



# June 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) & səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

## Summer is almost here!

As June winds down, Van Tech students are staying active right to the end of the school year. Highlights include our final Music Concert on June 4, the Theatre Company's *Van Tech SNL* from June 8–10, the Pride Month Talent Showcase on June 11, and *Technival* on June 23. Read on for more information about these fantastic events.

As we wrap up the year, we extend our sincere thanks to our entire Van Tech community.

To our students—your effort, resilience, and growth have been inspiring. We are so proud of all you've accomplished. A special congratulations to the Grad Class of 2026 as you head into your next chapter.

To our families and caregivers—thank you for your continued support and partnership.

To our staff—your passion, care, and commitment make a difference every day. We extend our appreciation to all of you. This year, we say good-bye to Vice-Principal Janet Thompson, who will be joining Kitsilano Secondary, and we welcome Vice-Principal Catherine McLean from David Thompson Secondary. We wish all the best to Shayne Arthrus, Aaron Kopelow, Seth Johnson, Mitchell Sattler, and Katarzyna Przystupa as they move on from Van Tech. Thank you for the lasting contributions you've made to our school. A special acknowledgment goes to our retirees, Sheila Keon and Dorothy Leung—thank you for your years of dedication and service. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you much happiness in the years ahead.

Please watch for our August Family Bulletin for updates. Until then, we wish you a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back on September 8, 2026.

The Van Tech Administration



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Gr. 8 & 10



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Gr. 9 & 11

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

Informations importantes - Veuillez traduire	• 这是一份重要信息 — 请找人为您翻译
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# Important Upcoming Dates

See the Grads of 2026 Graduation Bulletin on our website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/parent-bulletin>

Wed, June 24 and Thurs, June 25, 2026, are “Semester Turnaround Days.” Although these are days of instruction, no new material will be taught by your child’s Semester 2 teachers. Students are welcome to attend classes during their regular Semester 2 scheduled class times. Attendance is not required, unless requested by a teacher. The last day of instruction for students enrolled in District Programs (LAC and Life Skills) is Thurs, June 25. Students in these programs are expected to attend classes on that day. Fri, June 26 is an Administrative Day, and students should not be in the building.

JUNE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <i>Indigenous Celebration Week</i>	2 Gr 12 Assembly, FIT  Junior Dance	3	4 Spring Awards Concert: Strings & Orchestra	5
8 Collaborative Day No Period 1  Athletic Banquet  Theatre Company Show	9 Grad Rehearsal & Grad Gown and Ticket Distribution, FIT  Graduation Assessment Rewrites (FRIMM Written)  Theatre Company Show	10 Graduation Assessment Rewrites  Theatre Company Show	11 Grad Rehearsal, FIT  Pride Month Talent & Showcase	12 Graduation Dinner Dance
15 Graduation Ceremony	16 Grad Rehearsal, FIT Assembly	17 French Immersion Graduation Celebration	18	19
22 <i>Regular schedule</i>  Grad Cap Toss & Final Countdown	23 <i>Altered Schedule</i>  P1 8:40 - 9:15 P2 9:25 - 10:00 Break 10:00 - 10:10 P3 10:10 - 10:45 P4 10:50 - 11:25  Yearbook distribution (room 605) Gr 12, 9:35-10:00 Gr 11, 10:20-10:45 Gr 10, 11:00-11:25 Gr 9, 11:30-12:00 Gr 8, 11:50-12:20  Technival 11:30 - 2:30	24 <i>Wednesday Schedule</i>  Semester Turnaround Day	25 <i>Wednesday Schedule</i>  Semester Turnaround Day  Summary of Learning Published	26 <i>Students do not attend</i>  Administrative Day

## Spring Highlights

### Van Tech Blood Club

In April, the Van Tech Blood Club led an awareness campaign for BC Transplant, which oversees organ donation and transplantation in BC. In 2025, the province saw a record year: 575 people received transplants, including record numbers of kidney, pancreas, and islet procedures. The Blood Club is working to help break that record in 2026.

#### Quick facts:

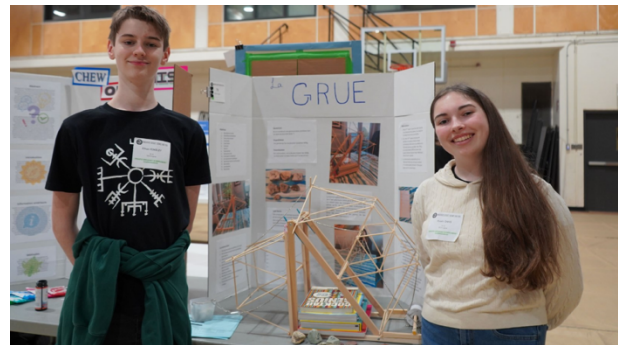
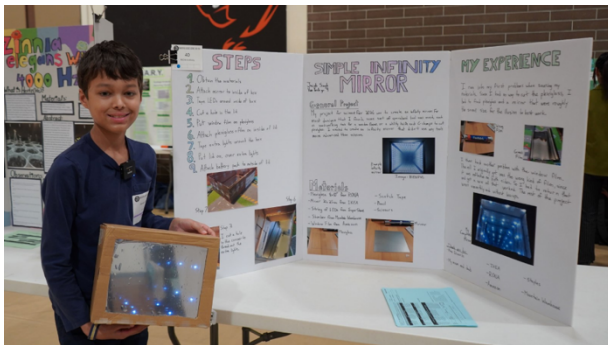
- Donation is only considered after all life-saving efforts have failed.
- Anyone can register. At 19+, your decision is legally binding; under 19, it reflects your wishes. If you aren't registered, your family decides.
- You are more likely to need a transplant than to become a donor.
- How to help: Register or check your status at:

<https://register.transplant.bc.ca/>



### Vancouver District Science Fair

Vancouver French Immersion Science Students Ethan Kimbley, Anaïs Sans, and Jacob Singh participated in the [Vancouver District Science Fair](#) in May. Jacob Singh (left) was a finalist and presented at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair.



Thank you to teacher Ms. Edwards for supporting the Blood Club and Science Fair participants!

### REDress Day

REDress Day was created by Métis artist and activist Jaime Black as an artistic response to the thousands of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit+ people across what is now Canada. It raises awareness of ongoing violence while honouring their lives, voices, and stories. "Red Dress" also plays on "re-dress," meaning to make amends and pursue justice and reparations for past and ongoing harms.

Van Tech students created several REDress Day displays. Video Production student Siena Valenta produced a hauntingly beautiful video featuring the Van Tech Chamber Choir performing the Women's Warrior Song. An art installation by Ms. Koch's English First Peoples 12 classes and Ms. Sarii's senior ceramics classes, with Education Teacher Robin Roberts, combines ceramic beads and weaving to honour women's roles in Indigenous cultures. The circular weaving symbolizes connection, continuity, and strength. Together, these works act in solidarity to honour those who are missing and murdered.

### Asian Heritage Month

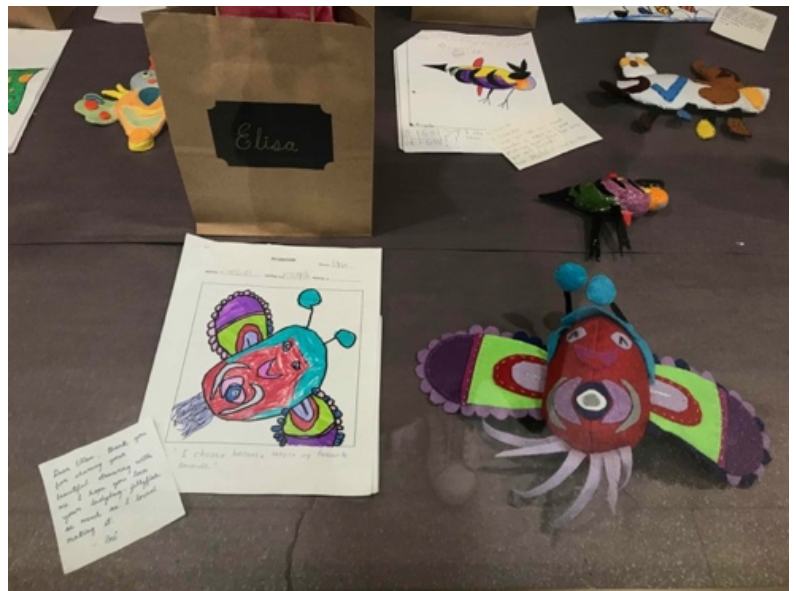
In honour of Asian Heritage Month, Van Tech students took part in an array of FIT activities that celebrated the rich diversity of Asian cultures. Highlights included hands-on experiences with origami, Mahjong, Korean games, Henna, and a variety of Asian snacks, with the help of student volunteers Nylah Chaudhary and Mannat Chhoker. On May 28, Settlement Workers Maria MacDonald, Heivin Ahmad, and Andara Ahmad, along with student helpers Ave Degamo, Hisako Masumura, Kelly Lu, Milad Safdari, and Shayan Aflaki, hosted an Asian Culture Fair. Dozens of classes learned about Asian cultures, played games, and sampled food. Thank you to Ms. Taiji for organizing this second annual event and to the staff and students who participated.

Asian Heritage Month



*Van Tech Boxing Club visits Diaz Combat Sports in May. Thanks to Constable Michelle Rajtschan of the VPD for organizing the club and to coach JY Kim.*

*Senior students in BC First Peoples 12 and Senior Ceramics 10-12 stepped beyond the classroom to collaborate with K-2 learners at Queen Alexandra Elementary, creating meaningful art grounded in connection, care, and shared storytelling.*



## Athletics

As the end of another school year draws near, we would like to thank all the coaches, sponsors, team managers, scorekeepers, officials, and of course, student-athletes for their commitment, time, and energy in participating in a school sport and proudly representing our school and community.

We would especially like to congratulate our team "Top Talisman" award winners, and grade Top Athlete Award winners, who will be recognized at our awards ceremony and banquet June 8. These student-athletes demonstrated leadership, sportsmanship, and skill, acting as role models on their respective teams this year.

Our May highlights included...

- Senior Ultimate: 2nd in the city, 3rd in the zone, and 8th at provincials
- Senior Boys Rugby 7s: 3rd in the zone
- Juvenile Boys Volleyball: 3rd in the city
- Juvenile Girls Soccer: 3rd in the city
- Golf: 3rd in the B League Championships
- Track and Field: many zone medalists and qualifications for provincials, taking place this week



Van Tech Ruby Canadian Women's player Lara Wright

Finally, athletics would like to thank Ms. Sheila Keon and Ms. Dorothy Leung for their many years of dedication and contributions to our program at Van Tech as they enter retirement. You will be missed!

## Fine Arts

### 2026 VAMPT Film Festival

Van Tech hosted the Vancouver Motion Picture Teacher (VAMPT) annual film festival in May, showcasing 32 short films from across the Vancouver School District. The collection of short films encompassed a wide range of genres and styles including animation, music videos, science fiction, comedy, experimental, documentaries and dramas. Thank you to Van Tech Film teacher, Sepideh Sarii, for helping co-ordinate submissions and programming. Congratulations to Grade 10 student Artin Hadipour, who received the Best Director Award for his film *Forgotten*, a powerful film that will leave you in tears. The film *Reflected* also received The Heartstrings Award. This film was created by Olivia Costin, Emily Lin, and Artin Hadipour.

### Music Program

The Night of Bands and Jazz on May 28 was a huge success and celebrated many Van Tech Music Students. The show featured Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band, and Vocal Jazz. Congratulations to all classroom award winners and Music Grad award winners. On June 4, the Van Tech community is invited to come out to the Night of Strings and Choirs at 6:45pm in the Auditorium. This show will feature the Junior and Senior String Orchestras, the Junior and Senior Symphony Orchestras, Concert Choir and Chamber Choir as well as more classroom and Music Grad awards. Thanks to Music teachers Ms. Amanda Kilburn and Ms. Elizabeth Riegert for their tireless work with the Music Program!

### Van Tech Theatre Company

Theatre Company's Improv Club performed to a sold-out audience on Granville Island in late May. Students spent 8 weeks after school learning Improv skills that culminated in a performance.

Theatre Company class has been busy writing and rehearsing their latest sketch comedy show *Van Tech SNL*. Inspired by Saturday Night Live, the company has written, directed and designed the whole show. We are live from the Drama Studio on June 8-9. Tickets are \$10.00 and show is recommended for ages 14 and up. Tickets available:

June 8<sup>th</sup> - <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/197997/196/False/True>

June 9<sup>th</sup> - <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/198021/196/False/True>

June 10<sup>th</sup> - <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/198022/196/False/True>



## Pride Month Talent Showcase

On June 11, the Van Tech community is hosting a Pride Month Talent Showcase. This event will feature several talented Van Tech students and staff, and acts as a fundraiser with proceeds from the door benefiting QMUNITY's Youth Programming. Come on out to support Van Tech students and a great cause for Pride Month 2026!



*Pride Month Talent Showcase 2025 winners Lucas, Thomas and Katie.*

## How to Access Learning Updates on MyEd

There are two types of Written Learning Updates (report cards): Mid-Semester and Summary of Learning.

**Summaries of Learning (final report cards) for 2025-2026 will be published on June 25 and available on MyEd BC until August 8. It is recommended that you download and save a copy of this Learning Update for future reference.** You can request copy of your Learning Update report from the main office during summer hours.

Follow these steps for access to MyEducation BC:

1. Go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/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.

VSBC MyEd HELP PAGE: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5038/account-management>

MyEd BC Student Family accounts will be suspended on August 8 to accommodate students attending Summer School, allowing them to view/download their Learning Update upon courses completion. All student accounts (new and returning) will be enabled by 3:30 pm on Friday September 4, 2026, so that students can have access on the first day of school September 8, 2026. Students' accounts will be accessible by their last successful login ID and password.

## Navigating your child's MyEducation BC account

Did you receive an absence notification and want to see which class(es) it pertains to? Or are you looking to view your child's schedule and teachers? This MyEd Family Portal Guide can 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.

### 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.

## Comments

Please read the comments on your child's Summary of Learning 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, the teacher MAY recommend they repeat the course. If this is the case, and you have not already done so, please contact your child's grade counsellor before Friday, June 26 or after Monday, August 31 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 participated 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.

**It is recommended that you download and save a copy of this Learning Update for future reference. Learning Updates are NOT saved on MyEd. Only the most recent Learning Updates are posted on student accounts.**

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## Graduation Assessment Results

Students are required to write three Graduation Assessments as part of the graduation requirements: 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 Assessments will not impact their academic standing.

## 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.

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## Parent and Caregiver Resources

This Van Tech resource provides quick access to key people at our school and answers to common questions: [Van Tech Caregiver Bulletin rev Nov 2025.pdf](#)

Free and low-cost support services for families in the Lower Mainland / Vancouver: [Parent Resources, June 2025.pdf](#)

The May episode of VSB After the Bell focuses on everything families need to know about Microsoft Copilot 13+.

In this episode, we discuss some of the most frequently asked questions we heard from both students and their families: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/podcast> More information and resources for families about Copilot 13+ is available at [govsb.ca/copilot](https://govsb.ca/copilot).

**VSB After the Bell LIVE Presents: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts, Tues, June 9, 6:00-7:00 pm**

Healthy habits with technology are important to maintain over the summer months. As the school year comes to an end, you are invited to attend a live virtual learning session. You'll hear from experts in the field who will discuss practical strategies to help families support balanced, healthy and mindful technology use. This session will be recorded and will be available as part of our After the Bell podcast series.

**Featuring:** Matthew Johnson, Education Director at MediaSmarts & Christina Walker, Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher at VSB

Register [HERE](#) by 5 pm, Mon, June 8.

**Together, we will:**

- Consider how digital technologies shape daily routines and well-being
- Learn evidence-based approaches to building positive tech habits
- Explore ways to support children and teens in developing critical digital skills
- Share strategies to foster open, supportive conversations about technology use
- Have questions? Ask them live during the session's designated Q&A period.

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## Summer Hours

During the summer break, the school office will be open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you need to speak to a member of the office staff, please call ahead to book an appointment. It will reopen for the 2026-2027 school year on Mon, Aug 24. Please Note: Van Tech is a Summer School location, and only Van Tech Summer School students are allowed in the building in July and August.

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## Notice of Late Return

If your child is expecting to return to school later than Fri, Sept 11, 2026, but prior to Tues, Sept 29, 2026, please complete the [Notice of Late Return, 2026](#). Please note: if the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Fri, Sept 11, 2026, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

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## 2026-2027 Information & Calendar

2026-2027 Van Tech calendar: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/2026-2027-school-calendar.89381>

A detailed 2026-2027 Van Tech calendar will be posted here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/calendar?tab=monthview>

2026-2027 VSB calendar: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/school-year-calendar>

### Gr. 8 Welcome and Orientation

Gr. 8 students and families are invited to Van Tech's annual Gr. 8 Welcome and Orientation event on Wednesday September 2026, where we will introduce them to various aspects of the Van Tech Community. **More information will be sent to families in mid-August.**

### Flexible Instructional Time, 2026-2027

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) will occur every day *except* Wednesday, for 40 minutes. During FIT students are expected to be engaged in a learning activity of their choice. Monday and Friday FIT runs 8:40 - 9:20 am, and students do not need to sign up in advance, but when they are in the building, they must be in a learning space, and they must sign-in to the room's Green Book for attendance in the case of an emergency. Tuesday and Thursday FIT runs 1:20 - 2:00 pm. Students must sign up for Tuesday and Thursday FIT sessions and are expected to be in the building in an area supervised by a staff member.

School fees 2026-2027: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/2026-2027-school-fee-schedule.89474>

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## Bell Schedule, 2026-2027

	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>BLOCK 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>BLOCK 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	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
<b>BLOCK 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>BLOCK 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

*The Van Tech staff wish you and yours a ...*



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