



SIR CHARLES TUPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Tupper Secondary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT: NEW CELLPHONE STRATEGY TO BE IMPLEMENTED

Semester 2 has begun and we are settling into our new routines. One observation we have made from Semester 1 is that we are having a tough time meeting the Ministry of Education and Child Welfare guidelines of no devices in class. Specifically, in keeping students off cellphones and engaged fully in educational instruction. It is the expectation of our students that cellphones, headsets, ear buds, etc. are not to be used during class time unless directed by the teacher for instructional purposes.

In the spirit of this and the provincial guidelines of personal device use, please be advised that some teachers will require students to hand in their phones at the beginning of class so that they are out of reach for the duration of the period. Teachers will have the option of requesting that students use a 'phone hotel' in their class where students will place their phones in a visible spot within the room for the duration of the lesson. These 'hotels' will be mounted on the wall or in a box on the teacher's desk and your child will be able to see their phone at all times. Families that do not wish to use these can make sure that their child's phone is put away in their bag (not in their pocket) for the duration of the class or kept at home. Students will be able to retrieve their phones at the end of class. Should you need to get a hold of your child during class time, please call 604-713-8233 and the office will connect with your child's teacher.

We do also recognize that certain students for medical reasons or as part of their learning strategies may need to have other means established and our teachers will work with them to limit the use of the phones in class to necessary functions. We would appreciate the assistance of parents and caregivers to have a discussion with their child or children to make the most of our instructional time.

If you have any questions regarding this, please email me Brent Schieman at bschieman@vsb.bc.ca or discuss with your child's teacher(s).

All the best,
Brent Schieman
Principal

GRADUATION INFORMATION:

PROM (also called DINNER/DANCE) INFORMATION

TIME SENSITIVE

We are asking our Graduates to pay for the Dinner/Dance/Prom as soon as possible as we will need to confirm numbers immediately following Spring Break. The cost for this year is \$120 (it will be going up next year) and you can pay for that on School Cash Online. Please make sure you remember to do this as seat selection for the Prom is occurring soon and all members of the table need to have paid before they will be able to reserve a table with their friends. If an alternate payment plan or assistance is needed, please contact your counsellor or Mr. Schieman.

Our Graduate's prom will be on Friday May 22, 2026, at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

CONVOCATION INFORMATION:

Our 2026 Graduation Ceremony will take place at the Chan Centre on **Wednesday June 24th, 2026, at 11am**. *More information will be provided closer to the date.* But please note the 11am start time. Also, please make sure your child's Graduation Ceremony fee of \$100 has been paid in School Cash as this allows us to rent the hall, get the grad gowns and folders, and create what we hope is a memorable experience for all.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

TIME SENSITIVE

Please have your child look at the Grade 12 Teams channel and note the two separate applications for School Based Scholarships. One is for the general scholarships that we give out, including our most prestigious award 'THE TORCH'! And the second is for the District/Authority Scholarships, of which we get over 20 to give away. These are scholarships for a variety of elective or non-academic categories which are explained on the Teams post. BOTH of these applications are due Tuesday March 31st at 9am ... BUT we are recommending they be completed before Spring Break to get them off of your plate.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY for GRADES 10, 11 AND 12

The Vancouver School Board is participating in the 2026 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project, in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province.

Parents/Guardians of students in Grades 10, 11 or 12 can complete the Internet Electronic Anonymous Surveys any time before May 1st, 2026, providing immediate results to the school and the district. Your participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of your child(ren). You may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to [Student Learning Survey - Province of British Columbia](#)
2. Complete the fields:
 - a. District : 39 Vancouver
 - b. School : Sir Charles Tupper Secondary
 - c. Language : Select the language of your choice.

ATHLETICS Update:

Wrestling Provincials start today

Grade 12's - Joel Cameron and Emile Mahseredjian

Grade 11's - Sebastian Lee and Will Mackenzie

Grade 9's - Larry Lee, Will Michaud, and Andrew Linder

Senior Boys Basketball - still in Zones and is fighting to make it to Provincials. Need to win the 3rd place berth on Saturday.

Senior Girls Basketball - made Provincials (first time since 1981). Provincials are Feb 25-28 at the Langley Event Centre.

Tupper is hosting the Junior Girls and Senior Girls All-Star Games on March 5th.

Grade 8 Boys Basketball – Playing today in the Finals against Templeton

DONATIONS always WELCOME ... Tax Receipt Available

We have been able to secure 30 new laptops with our available funding sources but are looking to raise enough money (~\$40,000) to replace our second of three laptop sets. So if you traditionally donate to a charity for a Tax Receipt at this time, please consider the school as that charity. To do so, go to our Tupper Website <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sir-charles-tupper> and click on the Red Donate button at the top. Fill in how much you want to donate and put in the notes/other section that it is for Technology. That will automatically generate a tax receipt for you and the money would be placed into our school account targeted directly to replacing our aging technology. Hopefully, we can raise enough money to get a good start on that second set of laptops. Also, feel free to pass this Donation request along to any alumni who may want to assist their former school. Much appreciated.

REPORTING ABSENCES

The preferred method for reporting student absences would be via email at tupper@vsb.bc.ca, alternatively you may phone the school office at 604-713-8233.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now available to view and pay online through [School Cash Online](#). Families will have to set up an account and pay for school fees using credit card. For inquiries or assistance, please contact the school accountant, Ms. Peralta in the school office. If you haven't paid your school fees, please do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESS VERIFICATION

Please check your address in MyEd. If it is incorrect, please come to the office and get a change of address form which needs a parent/guardian signature and proof of new residence. Grad's especially should check this as we mail out the diploma's once they have arrived in late summer.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

February 23	New Cellphone Strategies begin at Tupper
February 25	Pink Shirt Day
March 2	Grade Group Photos occurring in the morning
March 6	Interim Reports Published on MyEd
March 11	TIP afternoon (Dismissal at 1:45pm)
March 13	Grade 8 Rotation 2 begins
March 13	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 14-29	Spring Break
March 30	First day of classes after Spring Break
March 31 st at 9am	Grad Scholarship forms due (see above)
April 3	Good Friday (no school)
April 6	Easter Monday (no School)
April 20	Indigenous Focus Day Professional Development (No school)
April 21-24	Provincial Assessments ... Numeracy 10 and make ups for Literacy

TUPPER FAQ

Getting Help with Accessing MyEducationBC

How to access your student's report card on the MyEducation BC Family Portal

Mid-point reports will be found on the MyEducation BC Family Portal. Please follow the instructions below to locate your child's report:

1. Go to the MyEd Website (<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>)
2. Type in the student number as the login ID
3. The password is the one that you and your student have already been using.
4. You will find the report card under "Published Reports" on the right-hand side.
5. **Please note** reports are deleted when new reports are generated. You may wish to save a copy for your records.

What if I forgot my password?

1. Click on the "I forgot my password" link.
2. A response should come to the email that is associated with the account.
3. If you do not recall the email associated with the account, please send an email tupper@vsb.bc.ca to request assistance.

What if my MyEducation BC account is disabled?

Please send an email to tupper@vsb.bc.ca to request assistance.

Thank you for your attention to the above update as well as your continued support of our students.

QUESTIONS?

For general inquiries please contact us through our general email address:

tupper@vsb.bc.ca

Staff contact information is also available on our school website tupper.vsb.bc.ca

