on the Van Tech Student Hub TEAM after their September 3 grade assembly.

The deadline for timetable changes is Monday, September 16.



Locker Distribution

Locker sign-up instructions will be provided at grade assemblies on September 3.

Locker registration is open to:

- Grade 8s during the Grade 8 assembly on Tuesday, September 3
- Grades 11 and 12 on Wednesday, September 4 @8:00 am
- Grades 9 and 10 on Wednesday, September 4 @11:30 am (lunch)

Note: Grade 12s will have the opportunity to participate in the Grad Hallway Locker Fundraiser.

Locks can be purchased in the Office. Bring \$18 (cash or cheque) to the accountant. Students may wish to purchase a second lock for PE.

Important:

- If you put a lock on a locker without registering online, your lock will be cut & contents removed.
- Lockers and locker combinations should not be shared.
- Contact Ms. Thompson (jthompson@vsb.bc.ca) for any issues regarding lockers. Write LOCKERS in the subject line.

Technology Tools

We will review the information below with students in the first two weeks of school, and they will become familiar with the tools over the school year. We encourage students to note their passwords in a secure place.

Technology 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, report cards	Classroom Materials, Student Hub, Career Ed 8 & Career Ed 9	To create plans for FIT sessions.	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
HELP?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	How to SIGN UP <i>Note: Outdated video. Information relevant to 2023 information starts at 1:55 mins</i>	LINK FOR OFFICE HELP
Where can I go to reset password?	Click on a Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account , Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Click "I forgot my password" button, any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff

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	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	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 AM Collaborative Day, there are no classes in Period 1. When there is a morning PM 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 (September 4 - October 7: Rotation AB CD, October 8 - November 4: Rotation BA DC, November 5 - December 10: Rotation AB CD, December 11 - January 28: Rotation BA DC) and Semester 2 (January 29 - February 28: Rotation AB CD, March 3 - April 11: Rotation BA DC, April 14 - May 20: Rotation AB CD, May 21-June 26: Rotation BA DC)

Course Schedule

Course Schedule table with 3 main sections: Semester 1 Courses (Most courses, Quarter Courses, Term Courses), Semester 2 Courses (Most courses, Quarter Courses, Term Courses), and Full Year Courses (Strings, Choir, Leadership, OFF Timetable courses). Includes dates and notes for turnaround/IE days.

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 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.

- 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.



Collaborative Planning Time

The Vancouver School Board calendar includes 8 shortened school days for students while staff remain on site for the full day to participate in Collaborative Planning Time. This time provides staff an opportunity to come together to engage in activities and discussions unique to each school community that support and enhance student progress and achievement. During Collaborative Planning Time, teachers work to share, discuss, and learn from each other to enhance their teaching practices within four pillars of education: curriculum, instruction, assessment, and social / emotional learning.

Students should not be at school during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member. To ensure equitable instructional time, four sessions of Collaborative Planning Time occur in the morning and afternoon respectively. The Provincial government sets out minimum hours of instruction for all grade levels, and the Vancouver School Board calendar, with Staff Collaborative Planning Time included, meets the Provincial Requirements.

Collaborative Planning Days

Semester 1	Monday, September 16 (AM) Tuesday, November 12 (PM) Monday, December 9 (AM) Tuesday, January 15 (PM)	Semester 2	Tuesday, February 11 (PM) Monday, April 7 (AM) Monday, May 12 (AM) Tuesday, June 10 (PM)
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Professional Development Days

Friday, September 20, 2024
Friday, October 25, 2024
Friday, November 22, 2024
Friday, February 14, 2025
Monday, April 28, 2025
Friday, May 16, 2025

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.

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.

The Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 8 and 9 will receive marks on a four-point proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in Grades 10 -12 will receive a letter grade and percentage. Written Learning Updates for all students will now also include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback.

Van Tech students will receive **Written Learning Updates** such as interims and reports and **Informal Learning Updates** such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences.

If you have questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Teacher contact information is on the school website: [Vancouver Technical \(vsb.bc.ca\)](http://Vancouver Technical (vsb.bc.ca))

Reporting Schedule

Semester		Interim Report	Mid-Semester Report	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Final Semester Report
1	Due	October 7, 2024	November 19, 2024	November 7, 2024	January 29, 2025
	Published	October 9, 2024	November 22, 2024		January 31, 2025
2	Due	March 10, 2025	April 23, 2025	April 10, 2025	June 23, 2025
	Published	March 13, 2025	April 25, 2025		June 25, 2025
Linear Courses	Due	November 19, 2024	January 29, 2025	November 7, 2024 April 10, 2025	June 23, 2025
	Published	November 22, 2024	January 31, 2025		June 25, 2025
Core Competencies	Published	November 22, 2024	January 31, 2025		June 25, 2025



You can read a summary of the policy here: <https://bit.ly/3sEwBSR> or use the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s website: <https://bit.ly/47XsOk6> . If you have any questions about the policy, please reach out to any school Administrator for further information.

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 for future reference.**

Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)

All parents and caregivers are invited! The first PAC meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 17 @7:00 pm in the library.

- Meet other Van Tech parents
- Learn about school happenings
- Influence funding decisions
- Share and hear ideas
- Address student concerns

Join us to make the most of our teens’ high school years!

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

Graduation Assessments

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.**

Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars by clicking the links below.

Schedule (subject to change)

Grade	Assessment Date	Assessment	Link
12	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment
12	Wednesday, January 15, 2025 (written) Monday, January 13, 2025 (oral)	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année (French as a Second Language- Immersion)	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12
10	Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Numeracy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
10	Friday, April 11, 2025	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment
10 & 12	Tuesday, June 10 & Wednesday, June 11, 2025	Missed assessment and makeups for Grades 10 and 12	

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



Fall Season Athletics Registration and Tryouts

Students who would like to play on a school team in the fall season need to register by using the QR Code here. Our fall sports activities include:

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

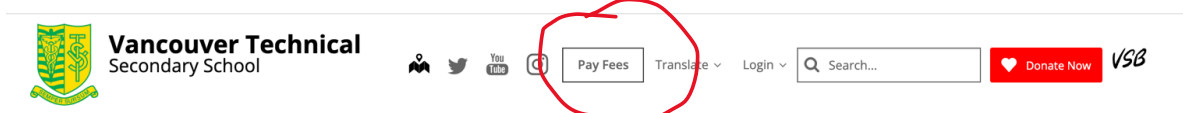


Additional information is posted in the Athletics Channel of the Van Tech Student Hub TEAM. Instructions on how to access TEAMS will be provided to students in the first two weeks of school.

General Procedures

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](#). **Please pay by September 30.** 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](#):



Forms

VSB consent forms are now in 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.

Absences & Attendance

To report your child’s absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8215 (then select option #1) and leave a message. Students cannot report their own absence. Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment) Note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Extended Absences

- Any students who will be away for an extended period of one week or more (trave, 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 may park on Penticton Street in designated parking areas.

Vancouver School Board Cafeteria

Full daily lunch service in the cafeteria will begin by **Monday, September 9**. Light service will begin on September 5. 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 of 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 limited 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.

Important Upcoming Dates

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



Sept 2	Labour Day - no classes
Sept 3	Grade Assemblies
Sept 4	First day of classes
Sept 5	Photo Day
Sept 6	Grade 8 FIT assembly, 8:40 am
Sept 16	Collaborative Day - no Period 1
Sept 17	PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 18	Terry Fox Run
Sept 20	Professional Development Day - no classes
Sept 23	Canadian Universities Event
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - no classes
Oct 8	Career Programs Presentation, FIT Block Rotation: BA DC
Oct 9	Written Learning Updates (Interim Reports) published
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day - no classes
Oct 17	Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill, 10:17 am
Oct 20	Semester 1, Term 1 ends (ADST Rotation)
Oct 21	Semester 1, Term 2 starts (ADST Rotation)
Oct 22	PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct 23	Photo Retake Day
Oct 25	Provincial Professional Development Day - no classes
Oct 29	Post Secondary BC Fair, 1:00 pm
Nov 5	Block Rotation: AB DC Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment
Nov 7	Caregiver - Teacher Conferences - early dismissal
Nov 8	Quarter 1 ends (Grade 8 Fine Arts, Grade 9 Electives)
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - no classes
Nov 12	Quarter 2 starts (Grade 8 Fine Arts, Grade 9 Electives) Collaborative Day - no Period 4
Nov 14	P3 FIT Freeze
Nov 18	Grade 9 Immunizations
Nov 20	Flex Humanities Information Night
Nov 21	P3 FIT Freeze
Nov 22	Professional Development Day - no classes Mid-Semester Learning Updates (Reports) published
Nov 26	PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sun, Dec 1 - Fri, Dec 6	Grad Photos - book with Artona
Dec 3	Semester 1, Term 2 ends (ADST Rotation)
Dec 4	Semester 1, Term 3 starts (ADST Rotation)
Dec 9	Collaborative Day - no Period 1
Dec 11	Block Rotation: BA DC
Dec 17	Student Forum
Dec 23	Winter Break starts
Jan 6	School reopens

Stay Updated

You can find Van Tech news at:



vantech.vsb.bc.ca



[@vantechsec](https://www.instagram.com/vantechsec)



[YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/vantechsec)



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