



October 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) & səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE	Informations importantes - Veuillez traduire	
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Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika	Información importante - Por favor traducir	اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید
Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch	重要な情報-翻訳してください	Важная информация - переведите, пожалуйста
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School is in Full Swing

It's hard to believe that September has come and gone! We extend our heartfelt thanks to our students, caregivers, and staff for ensuring a smooth start to the new school year. Van Tech continues to provide engaging academic experiences and a variety of extracurricular activities, including athletics and student clubs. Each year, our faculty invite inspiring guests to speak to and work with our students, and this fall is no exception.



On Sept 23, children's author Evelyn Wong visited Van Tech to share the inspiring story of her father, Robert Wong, who was a student at the school in the late 1930s. During the Great Depression and under the Chinese Exclusion Act, Robert and his younger brother Tommy, with the support of their family, the school principal, and the entire community, built their own airplane using blueprints from an aviation magazine. Robert credited the school principal for encouraging him to pursue his dreams. Over two years, Robert gathered all the necessary equipment and materials to construct "Sky Scout," which he successfully flew in 1938. This year, Robert Wong was honoured as the first Asian Canadian to be inducted into the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame. Evelyn has captured her father's remarkable journey in her children's book, "Ready to Fly – The Incredible First Flight of Robert Wong."

Grade assemblies were held to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 27. Students and staff honoured Indigenous voices and reflected on our nation's history. Thank you to our guests Bernie Williams and the Urban Haida Dance Group Tagwan xaadaa, the Van Tech music students for their rendition of the Coast Salish Anthem, and the staff who planned the event. Van Tech's equity work is grounded in the [First People's Principles of Learning](#), the [94 Calls to Action of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#), and the [Vancouver School Board's Education Plan](#). Our school community continues to engage in conversations about how we as individuals and a collective can take part in Reconciliation.

Finally, a reminder to parents and caregivers about the updated Codes of Conduct at VSB schools, which restrict students' use of personal digital devices during school hours. 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. If you need to contact your child while they are at school, please call the Main Office. Please see this link for Van Tech's guidelines: [Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines](#). If you have questions regarding these guidelines or anything else that is happening at the school, please connect with one of us.

Wishing you a fantastic fall,

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



David Cacchioni
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



Forms

VSBC 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. (You can find your child’s PEN in their MyEducation BC account.)

There are consent forms for Acceptable Use of Technology, Neighbourhood Class Walk, and more.

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

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 <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>
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: <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 first Written Learning Update of the year is an electronic Interim Report, which will be published to students’ MyEducation BC accounts on **October 9 for Semester 1 courses**. This interim report will include a comment about the student’s progress and work habits, but no mark. It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.

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.

For all Mid-Semester and Final Reports, 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	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



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/47Xs0k6> . If you have any questions about the policy, please reach out to any school Administrator for further information.

Career Education 8 and Career Education 9

Career Education 8 and Career Education 9 are mandatory courses prescribed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Delivered over Microsoft TEAMS, these courses begin to prepare students for future academic and career success by building basic skills and knowledge to navigate their career journeys. Students may wish to work on course assignments during FIT. We encourage families to remind their children to regularly check this TEAM for updates and assignments.

Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)

We're off to a great start to the school year with an enthusiastic turnout to the September PAC meeting.

Introducing 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, Emily Villavicencio

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

When: Tues, Oct 22, 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: chairvt@gmail.com

Van Tech Indigenous Parents' Circle

Hello, Van Tech First Nations, Inuit and Metis parents. Would you be interested in forming a parents' circle at Van Tech? There's a large percentage of Indigenous students here, but not very many Indigenous parents are attending the parents' meeting. Forming an Indigenous Parents Circle would be an opportunity for us to support each other and our children who are attending Vancouver Technical Secondary School.

Some initial thoughts are for us to meet every month or two, start each circle with a prayer and a smudge and cedar brushing. We would share some food and drink and possibly have a talking circle with speakers, including cultural teachings and motivational speakers. Children, elders, and family would be very welcome to attend and take part.

We have the support of Principal Moro and flexibility to make this work. Send me an email if you believe that this is a good idea and you would like to participate: vantechindigenous@gmail.com

Thank you, Ruby

Photo Retake Day and Grad Photos

ID cards will be distributed by the second week of October. If there are errors in your child's name, information, or photo, they should see Artona with their ID card on photo retake day.

Photo retake day is October 23. Students absent on photo day can have their photo taken and do not need to sign up for a retake.

Students who want a retake must sign up using this [FORM](#) by Tuesday, October 15. Priority is given to those whose photos show hair across their face, glare from eyeglasses, or closed eyes.

- Students wanting retakes for other reasons may need to wait until the end of the school day or after classes.
- The retake schedule will be based on sign-up numbers.
- All students getting a retake must bring their ID card to retake day for QR code scanning.

Please note Grade 12 photo day pictures are for ID cards only. Grade 12 Grad photos will be published in the yearbook.

Grade 12s are responsible for booking their Grad photos at <https://artona.com/> Sessions run from December 01, 2024, to December 06, 2024, at Artona's main studio. Group sessions are available NOW until March 23, 2025, also at Artona. Artona's main studio is located at 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver.



Technology Tools

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 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 password?	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/penrequest.aspx and have the following information available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	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 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 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	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
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Course Schedule

Semester 1 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 4, 2024 – January 28, 2025		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 4 – November 8	Q2: November 12 – January 28	
Term Courses (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: September 4 – October 18	T2: October 21 – December 3	T3: December 4 – January 28
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: January 27 & 28			
Semester 2 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 2: January 29 – June 26, 2025		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: January 29 – April 17	Q4: April 22-June 26	
Term Courses (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: January 29 – March 13	T2: March 14 – May 13	T3: May 14 – June 26
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: June 25 & 26			
Full Year Courses (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)	September 4, 2024 – June 26, 2025		

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.

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 assessments 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

Our fall sports are underway and include:

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

Winter sports start in late October / early November

- Basketball
- Curling (no tryouts)
- Girls Ice Hockey (no tryouts)
- Table Tennis
- Wrestling (no tryouts)

Additional information is posted in the Van Tech Student Hub TEAM - Athletics Channel.

Van Tech Clubs

Clubs Day is Oct 3! All students are invited to the cafeteria at lunch to learn about our school clubs. Grade 8s will attend Clubs Day during FIT.

Architecture Club	Gender and Sexuality Alliance	UNESCO at VT
Badminton Club	Graduation Committee	United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Business Club	Helping Hearts	Van Tech Athletic Council
Chess Club	Investment and Finance Club	Van Tech Book Club
Eco Chic	Key Club	Van Tech Coding Club
Engineering Club	Magic Connections Group	Van Tech Grad Committee
Esports Club	Outdoors Club	VanTech Cancer Awareness Club
Femmination	Reach for the Top	VanTech Rugby Club
FrancoFUN	The Agency	Van Tech STEM
Games Club	Thirst Project	World Wildlife Fund
Garden Club	Transit for Teens Club	

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Plans

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL’s provided below;
<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>
www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

Fresh Roots Harvest Celebration



You are invited to season Fresh Roots’ last market of the 2024 season!

Date: October 9, 2024
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Vancouver Technical Secondary

- The event includes
- Live music
 - Prizes, games, and activities for all ages
 - Local vendors with unique products from our community

RSVP by clicking on [this form](#) to let us know you’re coming.



Emergency Reunification Plan

VSBC Vancouver School District

In case of emergency

EMERGENCY REUNIFICATION PLAN

PREPARATION

1. School forms: Emergency contact list - add local people who are able to pick up your children.
2. Have a list of all children you are responsible for.

DURING AN EVENT

3. Bring your photo ID and report to the school as soon as possible.
4. When you arrive at the school, go to the clearly marked check-in area.
5. Organizers will locate your child and/or children you are responsible for.

Important Information – Please Translate

這是一份重要資訊 — 請找人為您翻譯 這是一份重要信息 — 請找人為您翻譯

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報 - 翻訳してください

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PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL REUNIFICATION DURING A MAJOR EMERGENCY

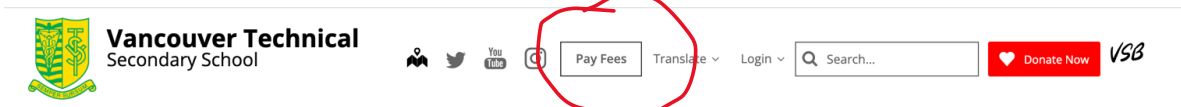
In case of an emergency, parents (or their designated emergency contact) will be responsible for picking up their children.

<p>REUNIFICATION</p> <p>In a major emergency, children will be kept at the school and only allowed to leave with an authorized adult from their emergency contact list.</p>	<p>HOW CAN PARENTS PREPARE?</p> <p>Have several authorized emergency contacts to pick up your child if you are not able to.</p> <p>Review the reunification process and discuss with your emergency contacts.</p> <p>Create a plan with your emergency contacts - pick up, meeting place, travel plan.</p> <p>Submit the yellow emergency contact form to the school office and update if the information changes.</p>
<p>DURING AN EMERGENCY</p> <p>Children may be inside the school or outside at the designated assembly area if the building is damaged. Students will be grouped by grades and classes.</p>	<p>VSBC PREPAREDNESS</p> <p>School Practice Six fire drills; two earthquake drills; two drop, cover and hold drills; and one reunification drill per year.</p> <p>School Emergency Response Training - four to six volunteer staff with two days of School Emergency Response Team training.</p> <p>All teachers - basic emergency training and procedures.</p> <p>First Aid Attendant.</p> <p>Principal - Incident Command training.</p>
<p>CHECK-IN</p> <p>Make sure you bring your photo ID.</p> <p>Once at the school, go to the check-in table with the names of the children you are picking up.</p>	<p>VSBC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES</p> <p>Emergency Radios - for communication with VSB Emergency Operations Centre.</p> <p>Emergency food and water for 72-hour preparedness for Staff and Students while they are at the school.</p>
<p>PICK UP</p> <p>You will be sent to another station where runners will go and retrieve the children and reunite them with you.</p> <p>If you are an emergency contact, ensure you pick up all the children you are responsible for.</p> <p>Once you are reunited with your children, please promptly leave the school grounds.</p>	

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](#). 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](#):



Parents and caregivers unable to pay school fees or other school expenses are invited to speak to their child’s counsellor or a school administrator.

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 (i.e., 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 (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 may park on Penticton Street in designated parking areas.

Vancouver School Board 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 *VSBC Lunchsmart™* App (QR codes on the poster linked [HERE](#)) and create an account then select the App’s VSBC CASH CARD. This VSBC 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 *VSBC 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 \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://vsb.bc.ca)

Oct 3	Clubs Day
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 CD 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

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