



# FAMILY BULLETIN

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October 16, 2023

Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, October brings with it a sense of renewal and transformation.

We extend a warm welcome to students, parents, and staff as we embark on another month of learning and growth. We are proud of our students' achievements thus far and the unwavering dedication of our educators.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff to our school:

Robyn Brennan (ELL/ English)  
 Catherine Yu (ELL/ Socials/English)

Students have been keen to connect with their friends and make new ones as they engage in the many learning opportunities provided at school. As always, PW offers extracurricular activities in athletics and student clubs.

**Athletics** Check out the PW Student Hub > Athletics Channel for team rosters and schedules.

Our Fall teams include:

- Junior Girls Volleyball
- Gr. 8-9 Boys Rugby
- Field Hockey
- Grade 8-9 Boys Soccer
- Cross Country
- Swim Team

**Student Council** Student Council hosted the Back-to-School Blast and Clubs Day on October 13<sup>th</sup> which included a Clubs sign up, games and activities. We will post a final clubs list with meeting times and locations shortly. See the PW Student Hub > Clubs Channel and/or <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/prince-wales/page/11973/clubs> for details.

October promises a wealth of opportunities for all, from academic pursuits to extracurricular endeavors. Together, let's make this month a time of collaboration, discovery, and success. The PW community is a vibrant, dynamic place, and we look forward to witnessing the continued progress and accomplishments of our students!

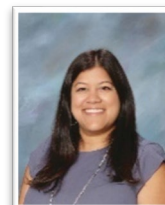
~ Prince of Wales Administration

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Tues, Oct 17	Mini School Information Night
Fri, Oct 20	Professional Development Day - classes not in session
Oct 21 – 23	Grad Photos at Artona Studios
Mon, Oct 23	PAC Meeting – 7 pm Library
Mon, Oct 30	Photo Retakes- AM, Mini Gym
Fri, Nov 3	Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
Wed, Nov 8	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
Fri, Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assemblies Collaborative Day (PM- classes end at 1:45 pm)
Mon, Nov 13	Day in lieu of Remembrance Day – school closed



Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her),  
Principal (Grades 8,10,11)



David Cacchioni (he/him),  
Vice Principal (Grades TREK, 9,12)



## PAC INFORMATION

**We invite all parents/caregivers of PW students to join us for PAC meetings!**

PAC meetings are an opportunity for folks to hear from, and ask questions of, the school administration and we welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings. More information can be found on the [PAC webpage](#) along with notes from previous meetings. To sign up for PAC newsletters please visit <https://www.pwpac.org/contact/>



### Upcoming Events:

- October 20th: Apple sales fundraiser 9:00 am to 12:00pm (Prom Fundraiser)
- October 23rd: PAC meeting 7pm in PW Library
- October 27th: Coffee Morning 8:30am in PW Conference room across from office

**Join us at the next meeting on October 23 at 7:00 pm in the Library  
All are welcome, we are always looking for new members!**

## GRADUATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Graduation assessments are used to assess students' proficiency in numeracy and literacy. Graduation assessments are not associated with any course mark, but their completion is part of the BC Graduation Requirements.

Students in Grade 10 have been scheduled to write the numeracy assessment on **Friday November 3, 2023**. We will also run a make-up session for any student in grade 11 or 12 who has not written the numeracy 10 assessment.

Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Grade 10 classes will not be in session. Students are expected to only come to school during their scheduled times to complete the assessments. An email with more details has been sent out to Grade 10 families. Please contact Mr. Cacchioni ([dcacchioni@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dcacchioni@vsb.bc.ca)) with any questions.

Time: 8:40 – 11:40am (arrive by 8:30am)	
Group by Last Name	Location
Gr. 10: An - Dussault	C101
Gr. 10: Eastveld - Ju	C104
Gr. 10: Kersten - Lockhart	C106
Gr. 10: Lu - Senbel	Mini-School lab
Time: 12:05 – 3:05pm (arrive by 11:55am)	
Group by Last Name	Location
Gr. 10: Sharif Javaheri - Wang	C101
Gr 10: Wilkins - Zou	C104
Gr 11: Aslan - Rozon	C106
Gr 11: Sin - Zhou	Mini-School lab
Gr 12: Lai - Zhang	

## LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students have received an **electronic Interim Learning Update** published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on October 13 and will be available online until November 20. *Mid-Semester Learning Updates* will be published on November 24. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**

If your child receives an IE (Insufficient Evidence) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to demonstrate their learning of the course material. Please note that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for semester 1 *Summary of Learning* unless specified by the teacher.

The end of the semester is the end of the course and teachers are unable to accept and assess work after the semester ends. If you have any questions about your child's progress, you are welcome to email the teacher or grade counsellor directly. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

Note that the final written summative report also includes the requirement for a student self-assessment of the Core Competencies (Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social). Once a month, PW



students will meet with their Homeroom teachers during FIT to work on their self- assessments. Students are expected to attend these sessions and make-up sessions will be made available during FIT with administration.

Learning Update Dates:

Semester	Learning Update: Interim Report	Learning Update: Mid-Semester Report	Learning Update: Parent-Teacher Conferences	Learning Update: Summary of Learning
1	Oct.13, 2023	Nov. 23, 2023	Dec. 7, 2023	Feb. 8, 2024
Linear Courses	Nov. 23, 2023	Feb. 8, 2024 Apr. 25, 2024	Dec. 7, 2023 May 8, 2024	June 27, 2024
Core Competencies (Self Reporting)	Nov. 23, 2023	Apr. 25, 2024	n/a	June 27, 2024

## FORMS & FEES

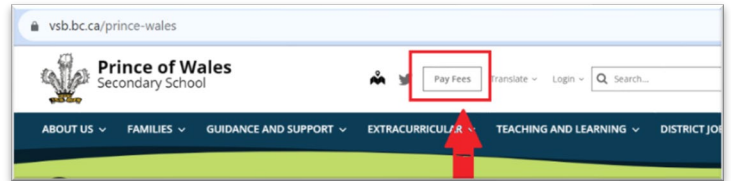
### Forms

We have received many forms into the office, however there are still some that are outstanding. Ms. Landers will be connecting with families directly over the next few weeks to make sure we get all the forms from every family. In addition to the paper forms, there are also several digital forms that need to be filled out. To update your child's VSB consent forms online, please visit <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> with your child, so you can each fill out the appropriate forms.

- Enter student PEN and birthdate.
- Accept the consent for each of the forms. Not accepting or completing implies decline.
- Once consent is given, a REVOKE button is exposed.

### Fees

To pay school or course fee, create an account using [School Cash Online](#). The school fee schedule (an itemized list of fees to be paid by grade), can be found [HERE](#). **Please pay ASAP as the due date was Sept 29.** Any future fees, for events such as field trips, will be available on School Cash Online.

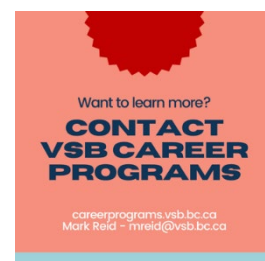


NOTE: Direct links to School Cash Online and the school fee schedule can be found at the top of the PW website.

## CAREER PROGRAMS

Mark Reid, District Resource Teacher at VSB Career Programs, is coming to deliver a presentation for all Gr. 10s 11s and 12's on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 during FIT (1:22-2:02 pm). Career Programs supports students with transitions to various careers in Skilled Trades or training to become a Healthcare Assistant or Early Childhood Educator. Students in grade 12 can also benefit from partnerships that allow students to start paid skilled trades apprenticeships during grade 12.

Additionally, VSB Career Programs is hosting a family info night on November 7, focused on apprenticeship opportunities in the construction trades. This event is at Charles Tupper Secondary at 6:30pm. Various employers and industry representatives will be there and will take your questions about apprenticeship, training, Women in Trades, and supports for youth pursuing a skilled trade.





## POST SECONDARY CONNECTIONS

### University of British Columbia (Okanagan)- October 18, 2023, 6:30 pm (PW Auditorium)

PW will be hosting an information session for interested students and parents. Any student/family across Vancouver is welcome to attend.

### Post- Secondary Institute (PSI) Day- November 6, 2023

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Grade 11/12 will be participating in this half day event. This is a great opportunity for students to hear from a variety of BC Universities, Colleges and Institutes about their programs and opportunities. During period 1 (Grade 11, 12) & 2 (Grade 12) they will sign up to hear presentations from the institutes and attend the PSI fair in the cafeteria.



### Post- Secondary Visits

These visits have been organized for PW students during lunch/FIT in the library. Students are encouraged to check the Post-Secondary Channel on the Student Hub for details.

Nov. 1st – University of Waterloo  
Nov. 9th – University of Alberta

Nov. 3rd – SFU – Beedie School of Business  
Nov. 28th – University of Calgary

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you ordered school photos, they will be handed out during homeroom on Thursday Oct 19.

**Retakes:** If you aren't happy with your photo or missed photo day, you can have a photo taken on Retake Day October 30, 2023 in the Mini Gym.

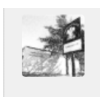
Artona will prioritize photos for students who were absent on photo day. Retakes will only be allowed when they can improve their photography, e.g., eyeglass glare, poor posture, too much head tilt, eyes closed. There will be no retakes for grade 12s as their grad photo will be used for the composite. Students who require a retake must bring their ID card to hand into the photographer.

## GRADE 9 IMMUNICATION CLINIC

Grade 9 Immunization Forms will be sent home with students this week. Please review and return the completed form to the office by **November 1**. The clinic will take place on November 8th in the Mini School Gym.

On the day of the clinic, November 30th, students will be called down via the PA in alpha order to the cafeteria for the clinic. Please ensure that your child wears a short-sleeved shirt and has breakfast/ snack on the day of the clinic.

## STUDENT COMMUNICAITON



The **PW Student Hub** has been created for student communication. This is where students will find school announcements and important information. All students have been added to this team- if not, please ask them to come to the office.

There are several "channels" that are set up to organize the information. Please check "hidden channels" as they might not be shown. There are specific channels for grade groups, clubs, general announcements and more!

We encourage families to remind their child to make sure they are checking TEAMS and the PW Student Hub as a regular part of their day.

