



# 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).

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## School is in Full Swing

It's hard to believe September has already come and gone! We extend our heartfelt thanks to students, caregivers, and staff for helping ensure a smooth start to the school year. Next time you're in the building, please take a moment to admire the entrance-way mural, completed in early September by local artist Paige Jung. Funded by our PAC, the mural was created to honor the contributions to learning and education made by Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities.



On September 26, we held assemblies to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students shared their experiences in Indigenous-focused courses, our choir performed the Coast Salish anthem, and our guest, Nyla Carpentier (Tahltan, Kaska, French, Scottish), captivated the audience with several powwow dances.

October is shaping up to be another busy month. It began with a successful Clubs Day on October 2, hosted by Student Council. All students were invited to attend the lunchtime event, with Grade 8 students also participating in a special Grade 8-only session. Thank you to all the students who showcased their clubs and helped make the day memorable.

In closing, we'd like to remind caregivers about the updated Codes of Conduct at VSB schools, which restrict students' use of personal digital devices during school hours. Please see this link for Van Tech's guidelines: [Van Tech Personal Digital Devices Guidelines](#). If you have questions regarding these guidelines or any other matter at the school, please reach out to one of us.

Wishing you a fantastic fall,

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro  
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson  
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



David Cacchioni  
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)



## Forms

### Student Information Verification – 2025

- **Grade 8:** If you haven't already, please review the form sent home in early September and have your child return it to the Main Office.
- **Grades 9–12:** Please log into your child's MyEd account, click on "Published Reports," review the form, and return a printed copy to the Main Office if updates are needed.

### Many VSB consent forms are 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. Caregivers can revoke their consent at any time. You can find your child's PEN in their MyEducation BC account or by visiting <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

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## Access to MyEducation BC

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

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

1. Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/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\$2026
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.
  - \*Please have your child contact the Main Office if their account password needs to be reset and you're unable to do so.

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## Navigating your child's MyEducation BC account

Did you get an absence notification, but want to see which class(es) it was for? Do you want to see your child's schedule and teachers?

This MyEd Family Portal Guide will help, see page 2.

[https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/frf/115/Finding%20student%20attendance%20on%20MyEd%20\(2\).pdf](https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/frf/115/Finding%20student%20attendance%20on%20MyEd%20(2).pdf)

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## 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.

- 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 support will be available for students.
- Teachers will communicate with students on how to best utilize FIT in support of their academic success throughout the school year.

Tuesday and Thursday FIT runs 1:20 - 2:00 pm. Students must sign up for Tuesday and Thursday FIT sessions using their FIT Planner account. Students are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member. We encourage students to sign up well ahead of time to ensure they get the spot they need. Notifications will be sent home for students who signed up for a session but did not attend, and for students who did not sign up for a session.

Monday and Friday FIT runs 8:40 - 9:20 am. Students do not need to sign up in advance, however, if they want to ensure a spot in a particular learning space, they can sign up with a teacher in advance using their FIT Planner account. All students in learning spaces will sign-in to the Green Book for attendance in the case of an emergency.

For instructions on how to use the FIT Planner software, visit our website <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/83841/fit-planner> (or go to the Families top tab and select FIT Planner from the drop-down menu.)



# 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.

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 receive marks on a four-point proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in Grades 10 -12 receive a letter grade and percentage. Written Learning Updates for all students will 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 6, 2025	November 18, 2025	November 6, 2025	January 28, 2026
	Published	October 9, 2025	November 21, 2025		January 30, 2026
2	Due	March 3, 2026	April 28, 2026	April 16, 2026	June 22, 2026
	Published	March 6, 2026	May 1, 2026		June 25, 2026
Linear Courses	Due	November 18, 2025	January 28, 2026	November 6, 2025 April 16, 2026	June 22, 2026
	Published	November 21, 2025	January 30, 2026		June 25, 2026
Core Competencies	Published	November 21, 2025	January 30, 2026		June 25, 2026

You can read a summary of the reporting policy here: <https://bit.ly/3sEwBSR> or 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](http://MyEducation BC) account. **It is highly recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**

# Parent Advisory Council Information (PAC)

The Van Tech PAC provides an opportunity for caregiver involvement in the school. All caregivers are welcome.

## Your 2024/25 PAC Executive Volunteers:

- Chair: Lindsie Tomlinson
- Vice-Chair: Kelly Hamilton
- Treasurer: Julie Cole
- Secretary: Pam Dean
- DPAC (District PAC) Reps: Shakirat Kareem
- Members at Large: Ruby Arvind Ghataurah & Claudine Matlo

Please join us for the next meeting where gaming funds for Semester 1 will be allocated. Meetings follow a hybrid model of in-person and remote. Meeting Link: [meet.google.com/fqo-nfci-gce](https://meet.google.com/fqo-nfci-gce)

**When:** Tues, Oct 2, at 7pm    **Where:** Van Tech Library

- Agendas, minutes and meeting links can be found on the [PAC webpage](http://PAC webpage).
- Email questions, comments, and suggestions to [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com)
- Van Tech family Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vantechfamilies>



# Indigenous Family Coffee Morning

Join us on Friday, October 17, from 8:40–10:00 AM in the All Nations Room (320) for coffee, tea, and a chance to connect with other Indigenous families and staff. Please sign-in at the Main Office before making your way to this event.

Our guests this month will be Director of Instruction Chas Desjarlais, District Principal David Delorme, and District Resource Teacher Tracy Healy from the VSB Indigenous Education Department.

From 10:00–11:30 AM, families are welcome to stay and meet individually with counselling staff. This is a good opportunity to talk about your student and connect with counsellors while you're here.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, guardian, or extended family, you are part of this community, and we'd love to see you there.

*Kristen Quesnelle and Robin Roberts  
Van Tech's Indigenous Education Team*

## Technology Tools

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

Technology Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	Office 365	FITplanner
LINK	<a href="#">MyEd Website</a>	<a href="#">TEAMS Website</a>	<a href="https://www.office.com/">https://www.office.com/</a>	<a href="https://fitplanner.vsb.bc.ca">https://fitplanner.vsb.bc.ca</a>
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, learning updates (report cards)	Classroom Materials, Student Hub, Career Ed 8 & Career Ed 9, FIT Planner	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)	Booking teachers for FIT blocks on (Mon & Fri morning and Tues & Thurs afternoon)
HELP?	<a href="#">LINK FOR MYED HELP</a>	<a href="#">TEAMS TRAINING</a>	<a href="#">LINK FOR OFFICE HELP</a>	<a href="#">SCHOOL WEBSITE</a>
Where can I go to reset password?	Click on a <a href="#">Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account</a> , Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff
What is my login?	Student #	VSB email: student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca	VSB email: student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca	VSB email: student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca

## Career Education 8 - 9

### Exploring Skills, Identity, and Future Pathways

Career Education 8–9 is a two-year experiential learning program delivered through grade-wide workshops and presentations. Students build key interpersonal skills, set healthy goals, and explore how technology shapes their lives and futures.

Topics include:

- Career exploration and communication skills
- Physical and sexual health
- Violence and substance use prevention
- Cultural awareness and digital literacy
- Citizenship and community connection

Highlights This Year:

- White Hatter Media Literacy - *Using social media to unlock university and job opportunities*
- Green Thumb Theatre: *Caged - Exploring gender dynamics and power in relationships*
- Live Different: *Kindness Changes Everything - Fostering kindness and service*
- Sabrina Symington: *Life of Bria Comics - Turning passion for art and social justice into a career*

Stay tuned for presentation dates and updates throughout the year!



# Photo Retake Day and Grad Photos

Student GoCards have now been distributed. 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 29. 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 here by Oct 20, 11:45 pm: <https://forms.office.com/r/pWn7QddcGu>. Priority is given to those whose photos show hair across their face, glare from eyeglasses, or closed eyes. Please note that the retake photo will be used, even if it is not the preferred option.

- 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.

Grade 12 photo day pictures are for ID cards only. Grade 12 graduation portraits will be published in the yearbook and are used for the composite that gets displayed in the corridor.

Grade 12s can book graduation photos now using [this link](#). Individual photos will be taken from November 29 to December 4, 2025, while group photos are scheduled between September 19, 2025, and March 29, 2026. Both sessions take place at Artona’s Vancouver Studio

## Bell Schedule and Period Rotation

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>FIT</b>	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
<b>BREAK</b>	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM
<b>BREAK</b>	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
<b>LUNCH</b>	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM				
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM
<b>BREAK</b>	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM
<b>FIT</b>		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
<b>BREAK</b>		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM

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

### Collaborative Planning Time Bell Schedule

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

<b>PERIOD 1</b>	AM Collaborative Day, no classes in Period 1	<b>PERIOD 1</b>	8:40 AM – 10:00 AM
<b>BREAK</b>	10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	<b>BREAK</b>	10:00 AM – 10:10 AM
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	10:10 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>PERIOD 2</b>	10:10 AM – 11:30 AM
<b>LUNCH</b>	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	12:15 PM – 1:35 PM	<b>PERIOD 3</b>	12:15 PM – 1:35 PM
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	1:45 PM – 3:05 PM	<b>PERIOD 4</b>	PM Collaborative Day, no classes in Period 4

### Period Rotation

Semester 1	Semester 2
September 2 – October 6: Rotation AB CD October 7 – November 12: Rotation BA DC November 13 – December 15: Rotation AB CD December 16 – January 27: Rotation BA DC	January 28 – February 27: Rotation AB CD March 1 – April 14: Rotation BA DC April 15 – May 19: Rotation AB CD May 20 - June 25: Rotation BA DC



# Course Schedule

<b>Semester 1 Courses</b> (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 2, 2025 – January 27, 2026		
<b>Quarter Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 2, 2025 – November 10, 2025	Q2: November 12, 2025 – January 27, 2026	
<b>Term Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: September 2, 2025 – October 17, 2025	T2: October 20, 2025 – November 28, 2025	T3: December 1, 2025 – January 27, 2026
<b>Note:</b> Turnaround / IE Days: January 26 & 27			

<b>Semester 2 Courses</b> (Most courses)	Semester 2: January 28, 2026 – June 25, 2026		
<b>Quarter Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: January 28, 2026 – April 17, 2026	Q4: April 21, 2026 – June 25, 2026	
<b>Term Courses</b> (Gr. 8 Applied Skills Rotation)	T1: January 28, 2026 – March 13, 2026	T2: March 30, 2026 – May 8, 2026	T3: May 11, 2026 – June 25, 2026
<b>Note:</b> Turnaround / IE Days: June 24 & 25			

<b>Full Year Courses</b> (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)	September 2, 2025 – June 25, 2026
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# 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

<b>Semester 1</b>	Monday, September 15 (AM) Monday, November 3 (AM) Tuesday, December 9 (PM) Tuesday, January 13 (PM)	<b>Semester 2</b>	Monday, February 9 (AM) Thursday, April 9 (PM) Tuesday, May 12 (PM) Monday, June 8 (AM)
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# Professional Development Days

Friday, October 24, 2025
Friday, November 21, 2025
Friday, February 13, 2026
Monday, April 20, 2026
Friday, May 15, 2026

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 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 4, 2025	Literacy 12	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment</a>
12	Monday, January 12, 2026 (written) Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (oral)	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année (French as a Second Language- Immersion)	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12</a>
10	Friday, January 15, 2026	Literacy 10	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment</a>
10	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Numeracy 10	<a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment</a>
10 & 12	Tuesday, June 9	Missed assessment and rewrites	

### 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

### The fall season is underway:

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

### Winter season sign-ups are starting now:

- 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.

# Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Plans

The VSB offers parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

- <https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>
- <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>



# Van Tech Clubs

We have a diverse array of clubs at Van Tech. Club details about Van Tech clubs are posted in the Student Hub TEAM and the school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4633/clubs>

Animation Club	Learn to animate!
Badminton Club	Improve your skills or just have fun!
Blood Club	Raise awareness and help organize blood drives.
Book Club	Explore real lives, big questions, and great stories.
Business Club	Build entrepreneurial skills and create a school marketplace.
Chess Club	Play chess and learn if you're new!
Drama Club	Work on Van Fest theatrical productions.
Esports Club	A space for gamers to connect.
Ethics Bowl	Discuss current events and compete in ethics tournaments.
Feminaction Club	Take action for gender equality.
Franco Fun!	Celebrate French Immersion with tutoring, activities, and movies.
Grad Committee	Plan grad events and fundraising.
GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)	A welcoming space for Queer students and allies.
Helping Hearts Club	Make a difference in your community.
Key Club	Volunteer, serve, and have fun with friends.
Manga Club	Your weekly dose of manga.
Second Serve	Repurpose surplus goods to help those in need.
STEM Club	Turn curiosity into discovery in science, tech, engineering, and math.
Tech Theatre Club	Learn to run lights and sound in the auditorium.
Trivia Association	Play and compete in trivia with other schools.
UNICEF Club	Volunteer, meet new people, and learn about global child advocacy.
Van Tech Athletic Council	Celebrate student-athletes and build school spirit.
Van Tech Coding Club	Join coding events, workshops, and projects.
Van Tech Rugby Club	Play rugby!
Van Tech Table Tennis Club	Learn or play for fun.
VT UNESCO	Support UN goals through campaigns and community action.
X-Block	Black Mentorship Program.

# Emergency Reunification Plan

**VSBC Vancouver School District**

**In case of emergency**

## EMERGENCY REUNIFICATION PLAN

**Important Information – Please Translate**  
 这是一份重要资讯 – 请找人为您翻译 这是一份重要信息 – 请找人为您翻译  
 Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika  
 Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch  
 महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें  
 Información importante - Por favor traducir  
 重要な情報-翻訳してください

**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.

## 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.*

**REUNIFICATION**  
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.

**DURING AN EMERGENCY**  
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.

**CHECK-IN**  
Make sure you bring your photo ID.  
Once at the school, go to the check-in table with the names of the children you are picking up.

**PICK UP**  
You will be sent to another station where runners will go and retrieve the children and reunite them with you.  
If you are an emergency contact, ensure you pick up all the children you are responsible for.  
Once you are reunited with your children, please promptly leave the school grounds.

**HOW CAN PARENTS PREPARE?**  
Have several authorized emergency contacts to pick up your child if you are not able to.  
Review the reunification process and discuss with your emergency contacts.  
Create a plan with your emergency contacts - pick up, meeting place, travel plan.  
Submit the yellow emergency contact form to the school office and update if the information changes.

**VSBC PREPAREDNESS**  
**School Practice**  
Six fire drills; two earthquake drills; two drop, cover and hold drills; and one reunification drill per year.  
**School Emergency Response Training** - four to six volunteer staff with two days of School Emergency Response Team training.  
All teachers - basic emergency training and procedures.  
First Aid Attendant.  
Principal - Incident Command training.

**VSBC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**  
Emergency Radios - for communication with VSBC Emergency Operations Centre.  
Emergency food and water for 72-hour preparedness for Staff and Students while they are at the school.



# Raising AI Ready Youth: Safety, Privacy, Ethics and Success Plans

The VSB is proud to present: *Raising AI Ready Youth: Safety, Privacy, Ethics, and Success Plans* from the White Hatter (<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/>).

This is a FREE live virtual presentation on Tuesday, October 7, from 6:00-7:30 pm, open to all VSB families.

Caregivers will need to sign up using their email and the school(s)/program(s) their child(ren) attend.

A video conference link and pass code will be sent closer to the day.

On the day and time of the presentation, participants need to click the provided link via email and enter the password so they can access the SLIDO (presentation) platform, where we will be hosting the live event. It is strongly recommended that families bookmark/save the link and password and sign into the event 10 minutes before the scheduled event goes live, as we will be starting promptly at the designated time.

\*\*\*\*\* Please DO NOT distribute this link and password outside of your family \*\*\*\*\*

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MT6JHL2YCK>

Please register by Oct 3, 2025.

## General Procedures

### Student Fees

To pay a school or course fee, create an account using [School Cash Online](#). The school fee schedule (an itemized list of fees), can be found [HERE](#). **Please pay them as soon as the office makes them available on School Cash Online.**

Information about supplemental student fees will be provided by individual classroom teachers. 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](#):

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.



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### Reporting an absence

To report your child's absence, please contact the school by emailing [techattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:techattendance@vsb.bc.ca). Students cannot report their own absence; messages may be verified. Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence
- Contact name and number for verification

### Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period of

### 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. Drop-off and pick-up students should happen south of the traffic signs. Thank you for being compliant with city bylaws.
- Students may NOT park in the school parking lots.

### Vancouver School Board Cafeteria

Healthy eating helps children learn. There are 3 options for purchasing lunch:

- Option 1: Pay by cash, debit, or credit card.
- Option 2: Download the *VSB Lunchsmart*™ App (QR codes on the poster linked [HERE](#)) and create an account, then select the App's VSB CASH CARD. This **VSB CASH CARD** feature of the App allows families to preload their account with funds and use a declining balance method to pay without the need for cash or using a credit card by simply scanning a barcode in the App.
- Option 3: Download the *VSB Lunchsmart*™ App (QR codes on the poster linked [HERE](#)) and create an account. Families may then choose the **VSB SMART CARD** feature, which provides a digital card number for lunch payments. The cost is based on **\$9.25 per day**, with a prorated monthly total. Payments are submitted at the beginning of each month by



envelope (cash or cheque) to the school office. Students can then use their phones to scan a barcode at lunchtime. To activate this feature. Families must complete the registration forms available in the Main Office to receive their digital card number. A limited subsidy is also available to support families who need assistance with nutrition services at school.

## Important Upcoming Dates

[VSB 2025-2026 Calendar](#) - [Van Tech 2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

Oct 7	Block Rotation: BA DC
Oct 9	Career Programs Presentation, FIT Written Learning Updates (Interim Reports) published
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
Oct 16	Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill, 10:17 am
Oct 17	Semester 1, Term 1 ends (ADST Rotation)
Oct 20	Semester 1, Term 2 starts (ADST Rotation)
Oct 21	PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct 22	Summit Information Night
Oct 24	Provincial Professional Development Day – no classes
Oct 29	Photo Retake Day
Oct 30	Flex Humanities Information Night
Nov 3	Collaborative Day – no Period 1
Nov 4	Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment
Nov 6	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)
Nov 13	P3 FIT Freeze Block Rotation AB CD
Nov 18	Immunization Clinic PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov 20	P3 FIT Freeze Jazz Cabaret
Nov 21	Professional Development Day – no classes Mid-Semester Learning Updates (Reports) published
Nov 25	Student Forum
Nov 28	Semester 1, Term 2 ends (ADST Rotation)
Sat Nov 29 – Thurs Dec 4	Grad Photos - book with Artona
Dec 1	Semester 1, Term 3 starts (ADST Rotation)
Dec 3	Gr 11 & 12 Post Secondary Event
Dec 4	Winter Band and Jazz Concert
Dec 9	Collaborative Day – no Period 4
Dec 11	Winter Orchestra & Choir Concert
Dec 16	Block Rotation: BA DC
Dec 19	Last Day of Instruction before Winter Vacation
Jan 5	School Reopens after Winter Vacation

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