



November 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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November News

Van Tech students have been participating in a variety of student-led and school-wide activities. October featured several Student Council events, including elections, Clubs Day, Spirit Week, and a Halloween Fashion Show. Students in the Summit, Flex-Humanities, and senior French Immersion programs participated in week-long outdoor camps, offering meaningful experiential learning opportunities. In sports, the Athletics Council organized a volleyball tournament and pep rally to celebrate our girls' and boys' teams, and the fall season is wrapping up with several teams competing in playoffs.

Looking ahead to November, the winter sports season is set to begin. Our Fine Arts department is preparing for upcoming performances, and events for caregivers will offer opportunities for family engagement. Please read on for more details about what's happening at our school.

Van Tech staff are here to support both you and your child. We provide academic guidance as well as social-emotional support to help students thrive. Our **2025-2026 Caregiver Bulletin** is designed to be a ready resource for all parents and guardians who need quick access to key people at our school and answers to common questions. [Access it HERE.](#)

As always, we thank caregivers for entrusting us with the education of their children. Please 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)



November				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Collaborative Day, no Period 1	4 VSB Virtual Information Session: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying	5	6 Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences early dismissal 2:05pm VSB Construction Trades Night, Tupper Secondary, 6:30pm	7
10 Remembrance Day Assemblies Quarter 1 ends	11 Remembrance Day, no school	12 Quarter 2 starts	13 Block rotation AB CD P3 FIT Freeze (Core Competencies)	14
17	18 Gr 9 Immunization clinic PAC Meeting	19 Theatre Company 8 Show	20 P3 FIT Freeze (Core Competencies) Jazz Cabaret	21 Pro D Day, no classes Mid-Semester Learning Updates published Summit gift card purchase deadline
24	25	26	27	28 Semester 1, Term 2 ends (ADST Rotation)

Caregiver – Teacher Conferences

Our first conference evening of the year filled up quickly. Teachers who have waitlists will contact caregivers to arrange a time to connect. We encourage caregivers to contact their child(ren)'s teachers directly at *any time* to arrange a time to speak or meet. Teacher email addresses are on the school website [HERE](#).

Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

Our Public Health Nurses will be doing immunizations in the cafeteria on November 18, starting at 9:00am. If you haven't reviewed and submitted your child's immunization consent form, please do so as soon as possible.

Students can drop off the completed form to the Main Office.



Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying

Virtual Information Session

We are pleased to welcome you to the next virtual session in our digital literacy series. This conversation will discuss social media awareness, digital citizenship and cyber-bullying.

The event details are below:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Virtually through Teams.

Who: Hosted by Safer Schools Together, through VSB

Registration: **The deadline has been extended to 4:00 pm on Monday, November 3:** [Registration for VSB Virtual Info Session-Nov 4](#) or the QR code below.



Registrants will receive a direct email with the link to the online session on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. This session will not be recorded. We look forward to seeing you there!

Career Programs Information Night

November 6, Tupper Secondary

Students and families interested in learning more about how training and apprenticeship in a construction trade could be part of a graduation pathway are invited to join us and a number of employers and training providers on November 6th at 6:30pm in the Tupper Auditorium.

Student who pre-register will get a BONUS entry in the draw for door prizes. Please pre-register using this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/0cc6kb02xD>.



Grade 8 Family Night

Did you attend our Family Night in May and want to continue the conversation? Are you wondering how screen time is really affecting your teen's mental health? Looking for practical ways to support your child in today's digital world?

We're excited to invite you to a special evening for Grade 8 Families at Van Tech that builds on the important dialogue we began last spring. At our May Family Night, we screened the first film in the *Screenagers* series—this is not a repeat, but the **Next Chapter**.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, November 27, 2025
- **Doors Open:** 6:30 PM
- **Event Time:** 7:00–9:00 PM
- **Location:** Vancouver Technical Secondary, Auditorium
- **Admission:** Free; light refreshments served
- **Who's Welcome:** Grade 8 families—bring your family and friends!



What to Expect:

- **Film Screening – Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER**
This documentary explores how social media and screen time contribute to teen stress, anxiety, and low self-worth. It offers real-life stories and research-backed strategies to help families build emotional resilience and healthier screen habits. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecDraB2YExA>
- **Post-Film Live Talk with Dr. Suzanne Simpson**
Dr. Simpson, educator, speaker, and teen wellness advocate, will share practical tools for setting boundaries, fostering connection, and supporting mental health at home.

How to Sign Up?

RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/Ze5UMF55Pp>

Athletics

The very busy fall season is drawing to a close. Our swim team competed at the zone championships and qualified 12 swimmers to compete at the upcoming provincial championships. This included medal finishes by Megan J. - *1st place* in the 100m Freestyle, *2nd place* in the 50m Freestyle, Matthew Z. - *3rd place* in the 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, and 100m Individual Medley, and our relay teams - *2nd place* in the Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay, *3rd place* in the Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay.

On the cold, muddy, and wet race course in Brackendale, our cross country team braved the challenging conditions to qualify 8 runners to provincials in Nanoose Bay.

Our juvenile boys soccer team is undefeated and begins their playoff quest this week, while our senior boys just completed their season, finishing 3rd in the city. Our grade 8/9 rugby 7s team just passed the midpoint of their season, looming to finish strong.

On the hardwood, the seasons of our 7 volleyball teams continue through mid-November, highlighted by our Fall Pep Rally and Kings and Queens of the Court Tournament (attended by more than 600 students), and Senior Night, where both our boys and girls teams emerged victorious in their final matches in the friendly confines of our gym.

November is a transition month in athletics, as preparations for our winter seasons begin. Practices for curling and wrestling, which both take place off-campus, have started. Girls hockey is starting up soon as well. If students are interested in joining these teams, they can, as no experience is necessary.

Basketball and table tennis tryouts are starting, so please ensure you are checking the Athletics Channel in the Student Hub on MS Teams for more info. **#gotechgo**

Fine Arts

Music

Van Tech's 9th Annual Jazz Cabaret Fundraiser is Thursday November 20 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the Van Tech Cafeteria. Join us for an evening of musical entertainment, dining, and fun at our Silent Auction. We will be featuring our Van Tech Vocal Jazz and After Dark Jazz Band and more musical guests. Get your holiday shopping done early at our Silent Auction, which is curated with all the best East Van has to offer! Food is catered from Del Grotta. Get your tickets by visiting our website: vtmusic.ca and following the link on the home page. Tickets are \$20 each or buy a table of 6-8 and get one ticket free. The student who sells the most tickets will win a prize of \$150!



Drama

Van Tech's Theatre 8 class will present selected monologues, an original student-created prologue, and comedic scenes about breakups from *It's Not You, It's Me*. The performance will be held on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the Drama Studio (Room 801). Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold at the door. Please note that payment is cash only.

Summit Fundraiser

Are you hoping to get some of your holiday shopping done early and without stress? By ordering gift cards using this [link](#), you can buy almost everything you need AND support the Grade 10 Summit class in their fundraising efforts for their annual Flying U trip. At no extra cost to you, the Summit 10s will receive cash back on all your gift card purchases! Please forward the order link to friends and family. Thank you so much for your contributions!

All orders and payments must be submitted by Friday, November 21st.



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Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child

Register for free training
Tips to protect children and youth online

Have a conversation
Talk with children and youth about things they may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.

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Indigenous Family Coffee Morning

Join us on Friday, November 14, and Friday, December 19, 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 Information (PAC)

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

Your 2024/25 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.

When: Tues, Nov 18, at 7pm **Where:** Van Tech Library

- Agendas, minutes and meeting links can be found on the [PAC webpage](#).
- Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/mee-fnza-fff>
- Email questions, comments, and suggestions to chairvt@gmail.com
- Van Tech family Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vantechfamilies>

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 links below.



Schedule (subject to change) – Please note that the November 4 Literacy 12 Assessment was postponed to Thursday, January 29, 2026, due to the BCGEU strike.

Grade	Assessment Date	Assessment	Link
12	Monday, January 12, 2026 (written) Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (oral)	Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année (French as a Second Language - Immersion)	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12
10	Friday, January 15, 2026	Literacy 10	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment
12	Thursday, January 29, 2026	Literacy 12	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment
10	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Numeracy 10	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
10 & 12	Tuesday, June 9	Missed assessment and rewrites	

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.

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

Highlights This Year:

- White Hatter Media Literacy - *Using social media to unlock university and job opportunities*
- Green Thumb Theatre: *Caged - Exploring gender dynamics and power in relationships*
- Live Different: *Kindness Changes Everything - Fostering kindness and service*
- Sabrina Symington: *Life of Bria Comics - Turning passion for art and social justice into a career*

Stay tuned for presentation dates and updates throughout the year!



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.)

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/aspen/login.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, but 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, see page 2.

[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)



Reporting Information and Updates

Mid-Semester Written Learning Updates will be published to students' [MyEducation BC](#) accounts on **November 18 for Semester 1 and Linear (full year) courses.**

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.

The Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 8 and 9 receive marks on a four-point proficiency scale (*Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*), while students in Grades 10 -12 receive a letter grade and percentage. Written Learning Updates for all students will also include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback.

Van Tech students will receive **Written Learning Updates** such as interims and reports and **Informal Learning Updates** such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Teacher contact information is on the school website: [Vancouver Technical \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://vsb.bc.ca)

Reporting 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.

Your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their [MyEducation BC](#) account. **It is highly recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**



Bell Schedule and Period Rotation

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
BREAK	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
PERIOD 1	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
BREAK	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
PERIOD 2	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
LUNCH	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
PERIOD 3	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
BREAK	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
FIT		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
BREAK		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
PERIOD 4	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.

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

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

Period Rotation

Semester 1	Semester 2
September 2 – October 6: Rotation AB CD	January 28 – February 27: Rotation AB CD
October 7 – November 12: Rotation BA DC	March 1 – April 14: Rotation BA DC
November 13 – December 15: Rotation AB CD	April 15 – May 19: Rotation AB CD
December 16 – January 27: Rotation BA DC	May 20 – June 25: Rotation BA DC

Collaborative Planning Time

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

Semester 1	Monday, September 15 (AM) Monday, November 3 (AM) Tuesday, December 9 (PM) Tuesday, January 13 (PM)	Semester 2	Monday, February 9 (AM) Thursday, April 9 (PM) Tuesday, May 12 (PM) Monday, June 8 (AM)
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Professional Development Days

Friday, October 24, 2025	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. <i>Students should not be at school</i> during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member.
Friday, November 21, 2025	
Friday, February 13, 2026	
Monday, April 20, 2026	
Friday, May 15, 2026	

Course Schedule

Semester 1 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 1: September 2, 2025 – January 27, 2026		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q1: September 2, 2025 – November 10, 2025		Q2: November 12, 2025 – January 27, 2026
Term Courses (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
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: January 26 & 27			

Semester 2 Courses (Most courses)	Semester 2: January 28, 2026 – June 25, 2026		
Quarter Courses (Gr. 8 Fine Arts Rotation, Gr. 9 Electives)	Q3: January 28, 2026 – April 17, 2026		Q4: April 21, 2026 – June 25, 2026
Term Courses (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
Note: Turnaround / IE Days: June 24 & 25			

Full Year Courses (Strings, Choir, Leadership OFF Timetable courses)	September 2, 2025 – June 25, 2026
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Technology Tools

We encourage students to note their passwords in a secure place.

Technology Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	Office 365	FITplanner
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website	https://www.office.com/	https://fitplanner.vsb.bc.ca
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, learning updates (report cards)	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?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	LINK FOR OFFICE HELP	SCHOOL WEBSITE
Where can I go to reset password?	Click on a Resetting a Password or Enabling a Disabled Account , Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff
What is my login?	Student #	VSBC email: student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca	VSBC email: student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca	VSBC email: student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca

Emergency Reunification Plan



In case of emergency

EMERGENCY REUNIFICATION PLAN

PREPARATION

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

DURING AN EVENT

3. Bring your photo ID and report to the school as soon as possible.
4. When you arrive at the school, go to the clearly marked check-in area.
5. 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

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

Important Upcoming Dates

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

Sat Nov 29 – Thurs Dec 4	Grad Photos - book with Artona
Dec 1	Semester 1, Term 3 starts (ADST Rotation)
Dec 3	Gr 11 & 12 Post Secondary Event
Dec 4	Winter Band and Jazz Concert
Dec 9	Collaborative Day – no Period 4
Dec 11	Winter Orchestra & Choir Concert
Dec 16	Block Rotation: BA DC
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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