



December 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), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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Holiday Hamper Edition



This year marks Van Tech's 10th annual Holiday Hamper Drive

Our annual Holiday Hamper Drive supports families facing food insecurity. Last year, we helped 146 families, and we expect to assist a similar number again this year. If your family needs a hamper, contact your child's grade counsellor or Mr. Van (nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca) to arrange delivery between December 16 and 19th. Families who received a hamper last year will automatically be included this year and will be contacted in early December to confirm delivery details.

Can You Support our Families and Hamper Drive?

We anticipate about 150 of our own families will need a hamper this year, and we are committed to assisting each one who asks for help. From December 1 to December 9, students will collect food and donations in student's period 1 classes.

More on Online Donations

The most important part of our fundraising for Holiday Hampers is through online donations. If you would like to make a donation, please use the QR Code or [Donation link HERE](#). Online donations of \$20 or more will receive an instant tax receipt. Last year we raised an impressive \$18,500, which when combined with our community partners allowed us to cover the roughly \$24,000 needed to make 150 Hampers with food, household items, and a grocery store gift card. Mr. van Iersel has created a ridiculous video with all of this and more information here: <https://youtu.be/XQL6-8TSc4E>. Please contact him at nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca, if you have any questions.



We're excited to share this edition of the Family Bulletin, featuring highlights and images of student life at Van Tech from the past few months. Take a moment to enjoy these snapshots of our vibrant school community.

On behalf of all the staff at Van Tech, we wish you a happy holiday season.

The Van Tech Administration



Roberto Moro
Principal (Grade 12)



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



David Cacchioni
Vice Principal (Grades 9 & 11)

Caregiver Bulletin

The Van Tech Counselling Department is pleased to announce the publication of its 2025-2026 Caregiver Bulletin. This bulletin is ready resource for caregivers who need quick access to key people at our school and answers to common questions. Go to Families tab on the Van Tech website, and click on the Family Bulletin page: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4666/parent-bulletin>



January Course Planning Information Night

The Van Tech Counselling Department will host a virtual one-hour session for caregivers and families on **Tues, Jan 13, 2026**. Learn about 2025–26 course offerings, selection process, grade requirements, and post-secondary planning (especially for Grade 10 & 11 students).

No registration is required; just click the Teams link at the start of the meeting. Recordings and slide decks will be posted [HERE](#) within a week.

Grade	Meeting Time	Contact	Meeting Link (Ctrl + Click)
Grade 8 into 9 (Grads of 2030)	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Ms. Leanne lhagglund@vsb.bc.ca	Join the meeting now
Grade 9 into 10 (Grads of 2029)	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Mr. Waisberg dwaisberg@vsb.bc.ca	Join the meeting now
Grade 10 into 11 (Grads of 2028)	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Ms. Adele aaesnault@vsb.bc.ca	Join the meeting now
Grade 11 into 12 (Grads of 2027)	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Ms. Ross kross@vsb.bc.ca	Join the meeting now

Van Tech Students in Action



Elaine H, 3rd palce, TRU Chemistry 12 Contest, May 2025



Nima N, 3rd place, TRU Chemistry 11 Contest, May 2025



Van Tech takes home first place in the Hyatt Regency’s annual Gingerbread House Contest with *Peppermint Palace*. Team members: Avery Connors, Jubilee Chow, Nathan Cheng, Sarah Marciano, Hazy Lacambra, Anthony Trotter, Brayden Ma. Led by baker Billie Chan.



Gr 8 student Adara wins the 2025 Your Voice is Power Contest [READ MORE HERE](#)



Juvenile Boys Soccer: City Champions



Elsa R Gr 11 and Megan J Gr 12



Mark Johnston (Coach) and Rachel S (Para 50 Free Gold)



Maya R, Sofia V, Kimberly J, Gr 8, and Zetta V, Athena D, Bella N, Gr 9



Brian S, Emily D, Matthew Z, Megan J (200 Mixed Free Relay Silver)



Emily D, Megan J, Kassandra K, Naomi B (Girls 400 Free Relay)



Isabella and Sam speaking at the Mural Opening Ceremony



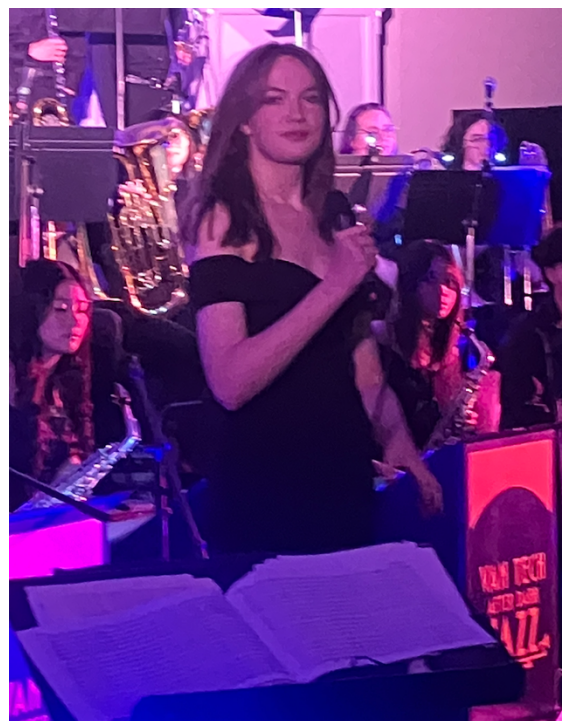
Van Tech Blood Club



Afra and Carson at the Nikkei Centre with Asian Studies 12



CLE10 at the Fresh Roots garden



Petra at Jazz Cabaret



Law Studies
12 at the
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Law Courts



SACY Parent Event

The Family Stream of SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth) has an in-person event coming up on **Dec 11, 2025**, for all parents and caregivers!

The *Building Bridges* workshop will be hosted in-person at the SACY Portable behind Sir Charles Tupper Secondary (the SACY portable is located on the corner for E 23rd and Prince Edward) from 5:30pm-7pm.

Building Bridges is a 90-minute interactive workshop facilitated by the SACY family stream staff, offering parents and caregivers an opportunity to learn about teen substance use and to build tools for prevention. The topics explored are destigmatizing substances, prevention and safety, and how to have conversations with teens about substances. There will be opportunities to ask questions throughout.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Hayden Averill at haverill@vsb.bc.ca, 604 690 9261 or Savoy Williams at savoy.williams@vch.ca, 604 612 9109.

For more SACY information: <https://linktr.ee/sacyresourcelist>

Building Bridges

SACY Family Stream

An opportunity for parents and caregivers to learn about teen substance use and build tools for prevention.



Description

Building Bridges is a **90-minute** interactive **workshop** facilitated by the Family Stream of SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth), offering parents and caregivers an opportunity to learn about teen substance use and build tools for prevention.

Parents and **caregivers** will gather in the portable at Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School to **participate** in a workshop exploring topics such as **destigmatizing** substances, **prevention** and **safety**, and how to have **conversations with teens** about **substances**.

The format of the workshop will be a facilitated **presentation** with opportunity to **ask questions** throughout.

Event Details

Date: December 11, 2025
Time: 5:30pm - 7pm
Location: the portable at Sir Charles Tupper Secondary; corner of E23rd and Prince Edward St. (419 E 24th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5V 2A2)

Family Facilitators

Hayden Averill	Savoy Williams
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QR Code or Link to Register: <https://linktr.ee/sacyresourcelist>



ARE YOU **UNSURE** OF HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH?

Parenting a teen is complex, and there are no easy answers.
Parent and Caregiver support can help.

Groups are offered in English in Vancouver, Burnaby and Delta, and Vietnamese in Vancouver:

PARENTS TOGETHER

An ongoing support & education group for parent and caregivers of youth ages 13 – 24.

My relationship with my children is better. We are closer and happier. I love this group!

PARENTS IN THE KNOW

12-week education program for parents and caregivers of youth ages 13 – 24. Offered three times a year.

I don't think I could have coped without this group!

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS OF YOUTH

BGC South Coast BC Parenting Programs are professionally facilitated, education and support programs for parents of youth up to age 24. Parents come to the group with a wide range of concerns:

- Youth mental health
- Substance use
- Lack of motivation
- Abusive or aggressive actions
- Defiant/rebellious attitude

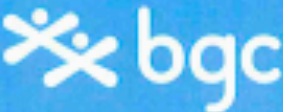


WHAT ARE MEETINGS LIKE

Many parents who reach out for support feel guilty, blamed by others, isolated, and unsure about what to do. BGC parenting programs can help parents address these feelings in a confidential, non judgmental, group setting.

Group meetings include:

- Education on relevant parenting issues
- Group work on common concerns
- Connection with other parents



South Coast BC



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VSBS Voices - Call for volunteers!

Parents and caregivers, are you interested in sharing your voice and shaping important decisions for our schools? We are looking for volunteer participants to join VSBS Voices, a trusted group of students' families and caregivers who provide feedback about different topics through surveys, focus groups and panels. Your voice matters and it is vital in shaping important decisions for our schools. To join VSBS Voices for the 2025/2026 school year, please take five minutes to complete the [following questionnaire](#) by December 15, 2025.

More information on VSBS Voices can be found [here](#).





Be in the know, winter is coming!

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible.

If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: Vancouver School Board

Instagram: @vsb39

X: @vsb39

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca



For more information on how school and program closure decisions are made in the VSB tune in to [this episode of the podcast, VSB: After the Bell](#).

A message from Fresh Roots

This season, we’re inviting you to step into [the Giving Garden](#): a space where every gift you plant helps youth, food, and community flourish.

At Fresh Roots, we grow more than delicious vegetables. On our schoolyard farms, young people dig into the soil, harvest fresh produce, and grow confidence, leadership, and belonging.

With your help, we can continue nurturing this growth: **one seed, one youth, one meal at a time.**

Your gift helps us:

- Transform schoolyards into farms that **share thousands of pounds of fresh, local food** with families and food security organizations in our communities
- Welcome **more than 3,000 kids and youth** each year on our farms.
- Support youth growing **skills and confidence** that last a lifetime.

Give \$50 or more before December 15 and you'll be entered to win a Peak CSA Veggie subscription, to receive farm-fresh produce each week (valued at \$275) to pick up at our weekly markets in either Vancouver or Coquitlam.

Regular CSA Sales will open on December 15! Fill out [our CSA Interest Form](#) to get notified.

When you give to Fresh Roots, your support takes root and grows all year long.

[PLANT YOUR GIFT TODAY](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

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

Dec 4	Winter Band and Jazz Concert, 6:45 pm
Dec 9	Collaborative Day – no Period 4
Dec 10	Grade 8 Dance, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Dec 11	Winter Orchestra & Choir Concert, 6:45 pm VSB SACY Parent Event, Tupper Secondary
Dec 16	Block Rotation: BA DC
Dec 18	Winter Formal Dance, Gr 11 & 12
Dec 19	Last Day of Instruction before Winter Vacation
Jan 5	School Reopens after Winter Vacation



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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