

Community Newsletter

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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 $x^w m \theta \theta k^w \theta y \theta m$ (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & s θ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

As we approach the end of this school year, there are many events to highlight. Over the past week, we have celebrated creativity and talent at our Theatre Company Show, honoured athletic excellence at our Athletics Banquet, and enjoyed musical accomplishments at our Junior and Senior Year End Music Concerts. A special thank you to our Grade 11 Leaders for warmly welcoming next year's Grade 8 students during last week's Grade 7 Orientation event. Go Hounds!

Looking ahead, June continues to be a month of fun events. Highlights include our final school-wide <u>core competency</u> activity on June 10 in homerooms during Flexible Instructional Time (FIT), our Grade 10-12 Awards Assembly on June 16 during FIT, our Grad Picnic and Rehearsal on June 19, our Student Carnival on June 20, and our Graduation Ceremony on June 24 at the Chan Centre. Thank you to all staff for your support with these important celebrations to mark the end of our school year.

In this newsletter, you will find information about our school goals, school office reminders, communicating student learning, graduation information, counselling updates, athletics highlights, music highlights, PAC information, important dates for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, as well as a preview of key dates for the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for connecting with your students about their learning.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood Principal

Mission Statement and School Goals

We are committed to supporting and teaching a diverse group of students to learn, to critically reflect, and to care for themselves and others as they prepare to find their places in the world.

School Goals:

- 1. Help students build self-regulation skills to improve well-being and belonging.
- 2. Create an inclusive and equitable school environment where all students feel valued and supported.

School Office Reminders - Attendance Procedures

Parents/Guardians, please email <u>pointgreyattendance@vsb.bc.ca</u> if reporting absences. Subject teachers may also be included in the email. Staff email addresses can be found on our <u>school website</u> under About Us > Our Staff

Please make sure to include in the email the following information to avoid delays in updating attendance records:

- 1. Student's first and last name
- 2. Student number
- 3. Grade
- 4. Date(s) of absence
- 5. Time of absence or periods of missed classes
- 6. Reason for absence

Communicating Student Learning

The purpose of assessment is to move learning forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps us answer the following questions:

- Where am I now?
- Where am I going?
- How do I get there?

Each reporting period is an opportunity to celebrate learning and offer feedback for future learning. These reports will be available from the MyEducation Student Family Portal for four weeks. Please ensure you download or print a copy for your records. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to contact individual subject teachers or counsellors for information on student progress.

Reporting Timeline

Semester 1

- o Informal Learning Update published October 10, 2024
- Written Learning Update published November 21, 2024
- o Summary of Learning published January 30, 2025

Semester 2

- Informal Learning Update published March 13, 2025
- Written Learning Update published April 25, 2025
- Summary of Learning published June 26, 2025

Full Year Courses

- o Informal Learning Update published November 21, 2024
- o Written Learning Updates published January 30 & April 25, 2025
- Summary of Learning published June 26, 2025

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There were two virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Evenings this year. One was on **Thursday, November 7, 2024** (for Semester 1) and the other was on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025** (for Semester 2).

Graduation 2025 Information

Grad Prom

event.

We are grateful to our Student Grad Committee and Parent Grad Committee for all their help and support with our Grad Prom in May. It was a fabulous event! Our extended appreciation to our parent Cheryl-Lynn Cameron at https://www.nuthatchfloralco.ca/ who kindly donated the gorgeous flowers for our



Graduation Ceremony

Chan Centre at UBC (6265 Crescent Road)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 @ 4:00pm (doors open @ 3:30pm for guests)

- Grads must arrive at 3:00pm
- Every grad will receive two complimentary guest tickets
- Grads do not need a ticket for the Chan Centre
- Extra tickets purchased will be distributed to grads outside the school office after they have picked up their Grad Gown package on rehearsal day (Thursday, June 19).
- If you need more than 6 tickets, bring cash or cheque (\$15 per ticket) to the office when you pick up the ones purchased through https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/.

Grad Picnic and Mandatory Rehearsal

Thursday, June 19, 2025

11:30am - 1:00pm (Lunchtime)

Grad picnic and yearbook signing outside on small field (weather permitting)

1:00 pm (after lunch)

- MANDATORY Grad Rehearsal in the Auditorium
 - Before going into the Auditorium, check the lists posted outside the office for what <u>ROW</u> and <u>who is in</u>
 <u>FRONT and BEHIND YOU</u> at the Chan Centre
 - There will be a run through of what is to be expected and how the Grad class will be entering and exiting the Chan Center.

Immediately after rehearsal

- Grad Gown Package Pick Up in the Cafeteria
 - o Included in the Grad gown package will be two Compass bus tickets (good until June 30) and two complimentary guest tickets for the Chan Centre.)
- For Grads who cannot pick up their grad package, pick up will be in the school office the next day. Please go through the Power Point rehearsal slides that will be posted on Grade 12 Teams dated June 19.

Reminder... on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Grads arrive at 3:00 pm

- Grads arrive at Chan Centre go to the Marshalling area and find your ROW sign. Rows BB, CC are outside the Royal Bank Cinema and Rows A, B, C, D, E, F are inside the Cinema.
- Grads line up in the proper order as rehearsed remember who is supposed to be in front and behind you. Do not take someone else's seat who has not arrived leave that seat empty, sit at your assigned seat.
- Teacher marshals will be there to assist organizing you in the proper position.





Walk Across the Stage at a BC Lions Game!

CELEBRATING GRADS at HALFTIME on Saturday, June 21.

Join the BC Lions in celebrating all graduating students!

All students (Grade 7 or 12) can participate in a Grad Walk on the field at half time with an entire stadium cheering them on as part of our Summer Camp themed home game against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Graduates get complimentary tickets. Parents and additional family members are also invited with tickets at just \$24 for adults and \$19 for Youth (non-graduates, 17 & younger). Your ticket gets you access to the game as well as the Grad Walk for your child. **Additionally, \$5 from every adult ticket sold goes to the PAC.**

To join the Grad Walk, you are invited to click here and complete the interest form.

Athletics Highlights

This spring season, we ran 10 teams: Girls' Soccer, Jr/Sr Ultimate, Sr Rugby, Juv Boys' Volleyball, Golf, Jr/Sr Badminton, Boys' Ice Hockey and Track and Field.

- The Jr/Sr Ultimate placed 3rd in the city and qualified for the provincials. They had the top Spirit score at the Valhalla tournament back in April.
- Track and Field team finished 2nd in the city, and the Girls won the Zone Championships. The team is at provincials as we speak, and Harry Wong won the Long Jump Provincials on Thursday!

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Julie Douglas.



PG Most Inspirational and Athletes of the Year 2024-2025

Team	Most Inspirational Players
Aquatics	Maya Molyneaux
Cross Country	Nico Markoc
Sr Boys Soccer	Liam Thomas
Sr Field Hockey	Evangeline Cheung
Sr Girls Volleyball	Addie Manning
Jr Girls Volleyball	Melinda Wei
Btm Girls Volleyball	Paige Yang
Sr Boys Volleyball	William Preto
Btm Rugby	Mateo McGee
Sr Boys Basketball	Henry Wang
Jr Boys Basketball	Harry Wong
Juv Boys Basketball	Aaron Wan
Btm Boys Basketball	Paul Dyck
Jr Girls Basketball	Nisreen Chauhan, Sophie Lau
Btm Girls Basketball	Krystle Malunao
Sr Girls Hockey	Allison Torrance
Wrestling	Vincent Lutkiewicz
Table Tennis	Jason She
Sr Girls Soccer	Elle Suelzle
Sr T1 Ultimate	Saya Klein
Jr Ultimate	Ben Gibson
Sr Rugby	Simon Dyck
Juv Boys VB	Patrick Wang
Golf	Angelo Zhang
Track and Field	Anya McNaught
Badminton	Leo Liu, Joanna Wu

Athletes of the Year 2024-2025

8's Jason Stelling (Cross Country, Rugby, Basketball, Track and Field) Carla Vila (Volleyball, Track and Field)

9's Dylan Shui (Basketball, Ice Hockey, Volleyball)
 Maya Molyneux (Aquatics, Cross Country, Track and Field)
 Maria Ituarte (Field Hockey, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Wrestling, Ultimate, Soccer)

10's Angelo Zhang (Basketball, Golf)
 Harry Wong (Basketball, Track and Field)
 Kristina Imri (Cross Country, Ice Hockey, Track and Field)

Andreas Vergara (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Ultimate)
 Brendan Yang (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Ultimate)
 Alana Zeng (Volleyball, Ultimate)
 Anya McNaught (Volleyball, Track and Field)

12's To be announced at our Grad Ceremony...

Congratulations Athletes! Go Hounds!



Music Highlights



It was an exciting week for our Music students! On Tuesday, some of PG senior music groups (jazz a, senior strings, and symphonic band) performed for the Quilchena Elementary matinee concert. The concert went well and the elementary students really enjoyed the repertoire, especially the disney movie encanto music. On Wednesday, Maestro Ken Hsieh from the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra gave a strings clinic for the senior strings. On Wednesday evening, we had our junior year end concert featuring the Jazz b band and the intermediate grade 9 band, and on Thursday evening, we had our senior year end concert and awards night.

~ Ms. Ip & Mr. Fleming

Sustainability Club

Hey PG Community! Exciting news from the PG Sustainability Club! Our trusty bike repair station in the cafeteria is ready for action once again. And guess what? June 2-6, 2025 is Bike to School Week! It's the perfect time to keep your ride in top shape and contribute to our school's sustainability efforts.

Swing by the cafeteria outside of class hours to use the bike stand and tools. If you have any questions or need a hand, our club members and sponsor are here to help. Let's keep those wheels turning and make our school greener together!



Keep Biking, PG Sustainability Club 🕮

~Ms. Wong



Surrealist Etching Display by Painting & Drawing 11/12

Photography Highlights

Three of our fantastic Photography 12 students are exhibiting their Photographs as part of the Chesterfields Youth Photography exhibition at the Polygon Gallery in Lonsdale Quay. The opening to this show was on Saturday May 31st. The exhibition is juried with only a select few out of hundreds of submissions, so this is a real feather in the cap for these burgeoning artists.

Follow the link below to see shortlisted (exhibited) work by Kate McPhail, Lucy Cameron and Avery Wang. Scroll further to see long-listed (honourable mention) work by Isobel Mclaughlin and Axel McPhedron (the captain of our Grade 12 boys Photography Team).

https://chesterfields.thepolygon.ca/

~Mr. Long

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Thank you to those that were able to join us at our PAC AGM this past week. We appreciate our 2024-2025 PAC Co-Chairs Manli Deng and Laura Glover for all their work this year, and we congratulate next year's PAC Co-Chairs Melissa Barling and Cecelia Wang! Please stay tuned for our PAC Meeting Dates for the 2025-2026 school year. Our meetings are always open, casual and friendly - we hope you will join us to learn more about the many happenings at PG Secondary and to meet your fellow parents.

Counselling Update

Core Competency Reflection #3: Creative Thinking – Tuesday, June 10: Our third and final Core Competency Reflection of the year will take place on Monday, June 10, and will focus on Creative Thinking. Students will reflect on how they have engaged their imagination, generated ideas, and taken creative risks in their learning. We encourage families to be part of this process—please ask your child to share their reflection with you. Reflections will be available on SpacesEDU (https://ca.spacesedu.com/).

Get a Head Start on Graduation: Work & Volunteer Hours: Students entering Grades 10, 11, and 12 can begin—or continue—collecting **30 hours of volunteer or paid work experience** required for graduation. Students are responsible for tracking their own hours, which will be reported and reflected on during **CLC 12**. Now is a great time to get involved in your community or workplace and build those skills!

Course Requests for Next Year: Students are reminded to check their course requests for the 2025–2026 school year in MyEd BC. Please review carefully to ensure accuracy. If you notice any issues, reach out to your counsellor as soon as possible.

Download Your Final Learning Update: Final report cards will be available on **MyEd BC**. We encourage students and caregivers to log in and **download a copy** for their records.

Summer Support, Pacific Spirit Child and Youth Mental Health: is located at 2110 West 43rd Avenue Vancouver, BC V6M 2E1. Walk-in intake is available Tuesdays from 12 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call (604) 267-3970 for more information.

Wishing You a Happy & Healthy Summer! As the school year winds down, we want to thank our students and families for a year of growth, learning, and community. We wish everyone a restful, safe, and joyful summer break. Take time to recharge—you've earned it!

Please connect with your child's counsellor if you have any questions:

- Lisa Agius, Counsellor for Gr 9s & Gr 8s (Last Names A-C)
- Doris Sandri & Gillian Missellbrook, Counsellors for Gr 10s & Gr 8s (Last Names M-R)
- Janice Sim, Counsellor for Gr 11s & Gr 8 (Last Names D-L), Department Head
- Kasey Chittenden, Counsellor for Gr 12s & Gr 8 (Last Names S-Z)

Calendar Dates to Note for 2024-2025

June 2025

9 to 13	Mini Grade 9/10 Trip to Ashland, OR	19	Grad Mandatory Rehearsal, Gown & Ticket Pick Up @ P4/3
10	Core Competency School-Wide Activity @ FIT in homerooms	20	Locker Clear Out @ FIT
11	Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm for Staff Collaborative Planning	20	Student Council Carnival
12	Locker Clean Up @ FIT	24	Grad Ceremony @ 4pm (Chan Centre)
16	Grade 10-12 Awards Assembly @ FIT	24	Last Day of Formal Classes, Dismissal @ 11:30am
17	Mini Parents' Association Meeting @ 7pm	25 & 26	No Formal Classes (IE Days)
19	Grad Picnic & Yearbook Distribution @ lunch	26	S2 & Final Summary of Learning Published @ 3pm

CALENDAR 2025 – 2026 DATED MAY 2025 Vancouver School School Board

SCHOOL O	PERATION OVERVIEW		
Number of Days in Session	187		
Number of Days of Instruction	180		
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 26)		
IMPO	ORTANT DATES		
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025		
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025		
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025		
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025		
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025		
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026		
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026		
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026		
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026		
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026		
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2026		
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026		
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2026		
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026		
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026		
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026		
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Friday, September 26, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)		
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)		
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)		
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)		
Monday, April 20, 2026	Non Instructional Day		
Friday, May 15, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)		
COLLABORATION DATES	COLLABORATION TIMES		
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Late Start for Students 10:1	.0 am	
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Early Dismissal for Students1:3	5 pm	
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Late Start for Students 10:1	.0 am	
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students1:35		
Wednesday, February11, 2026	Late Start for Students 10:1	.0 am	
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students 1:35 pm		
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students1:35 pm		
Wednesday, June 10, 2026	Late Start for Students 10:1	.0 am	
PARENT CONFERENCE DATES	EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES		
Thursday, November 6, 2025	Early Dismissal2:05 pm - Seme	ester 1	
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Early Dismissal2:05 pm – Seme	ester 2	