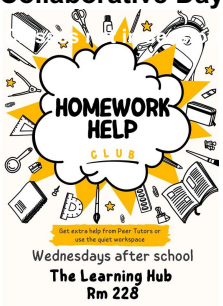
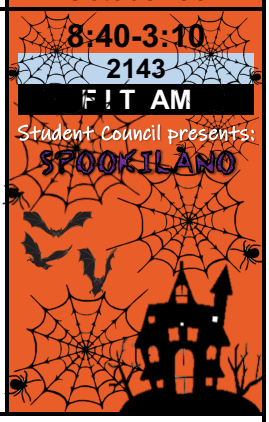
KITSILANO WEEK AT A GLANCE

# OCTOBER 26 – 30, 2026

| Monday<br>October 26 | Tuesday<br>October 27 | Wednesday<br>October 28 | Thursday<br>October 29 | Friday<br>October 30 |
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| **8:40-3:10**<br>**2143**<br>**F I T PM**<br>Go to the *Kitsilano FIT Planner* to sign up for your FIT periods this week.<br>Make a plan for what you will work on and which learning space you'll be in. | **8:40-3:10**<br>**2143**<br>**F I T AM**<br>GR. 8 HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT<br>3:30-5:00 PM<br>ATRIUM<br>PAC MEETING<br>7:00 – 8:00 PM<br>Theatre | **8:40-1:45**<br>**2143**<br>**Collaborative Day**<br>  <br>Wednesdays after school<br>The Learning Hub<br>Rm 228 | **8:40-3:10**<br>**2143**<br>**F I T PM** | **8:40-3:10**<br>**2143**<br>**F I T AM**<br>  |

## EVENTS | ACTIVITIES | INFORMATION

**Happy Hallowe'en!**

Below are a few reminders for a safe and fun Hallowe'en.

- Students planning to wear a costume to school on Friday are reminded that their costumes cannot include clown faces, full face masks and weapons - even plastic or paper ones.
- Costumes should not be culturally appropriated. Dressing up is meant to be fun and exciting but also runs the risk of offending others if costumes are offensive to other cultures. Read the attached information page.
- Please remember to keep costumes appropriate for school and respectful to all members of our school community. If you're unsure, please speak to an administrator.
- Firecrackers and fireworks are not permitted on school grounds. The sale and use of fireworks in the City of Vancouver is not permitted.

## Check out this week's Halloween events!

**STUCO Halloween Week**

Leading up to Student Council's costume contest, each day this week, there will be fun Halloween themed activities at lunch in the Atrium including guess how much candy in the jar, pin the spider on the web, witch hat ring toss, word match/scrabble, and candy chopsticks.

**Leo Club Halloween Fundraiser**

Leo Club is raising funds for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

- **Raffle**
  Buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win a gift card! Tickets are $2 and can be purchased each day this week at lunch in the Atrium.
- **Cake Pop Sale – October 28 & 29**
  Buy a delicious Timbit cake pop for $3 at lunch in the Atrium on October 28, 29. Get one before they sell out!

**Grade 8 Halloween Trick or Treat Event – October 27**

**Attention Grade 8s: You don't want to miss this free event!**

Link Crew has organized a Halloween Trick or Treat Event with candy and prizes for **Tuesday, October 27 from 3:30-5:00 PM**. All the fun starts in the Atrium.

**Halloween Costume Contest Sign-up Closes October 29**

Student Council invites all students to participate in the Halloween Costume Contest by coming to the second floor of the atrium at lunch on October 30. To be considered for any prizes, you must sign up by **8:00 AM on October 29**.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| **October 27** | PAC Meeting @ 7 PM |
| **October 28** | Collaborative Day 2 (PM) |
| **October 31** | Hallowe'en |
| **November 2-6** | GLA 10 |
| **November 4** | Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day |
| **November 9** | Post Secondary BC Fair |
| **November 11** | Remembrance Day |

**Language Challenge Exam Applications due October 26**

Language Challenge Exam applications for Grade 11 and 12 Language Courses are due to the school on **Monday, October 26.** For more information, click here.

**Collaborative Day – October 28**

Collaborative day is this Wednesday, October 28 in the afternoon. **Classes will start at the regular time of 8:40 AM and will end early at 1:45 PM.** Staff will be collaborating with colleagues and students are not in the school during this time.

**VSB Careers Information Night – October 28**

The VSB Career Programs Information Night is on **Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM** in the John Oliver Secondary Auditorium.

**GLA 10: November 2-6**

Grade 10 students will be writing the Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 (GLA 10) during the week of November 2-6. Students can check their assessment date/time and location on the schedule posted outside the school office.

**Kitsilano Athletics**

See attached for the Kitsilano Athletics WAAG. Also, check out what is happening in athletics on Instagram at @kitsathletics.

Athletic Council

The Kits Athletic Council is seeking grades 8-10 representatives to represent fellow student athletes in improving and promoting athletics at Kitsilano. See poster attached for how to apply.

Boys and Girls Basketball Tryouts

Basketball tryouts for all boys and girls teams begin this week. See posters attached for specific dates and times.

**Career Centre News**

See attached for upcoming post-secondary deadlines and events.


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# CAREER CENTRE NEWS

## Week of October 26 – 30, 2026

## DEADLINES

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| October 28 | Ken Michel Memorial Scholarship for Carpentry Application Deadline |
| November 19 | Queens University Chancellors Scholarship School Application Deadline |
| December 8 | Queens University Major Admission Awards Application Deadline |
| December 14 | Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Application Deadline |
| December 16 | Schulich Leader Scholarship School Nomination Application Deadline |
| January 1 | Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarships Application Opens |
| January 22 | Cmolik Foundation Scholarship School Nomination Application Deadline |
| January 27 | Schulich Leader Scholarship Application Deadline (school nomination required) |
| March 1 | Jake Weitz Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline |
| March 15 | RE/MAX Canada Quest for Excellence Scholarship Application Deadline |

## EVENTS

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| 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 |
| Sept. - January | UBC Engineering Events for High School Students |
| October 26 | Capilano University at Kitsilano Theatre, FIT – sign up required |
| October 27 | Queens University at Kitsilano Theatre, FIT – sign up required |
| October 28 | VSB Career Programs Information Night at John Oliver Secondary, 6:30 – 8:00 PM |
| November 6 | UBC Sauder School Presentation, FIT – sign up required |
| November 6 | UBC Engineering Virtual Program Fair, 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| November 9 | Kitsilano Post Secondary BC Fair, 9:45 – 11:15 AM |
| November 10 | Beedie Luminaries Virtual Open House, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Online |
| November 12 | UBC Faculty of Forestry Undergraduate Info. Session, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Online |
| November 13 | SFU Beedie at Kitsilano Theatre, FIT – sign up required |
| November 28 | Explore CapU Open House - North Vancouver, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM |
| December 17 | UBC Faculty of Forestry Undergraduate Info. Session, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Online |

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

OCTOBER 2026

# VSB – INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
## SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS

**Raising Awareness**

# CULTURE IS NOT A COSTUME

## HOW NOT TO CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HALLOWEEN

Autumn is upon us, and soon it will be Halloween. This time of year brings decisions about costume choices. While dressing up is meant to be fun and exciting, it also runs the risk of offending others with costumes that are offensive to other cultures and lived identities. Halloween offers the opportunity to discuss costume choices with both colleagues and students. It is important not to inadvertently mimic culture by culturally appropriating from racial or ethnic groups.

## What is CULTURAL APPROPRIATION?

- The taking from a culture that is not one's own – of intellectual property, cultural expressions or artifacts, history and knowledge (Ziff & Rao, 1997).
- Any instance commonly associated with and/or perceived as belonging to another which is used to further one's own means (Shugart, 1997).
- To take parts (symbols, artifacts, dress, words, practices, etc.) from a culture that is not your own. This can happen in a variety of forms, but often around Halloween, it involves wearing 'costumes' referencing regalia or traditional clothing having significance to other cultures.
- A particular power dynamic in which members of a dominant culture take elements from the culture of people who have been systematically oppressed by that dominant group.




### *Engage in dialogue*

Bring up subjects like cultural appropriation with your colleagues and students. See what their views are and share your own knowledge and experiences. Dialogue is collaborative and about people working together to find a common understanding rooted in respect. It is about exploring, listening, and re-examining your positions, values, and assumptions.

### *Examine your own practices*

Are you wearing a costume during Halloween? Ask yourself some critical questions about your costume:
Why am I choosing this costume?
Is my costume based on someone's race, ethnicity, or culture? Am I reinforcing stereotypes with the image I am portraying? Is my costume exploiting another culture?

### *Be an advocate*

If you see a costume that doesn't sit right with you, start a conversation with that person. Begin a respectful dialogue with that person at an appropriate time and place. Ask them about their costume choice. Your conversation should be about having the person think through their choice, not about right and wrong.

### *Resources:*

My Culture is NOT a Costume, Teen Vogue
Let's Talk About Halloween Costumes and Cultural Appropriation, PBS, 2022
Navigating Cultural Appropriation vs Appreciation this Halloween, UBC, 2025
Statement on Halloween, Legacy of Hope Foundation, 2023

# KITSILANO ATHLETICS

OCTOBER 26-30

**OCT 26**

- JUVENILE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 7AM
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY GAME @ CROFTON HOUSE 3:15 PM
- JUVENILE BOYS SOCCER @VAN TECH :35 PM
- BANTAM + SENIOR BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 3:30 PM

**OCT 27**

- JUVENILE BOYS SOCCER PRACTICE 715AM
- SR BOYS SOCCER @POINT GREY VS HAMBER 3:15PM
- BANTAM/JUVENILE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @POINT GREYV 4PM
- SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @JULES VERNE 6PM
- SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL @POINT GREY 6PM
- JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 5:30-7:30 PM

**OCT 28**

- BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SKILLS 7AM
- CROSS COUNTRY ZONE CHAMPS @JERICHO 1PM
- BANTAM + SENIOR BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 3:30 PM
- JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @GLADSTONE 6PM
- SWIM TEAM PRACTICE @ ST GEORGES POOL 5PM
- BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TRAINING SESSIONS 7PM

**OCT 29**

- JUVENILE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 7AM
- BANTAM/JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @SWC 4PM
- SR GIRLS/BOYS SENIOR NIGHT @KITS VS SWC 5:30/7PM
- JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 5:30-7:30 PM

**OCT 30**

- BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SKILLS 7AM
- BANTAM GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ EARL MARRIOT SS

# KITS
## ATHLETIC COUNCIL
# LOOKING FOR
# GRADE REPS

GRADE 8 • 9 • 10

SCAN TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30TH

GET INVOLVED • SUPPORT ATHLETICS • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# KITSILANO SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

THURS NOVEMBER 5TH
5-6:30 PM

NEXT TRYOUTS TBD



# KITSILANO JUVENILE GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

WED NOV 4TH 7-8:30 AM

FRI NOV 6TH 3:30-5PM

3RD TRYOUT TBD



# KITSILANO BANTAM GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

WED NOV 4TH 7-8:30 AM

THURS NOV 5TH 3:30-5PM

FRI NOV 6TH 3:30-5PM



# KITSILANO JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

MON OCT 26TH 5:30-7:30 PM

THURS OCT 29TH 3:30-5PM

MON NOV 2ND 5-6:30 PM



# KITSILANO BANTAM BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

OCTOBER 27TH 3:30-5PM

OCTOBER 28TH: 5-6:30PM

OCTOBER 29TH: 3:30-5PM



# KITSILANO JUVENILE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

OCTOBER 27TH: 5-6:30PM

OCTOBER 28TH 5-6:30PM

OCTOBER 29TH: 7-8:30AM



# KITSILANO JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

NOVEMBER 2ND,4TH,5TH

5-6:30 PM



# KITSILANO SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

NOVEMBER 2ND,3RD,4TH

6:30-8:30 PM

