KITSILANO WEEK AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY 20 – 24, 2023

Monday February 20	Tuesday February 21	Wednesday February 22	Thursday February 23	Friday February 24
BC Family Day **School is Closed** Go to the *Kitsilano FIT Student Planner* to sign up for your February 21 + 23 FIT periods. Make a plan for what you will work on and which learning space you'll be in.	**8:40-3:10** **1234** **FIT** PEER TUTORING 3:10 – 4:00 PM Skills Room	**10:00-3:10** **1234** **Collaborative Day** Let's celebrate kindness and inclusivity at Kitsilano. Wear pink on Pink Shirt Day February 22, 2023	**8:40-3:10** **1234** **FIT** PEER TUTORING 3:10 – 4:00 PM Skills Room	**8:40-3:10** **1234**

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

PINK SHIRT DAY IS FEBRUARY 22

Show your support by wearing pink. Wear your pink bandana you received in grade 8.

Gr. 8s will get a bandana on Feb. 22.

Course Selections for 2023-24
Student course selections for the next school year should have been entered in MyEducation BC as of **Friday, February 17**. Students should have also submitted a paper copy of their course selections to their grade counsellor. If you have any questions, please see your counsellor.

Collaborative Day – February 22
This Wednesday is a collaborative day. **Classes start at 10:00 AM**. Staff will be working with colleagues to enhance the learning experiences for our students. Students are not in the school during this time.

Health Science Career Conference
Project Pulse Vancouver, is hosting their 9th annual health science conference at the University of British Columbia on **February 25, 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**. Motivated secondary school students of all grades will learn about careers that interest them through speakers from various health science fields. Attendees will also be able to network with graduate and professional degree students to learn about their experiences, and collaborate with other students in workshops hosted by Let's Talk Science and Genome BC.

To register:
1. Purchase a ticket.
   For financial aid email projectpulsevan@gmail.com.
2. Complete a registration form.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 20	Family Day
February 22	**Pink Shirt Day**
February 22	Collaborative Day 5 (AM)
February 28	PAC Meeting @ 7 PM
March 8	International Women's Day
March 10	Semester 2 Interims Published
March 10	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13 – 24	Spring Break *School is not in session.*

Your Voice is Power Hack-A-Thon
Your Voice is Power Hackathon is taking place on **February 27, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM** at the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre at UBC. Students will hear from inspiring Indigenous role models - including Musician Dakota Bear and UBC students, while they learn coding and remix their own songs. Students can later choose to enter the competition and be eligible to win a $5,000 scholarship. Registration Link

Youth Leaders in Law Vancouver Conference
The 2023 YLL Vancouver conference is **Sunday, March 26** at the UBC Allard school. There will be speakers from various fields, including criminal, environmental, indigenous and international law. The conference is free of charge and students from all grades are welcome to attend. Registration Link

Peer Tutoring
Peer tutoring is available to all students on Tuesday and Thursday after schools, 3:10-4:00 PM in the Skills Room (104/105). Peer tutors provide help to students with their course work in a variety of subject areas, and one-on-one help.

Student Newsletter
Check out the latest addition to the WAAG, *Kitsilano Courier*. See attached for the latest issue.

Career Centre News
See attached for upcoming post-secondary deadlines and events.

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CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Week of February 20 – 24, 2023

DEADLINES

February 28	CWHHA Youth Advocate Scholarship Application Deadline
February 28	BCCPAC Educational Award Application Deadline
February 28	Women's Cyber Security Scholarship Application Deadline
March 1	Capilano University Entrance Awards Application Deadline
March 1	Dalhousie University Entrance Awards Application Deadline
March 1	SEG Scholarship Application Deadline
March 12	Benard + Associates Scholarship Application Deadline
March 13	RE/MAX Canada Quest for Excellence Scholarship Application Deadline
March 15	Horatio Alger Grade 11 Student Scholarship Application Deadline
March 15	Leonard Foundation Scholarship Program Application Deadline
March 31	BC Hydro Power Pioneer Community Service Award Application Deadline
March 31	Ada – Indigenous STEAM Bursary Application Deadline
March 31	BCRPVPA Student Scholarship Application Deadline
April 11	BCPVPA Student Scholarship Application Deadline
April 15	BCIT Entrance Awards Application Deadline
April 21	Kindness Foundation Nadine Marshall Scholarship Application Deadline
April 28	Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline
April 30	Scotiabank x myBlueprint Scholarship Application Deadline
April 30	Shashi Assanand Bursary Application Deadline
May 1	BC School Sports Scholarships Application Deadline
May 1	Joint Diversity Scholarship Application Deadline
May 31	Theatre BC Scholarships Application Deadline
May 31	MADD Canada Youth Bursary Fund Application Deadline
June 30	Ben Sandison Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline

EVENTS

Ongoing	Comprehensive Canadian University Guide (CCUG) Podcast https://anchor.fm/ccug
Ongoing	Post Secondary BC Events, various
Ongoing	Creative Pathways, various opportunities - **paid work**, **programs**, **skills + training**, **information + knowledge**, **networking + events** within the motion picture industry, Animation, Visual Effects and Post, and Film Adjacent sectors

For the latest information, regularly check the "All Students @ Kitsilano Secondary" Team, "Career Centre" channel.

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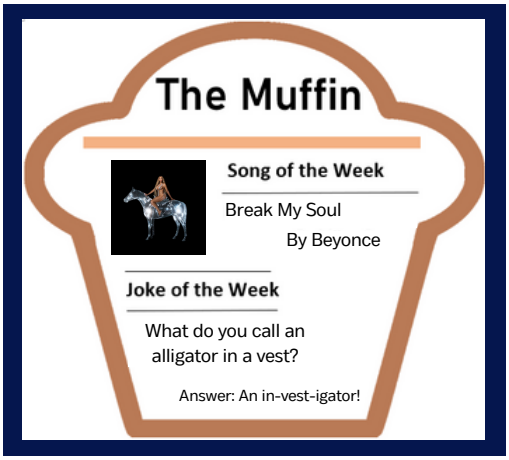

Muffin by Maya Esmaeilioun (10)

Pick up a good book at the school library!

As the long weekend rapidly approaches, why not pick up a good book at the school library. While there are hundreds of books to choose from, sometimes deciding is difficult. Here are some book recommendations to make that choice easier. If you are interested in reading and discussing novels, Kitsilano's next book club meeting is on the 28th of February, this month's pick is The Stranger by Albert Camus. Not only can literature entertain us, but it allows the reader to learn and experience life from another perspective. In honor of Black History month, pick up Things fall Apart by "Africa's best-known novelist" Chinua Achebe. A novel depicting pre-colonial Nigeria, the arrival of the Europeans, and the struggle within them both. Things Fall Apart is considered a symbol for the modern African Novel and Achebe has won many literary awards for his work. For more recommendations of novels by Black authors check out the display in the library and follow the kits library Instagram @kitslibrary for more recommendations and new arrivals!

Written by Micah Low (12)

BHM Atrium Display
Taken by Amelie Andrade (9)

Truth and Reconciliation Display
Taken by Olivia Tsoi (11)

ChatGPT

In recent months, the "self"-described "AI language model" ChatGPT has been gaining attention from computer scientists, the general public, and students alike. Considering that ChatGPT was launched on November 30th, 2022, the AI's popularity and use so far is incredible – and largely due to its seemingly sophisticated answers to complicated prompts. When the user provides a question or command, they are met with a well-articulated response, carefully turning the prompt around the way a student might state their thesis in their essay's first draft. Often polite and calculated to the point of being apologetic, ChatGPT gives the impression that it is some kind of omniscient political spin-doctor-turned-butler. It is no wonder this technology strikes so many people as the solution to all their writing problems.

This mindset of convenience over substance is a continuation of an already existing trend. News outlets turning information into easily digestible entertainment, political leaders spewing baseless claims (believed because they are the easy option), or misinformation spreading through mindless clicks of a "share" button on social media: these are all prime examples of critical thinking overpowered by choosing to believe the most convenient, readily available narrative. The truth is, although it lacks the malicious intent common among the other examples, ChatGPT gives us the choice to sacrifice the actual research and thought that goes into good writing in exchange for an okay-looking essay generated in seconds.

To the credit of its creators, OpenAI, the ChatGPT website provides general details about its limitations at the beginning of a new conversation. It is immediately apparent that the AI can give false, biased, or outdated information (it knows nothing after 2021). But how tempting is that text bar at the bottom? How convenient would it be to risk inaccuracy for finishing your concluding paragraph minutes before the deadline? Although ChatGPT offers up an essay, article, or even a song that appears to have meaning and truth, it is important to remember how this "AI language model" works. It does not think or care about the quality of its writing. All it does is algorithmically output patterns of the English language in a way that logically achieves what it is instructed to do, regardless of fact and lacking depth.

In order to illustrate AI's lack of care towards truth, as well as its abilities to formulate articulate and constructed pieces of writing, we created an article using ChatGPT about Valentine's day at our school. Since the AI wasn't given specific enough information about our school, the AI was forced to create a narrative which isn't true.

Valentine's Day Chat GPT Article
Prompt: Can you please write me a mildly humorous article about Valentine's Day, in past tense, written in the style of a school newsletter. As part of the article, mention that the Leo Club sold heart-shaped cookies and that there was free candy. Also mention that there was a message board for people to post romantic messages on.

"Greetings, dear students and staff! As we all know, Valentine's Day has come and gone, and we hope you all had a lovely time with your loved ones. Here's a quick recap of the festivities that took place on our campus.

The Leo Club, as always, came through with their delicious heart-shaped cookies. They were selling them in the cafeteria, and we could barely keep up with the demand. It seems like everyone was in the mood for something sweet and heart-shaped!

In addition to the cookies, there was also free candy distributed throughout the day. Who doesn't love free candy, right? The candy was a hit with everyone, and we hope it helped spread a little extra love and sweetness around our school.

One of the most popular attractions of the day was the message board set up in the main hallway. It was a place where students and staff could post their romantic messages for all to see. There were some truly heartwarming messages that were posted, and we hope they brought a smile to everyone's face.

We also want to take a moment to appreciate all the love and kindness that was shown on Valentine's Day. Whether it was through a gift, a kind word, or simply spending time with loved ones, it was beautiful to see how much love was in the air.

We hope everyone had a lovely Valentine's Day and that the warm, fuzzy feelings continue throughout the year. Until next time, stay sweet, dear readers!"

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