



# Spring 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) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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## Spring News

Semester 2 at Van Tech is off to a lively start, and there's a lot happening around the school. Spring sports are gearing up, Theatre students are hard at work preparing for their April production, and our Music groups are getting ready for their trips to Whistler and Victoria. We've also had a few staffing changes: we said goodbye to Mr. Kopelow (English) and welcomed Mr. Chalkman (LAC).

As always, our School Learning Plan is guiding our work. This term, we continue to focus on equity, belonging, and our ongoing reconciliation journey with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We've marked Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and Black History Month through announcements and special events, and we're looking forward to our second Student Forum on March 10. This will be another opportunity for students to share their experiences and help shape the School Learning Plan. Students will also be completing the Student Learning Survey, and we encourage caregivers to fill out the Parent Survey by May 1. Your input will play an important role in shaping our 2027 plan. You can access the survey [HERE](#). Our staff is also continuing to integrate the First Peoples Principles of Learning into their classrooms, and we're already planning an Indigenous Celebration Week for the first week of June.

Students are also looking ahead to next year. Grade 8–11 students have now completed their course selection for 2026–2027, and our Grade 12s are excitedly preparing for both the School Leaving Ceremony and the Grad Dinner Dance. For more information about Grad activities, please see the Graduation Bulletin on our website [HERE](#). As always, we encourage parents and caregivers to reach out with any questions or concerns about their child's learning or well-being. Teacher email addresses are available [HERE](#).

A quick reminder that Mid-Semester 2 Learning Updates will be available on students' MyEducation BC accounts on March 6 by 3:00 PM. Our next Parent/Caregiver–Teacher Conference Night is on April 16, with details going up on the school website at the end of March [HERE](#). Families will also receive an email with registration information soon.

We hope you and your family enjoy a restful and happy Spring Break. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for trusting us with your children's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro  
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson  
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



David Cacchioni  
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)

## Indigenous Family Coffee Morning

Join us on Friday, March 13, 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.

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

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Information

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

### Your 2025/26 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

Meetings follow a hybrid model of in-person and remote. Agendas, minutes and meeting links can be found on the [PAC webpage](#).

**When:** Wed, April 22, 2026, at 7pm

**Where:** Van Tech Library

- Meeting Link: [meet.google.com/ajq-bebc-ics](https://meet.google.com/ajq-bebc-ics)
- Email questions, comments, and suggestions to [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com)
- Van Tech family Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vantechfamilies>

## 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/aspn/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.

## Navigating your child's MyEducation BC account

Did you get an absence notification and 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:

[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)

## Assessment and Learning Updates

Learning Updates provide an assessment of student progress.

Mid-Semester 2 Learning Updates (Interim Reports) will be published to students' [MyEducation BC](#) accounts on **March 6**.

### What is the purpose of assessment?

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.

### How will my child be assessed?

All students will receive **Written Learning Updates** (report cards) and **Informal Learning Updates** such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences. Written Learning Updates will include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback. The new Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 10 -12 receive a **letter grade and percentage**, while students in Grades 8 and 9 receive grades on a **four-point proficiency scale** (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending).

EMERGING DEVELOPING PROFICIENT EXTENDING

The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
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**Comments**

Please read the comments on your child’s Learning Update carefully. These comments will highlight areas of growth in relation to the learning standards, areas for future growth, and strategies to further learning. **If your Gr. 8 or Gr. 9 child is assessed at Emerging in the Summary of Learning (Final Semester Report), the teacher MAY recommend they repeat the course. If you have questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please reach out to your child’s teacher or grade counsellor as soon as possible to discuss.** Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

**Core Competencies**

Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to engage in deep, lifelong learning. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to BC’s K-12 curriculum and assessment system and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens.

Vancouver students are required to reflect on Core Competencies and set goals of their choice three times each school year. Van Tech students participate in these activities in November, February, and May by posting to their SpacesEDU digital portfolio. Please watch for an email from the VSB with a link to your child’s digital portfolio. Student development in Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social Core Competencies at school often looks different than it does at home, so we encourage parents/caregivers to have conversations with their children about how Core Competencies can be developed in all aspects of their lives.

Your child’s Learning Update is **electronic** and will be published to their [MyEducation BC](#) account **It is recommended that you download and save a copy of this Learning Update for future reference. Only the most recent Learning Updates are posted on student accounts.**

**Learning Updates 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.

## Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Thurs, April 16 in the Main Gym. Sessions run from 3:15 - 4:30 pm and 5:15 - 7:00 pm.

Booking will open on Wed, April 1 at 7:00 pm and close on Wed, April 15 at 11:59 pm. Booking details will be posted on our website before March 31 [HERE](#).

Please note that you can reach out to your child’s teachers at any time. See our staff list [HERE](#).

## Summer School

If your child is assessed as Emerging (Gr 8 or 9 course) or Failing (Gr 10 or 11 course) in their Semester 1 Summary of Learning, a teacher may recommend they complete a **Review course** (Gr 8 and 9) or a **Remedial course** (Gr 10 and 11) in Summer School. Alternatively, the teacher may suggest enrolling your child in a **Preview course**, which provides an overview of a course they plan to take in the upcoming school year. For more information, please contact your child’s grade counsellor. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

Other Summer School courses include **ELL courses** that give newcomer students the opportunity to improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in a welcoming and supportive environment, and **Completion courses** are for Gr. 10-12 students who wish to repeat a course to improve their mark up to a maximum of 65%.

- All courses are in-person. Review, Remedial, Preview, and ELL courses run from July 7 to July 31, 2026.
- Completion courses run from July 7 - August 7, 2026.

**Registration is online only.** Please note due to the high volume of registrants accessing the summer registration website on the first day of registration, we expect potential system delays on opening day. Thank you in advance for your patience.

- Registration for Secondary Programs opens on **Wed. April 29, 2026, at 12:00 pm (noon)** and closes on Wed. June 10, 2026, at 11:59 pm

[Click HERE for Summer School Program Information.](#)  
[Click HERE for Summer School Registration Procedures.](#)  
[Click HERE for the summer registration website.](#)

## Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. It is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, caregivers, and school staff. Schools and school districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal setting and in providing student supports. The SLS for caregivers is available online at [Student Learning Survey - Province of British Columbia \(awinfosys.com\)](#) in 18 different languages. **The survey will be available until May 1. Please take 30 minutes to complete this anonymous survey.**

## 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

Final Presentation:

- White Hatter Media Literacy - *Using social media to unlock university and job opportunities*

## 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 link below.

Students are strongly encouraged to review the Ministry of Education's supporting webpages to prepare for the assessments. They can try the sample assessment to become familiar with the format, instructions, and navigation.

Grade	Assessment Date	Assessment	BC Ministry of Education link
10	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Numeracy 10	<a href="#">Numeracy 10</a>
12	<b>*DATE CHANGE Monday, June 8</b>	Missed assessment / rewrites French Immersion 12 Written	<a href="#">French Immersion 12</a>

10 & 12	<b>*DATE CHANGE Wednesday, June 10</b>	<b>Missed assessment /rewrites</b> French Immersion 12 Oral Literacy 12 Literacy 10 Numeracy 10	<a href="#">Access to all English language assessments</a>
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**Student Action Items**

- Note your assigned assessment time(s) and room location(s) posted in your Grade Channel in the Van Tech Student Hub TEAM.
- You will be excused from classes to write the assessment. If you finish early, go to a designated learning space. Attend regular classes for the other half of the day.
- Contact your counsellor if you have questions about graduation requirements.
- Contact Ms. Thompson you have questions about writing your Graduation Assessment(s).

**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.

## 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.)

## 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.

**Period Rotation**

<b>Semester 2</b> January 28 – February 27: Rotation AB CD March 2 – April 14: Rotation BA DC April 15 – May 19: Rotation AB CD May 20 - June 25: Rotation BA DC
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## 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 Days

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

# Professional Development Days

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.

## Technology Tools

Please keep 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)  *Note: passwords must be changed every 90 days.	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: <a href="mailto:student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca">student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca</a>	VSB email: <a href="mailto:student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca">student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca</a>	VSB email: <a href="mailto:student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca">student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca</a>

## Athletics

### Athletics

We are excited to start the very busy Spring Athletics season! Tryouts and practices for the following teams are underway:

- Badminton
- Golf
- Ice Hockey - Boys
- Rugby - Boys (Grade 9-12 only)
- Rugby- Girls
- Soccer - Girls
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Ultimate
- Volleyball - Boys (Grade 8 and 9)

### Winter Season Wrap-Up

Congratulations to all our winter teams. While some teams are still competing in city and zone playoffs, others have completed very successful seasons.

- Senior Girls Basketball: 6<sup>th</sup>
- Juvenile Girls Basketball: 5<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Girls Basketball: tied for 9<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Boys Basketball: 4<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Boys Basketball: City Champions, 5<sup>th</sup> in BC
- Juvenile Boys Basketball: tied for 9<sup>th</sup>
- Bantam Boys Gold Basketball: currently in city playoffs
- Bantam Boys Green Basketball: tied for 17<sup>th</sup>
- Boys Curling: 2<sup>nd</sup> in zone
- Girls Curling: Zone Champions, 10<sup>th</sup> in BC
- Boys Table Tennis: 6<sup>th</sup>
- Girls Ice Hockey: currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Season continues into March

## Fine Arts

Van Tech's Drama Club wrote and performed their show, *Daily Drama*, at Zone Fest at Magee Secondary on January 15.

*Daily Drama* received the **Outstanding Original Work Certificate of Achievement**, and Grade 12 student Thomas Bailey earned an award for **Outstanding Comedic Performance**.



# SACY – Family Stream

Hello parents and caregivers! My name is **Savoy**, and I am Van Tech’s family support person for the **Family Stream of SACY**.

The program is a partnership between the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Coastal Health, with the Family Stream providing **learning opportunities** and **one-to-one support** to parents and caregivers. The goal of SACY is to **prevent, delay and reduce substance use related problems among youth**. If you are interested in learning more, please join us at an upcoming event!

The next event is **Building Bridges** on Thursday **March 12<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm-7:30pm hosted at the portable at Sir Charles Tupper Secondary High School. Click the link to register: <https://linktr.ee/sacyresource>

If you have any questions about support or learning for your family, please feel free to reach out - my email is [savoy.williams@vch.ca](mailto:savoy.williams@vch.ca) and **604-612-9109**.

## Emergency Reunification Plan



**In case of emergency**

# EMERGENCY REUNIFICATION PLAN

**PREPARATION**

- School forms: Emergency contact list - add local people who are able to pick up your children.
- Have a list of all children you are responsible for.

**DURING AN EVENT**

- Bring your photo ID and report to the school as soon as possible.
- When you arrive at the school, go to the clearly marked check-in area.
- Organizers will locate your child and/or children you are responsible for.

**Important Information – Please Translate**

這是一份重要資訊 — 請找人為您翻譯 這是一份重要信息 — 請找人為您翻譯

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

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Información importante - Por favor traducir

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重要な情報-翻訳してください

## 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.

**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.

**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.

**VSB 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.

**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.

**VSB EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

Emergency Radios - for communication with VSB Emergency Operations Centre.

Emergency food and water for 72-hour preparedness for Staff and Students while they are at the school.

**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.

# 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](#):



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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.

## 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 a week or more can get an extended absences form from their counsellor.

## 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

## 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.

# School Calendars 2026-2029

The school calendars for 2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029 are posted on the VSB website here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/proposed-school-calendars-2026-2029>

# Important Upcoming Dates

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

Mar 5	FIT Freeze: Student Learning Survey
Mar 6	<b>Learning Updates Published</b>
Mar 10	Student Forum
Mar 13	Indigenous Caregiver Coffee morning, 8:40 AM Term 1 Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation ends
Mar 16 -27	Spring Break
Mar 30	Term 2 Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation starts
Mar 31	Euclid Math Contest
Apr 1	Fryer, Galois, Hypatia Math Contests
Apr 3	Good Friday - holiday
Apr 6	Easter Monday - holiday
Apr 8 - 10	Theatre Company Production
Apr 9	Collaborative Day - no Period 4
Apr 15	Block rotation AB CD Sr Music Concert
Apr 16	<b>Parent/Caregiver – Teacher Conferences</b>
Apr 17	Indigenous Caregiver Coffee morning, 7:00 AM
Apr 20	Indigenous Focus Day – no classes
Apr 21	Numeracy 10 Assessment, AM & PM Q4 starts for Gr 8 Fine Arts rotation & Gr 9 electives
Apr 22	PAC meeting, 7:00 PM
Apr 23	In-school Career Ed 8/9 Presentation
May 1	Mid-Semester Learning Update Published
May 7	Big One at Two Earthquake Drill Grads of 2031 Family Information Night
May 8	Term 2 Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation ends
May 11	Term 3 Gr 8 Applied Skills Rotation starts
May 12	Collaborative Day - no Period 4
May 13	VSB District Film Festival
May 14	Van Tech Celebration of Champions
May 15	Professional Development Day – no classes
May 18	Victoria Day - holiday
May 19	Van Tech Celebration of Champions
May 20	Block rotation BA DC
May 21	FIT Freeze: Core Competency self-assessment
May 22	Indigenous Caregiver Coffee morning, 8:40 AM Grade 7 Mixer
May 26	Immunization Clinic PAC Meeting, 7:00 AM
May 28	Spring Awards Concert – Band & Jazz
June 4	Spring Awards Concert – Orchestra & Choir
June 8	Collaborative Day – no Period 1 French Immersion Literacy 12 assessment rewrite (written)
June 19	Graduation Assessment rewrites
June 11	Pride Month Showcase
June 12	Grad Dinner Dance, Fairmont Hotel, 6:30 pm
June 15	Grad Ceremony, Orpheum
June 19	Indigenous Caregiver Coffee morning, 8:40 AM
June 23	Technival
June 24 & 25	Semester Turn Around Days
June 25	<b>Semester Two Summary of Learning Updates Published</b>

## Stay Updated

The VSB now has a central location for family and community information. Find what you need, all in one place. Explore programs, policies and school supports through VSB's [Family and Community Information page](#).



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