



KITSILANO WEEK AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 8 – 12, 2024

Monday January 8	Tuesday January 9	Wednesday January 10	Thursday January 11	Friday January 12
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Kitsilano Students and Families:

Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful winter break.

As we start the new year and return to school, there is much to look forward to. The months ahead are filled with many important and exciting school events, offering many opportunities for students and parents to participate. Please check out the Week At A Glance (WAAG) regularly and review the 'EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION' section for details about upcoming events and check the 'DATES TO REMEMBER' section for reminders of important dates.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

Reporting Student Absences

If your child will be absent, please email the school at kitsswitchboard@vsb.bc.ca or call the school at 604-713-8961 (press 1) with your child's first and last name, student number and absence date(s).

School Re-opens – January 8

The first day back after winter break is Monday, January 8. Classes start regularly at 8:40 AM beginning with Period 1-1 (followed by Periods 1-2, 1-3 and 1-4).

REMINDER: Sign up for your FIT Period

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) resumes this week on Monday, January 8. Go to the [Kitsilano FIT Student Planner](#) to sign up for your FIT periods this week. Make a plan for what you will work on and which learning space you'll be in.

Severe Weather Day Procedures

During severe weather events, like heavy snowfall or extremely high winds, all schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open, if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, that will be decided and publicized by 6:30 AM. Details about District-wide school closures will be announced through the media, the [District website](#) and [school website](#), as well as the District's social media channels. For more information, [click here](#).

Program Planning 2024-25

The program planning process for the next school year begins in January. Counsellors will be presenting information to students and parents to assist in students' course selection for the next school year. The *Course Planning Guide 2024-25* will be available to view on the [school website](#) at the end of this week. Please take time to review with your child the current course offerings and assist them in making their course selections for the next school year.

Counsellors will share program planning information with students in grade assemblies in January and February and with parents/guardians at the Grade 8-11 Program Planning Night on Tuesday, January 23.

GLA 12: Jan. 22 – 26

Grade 12 students will be writing the [Graduation Literacy Assessment 12](#) (GLA 12) during the week of January 22 - 26. Students can check their assessment date/time and location on the schedule posted outside the school office.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 8	School Re-opens
January 22-26	Graduation Literacy Assessment 12
January 23	Grade 7 Parent Information Night Grades 8-11 Program Planning Night
January 23	Fine Arts Night
January 30	PAC Meeting @ 7 PM
January 31	Collaborative Day 4 (PM)
January 31	Semester 1 Ends
February 1-2	Semester Turnaround Days

Semester Turnaround Days – February 1 & 2

Semester Turnaround Days are **February 1 and 2**. There are no classes scheduled and students may be at school to see teachers and/or complete work, quiz/test at a teacher's request. Extra-curricular activities are not taking place during regular school hours.

WorkSafeBC 2023 Student Safety Video Contest

The [2023 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest](#) has officially launched. Contest is open to all students in grades 8-12 and entries are due **April 4, 2023, 5 PM**.

Contest Details:

- The theme of this year's contest, *My job, my right to participate*, is focused on how young workers can participate in health and safety in the workplace and why it's important for them to get involved.
- \$2,500 cash prizes to be shared by the students and their teacher/organization sponsors
- Entries can be live action, documentary-style, animation, stop motion...whatever creative style your students can imagine!
- Entries are to be submitted by the teacher or youth organization sponsor

Homework Help Club

Peer tutoring is available to all students every Tuesday after school, 3:15-4:15 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.

Career Centre News

See attached for upcoming post-secondary deadlines and events.

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CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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DEADLINES

January 8	Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Application Deadline
January 10	U of Alberta Scholastic Distinction Scholarship & Leadership Awards Deadline
January 15	Schulich Leader Scholarship School Nomination Application Deadline (
January 19	BC Excellence Scholarship School Nomination Application Deadline
January 19	Cmolik Foundation Scholarship School Nomination Application Deadline
January 30	Schulich Leader Scholarship Application Deadline (school nomination required)
February 14	Western U. National Scholarship Program Application Due (school nomination required)
February 15	Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application Deadline
March 1	Capilano University Entrance Awards Application Deadline
March 13	RE/MAX Canada Quest for Excellence Scholarship Application Deadline
March 15	Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarships Application Deadline
May 3	Kindness Foundation Nadine Marshall 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
Sept. - January	Langara Program Information Sessions
January 17	Kitsilano PAC WHAT'S Next? – BC Institute of Technology @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (Link TBA)
January 24	Kitsilano PAC WHAT'S Next? – Vancouver Community College @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM Zoom Link
February 21	Kitsilano PAC WHAT'S Next? – Options Solutions: "Canadian Post-Secondary Trends: What Can YOU Do?" @ 6:00 – 7:00 PM Registration Link

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