



FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

It is difficult to believe that we have completed the first half of Semester 1 already. Time flies! Students are settling into their routines, getting involved in sports, clubs, and service in addition to their classes. We have enjoyed seeing our students engaged in their learning in a variety of ways.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff to our school:
Jane Yang (ELL/Math/Science)

As a reminder to our community, Semester 1 mid-semester grades be published on November 23 by 3pm. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on December 7. Details are included in this bulletin.

As we embrace the beauty of autumn, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support. November promises exciting opportunities for growth and achievement. Stay engaged, stay informed, and let's make this month one of inspiration and success for our students.



~Prince of Wales Administration

Important Information – Please Translate
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Tues, Nov 21	TREK Program Info Night 7 pm, Auditorium
Thurs, Nov 23	Learning Updates posted to MyEd
Fri, Nov 24	Indigenous Focus Professional Development Day - classes not in session
Tues, Nov 28	Career Assembly in FIT for gr 10,11,12
Fri, Dec 1	PW TREK Tree Lot opens
Thurs, Dec 7	Parent-Teacher Interviews 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Fri, Dec 22	Last day of classes before Winter Break
Fri, Dec 22	Student Holiday Variety Show
Mon, Jan 8	School reopens, Classes resume
Fri, Jan 12	Collab Day PM – student dismissal @ 1:45 pm



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



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

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Now that we have entered what is traditionally flu-season, we would like to take this opportunity to remind students and families of expectations when your child is sick. We remind all students and families to check their child's health daily before sending the child to school. Whether it is COVID, the flu, or a cold, students should not be coming to school when they have symptoms.

As we approach winter holidays and school breaks, we would like to remind families that students are busy navigating final activities and class work throughout the month of December and January, and your child needs to be in attendance for all days. As you are aware, the last day of formal classes before the break is Friday December 22nd, and classes begin again on January 8th.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween week saw many fun activities for our students to take part in, and was capped off on October 31st with our annual traditions of the PW Halloween Costume contest and the Stagecraft class produced Haunted House. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students get involved and dress up. The countless hours of design, construction and decoration by the Stagecraft Class and Mr. Bromige were clearly evident as seen by hundreds of students and staff who dared to walk through the haunted house set up in the auditorium!



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES



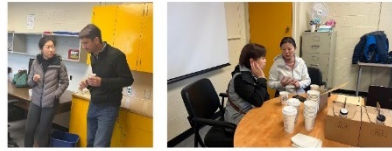
On Friday November 10th, we honoured Remembrance Day at Prince of Wales with school wide assemblies. They were distinguished, solemn, moving assemblies, emceed by our Leadership students with performances by our Senior Band under the direction of Mr. Wilson, readings by Leadership, and a poignant slideshow tribute to the PW familial connections to veterans. Thank you to Mr. Wilson, the Senior Band, the Leadership students, Ms. Mak, Mr. Sung, the Stagecraft class and Mr. Bromige.



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/>



On October 27, we had a delightful gathering with our wonderful parents representing various grades during the Coffee Morning event hosted by our PAC (Below left). This event provided an opportunity for our parents to share their insights and exchange valuable information. We are thrilled to announce that this Coffee Morning will be held three times a year, and we look forward to seeing even more parents join us in the upcoming sessions.



In addition, we are excited to share the result of our recent prom fundraising initiative. (Above right) Our PAC successfully sold a total of 96 boxes of apples, raising a grand total of \$1,116! We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents for their generous support.

Direct donations for the 2023-2024 school year have been in progress for the past two weeks. We are deeply appreciative of the generous contributions from many parents, which will go a long way in fulfilling this year's wish list. Our goal is to raise \$25,000, so we encourage all parents to provide their support for our children. Together, we can make a positive impact on our school community.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

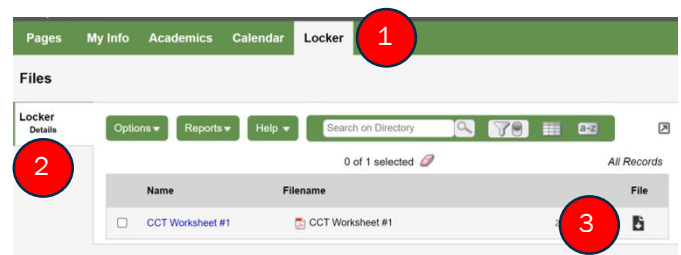
On Friday January 26th, all Grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment. This is a mandatory assessment required for graduation. On this day, classes for grade 12 students will be in session to allow for the writing by students and invigilation of the assessment. Please visit the [Ministry of Education website](#) for more information on the assessment and practice assessments. Exact schedule with rooms and times will be posted in December to the PW Student Hub and emailed to all grade 12 families.

On November 2nd and 3rd, all of our grade 10 students (and any gr 11 or 12 who missed writing previously) wrote the Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessment. Results will be posted in January. Please see [the instruction document](#) for accessing your child's results.

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students will receive an **electronic** *Mid-Semester Learning Update* published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on November 23rd. If your child is enrolled in a full-year course, these courses will receive an Interim Learning Update. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**

This reporting period also marks the first of three reporting periods this year where students will post a self-reflection on the [core-competencies](#). Students have worked on this goal-setting activity in their homeroom, and will have uploaded the worksheet to their MyEd Student Locker. When you log in to the MyEd Family Portal, (1) click on the "Locker" top tab, (2) then click "Details" side tab to see the uploaded worksheet. (3) Click on the Download icon to access the worksheet. We encourage parents/guardians to read through and discuss this with your child.



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.

Lastly, a reminder to parents/guardians, that many teachers will return assignments in TEAMS (or in paper) with lots of constructive feedback attached. We encourage families to go through these assignment together to look at these valuable learning conversations. 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.

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	Dec. 7, 2023	June 27, 2024
Core Competencies (Self Reporting)	Nov. 23, 2023	Apr. 25, 2024	n/a	June 27, 2024



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in-person at PW on Thursday December 7th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Booking for these appointments will take place at <https://pw.schoolappointments.com/>

The first window to book appointments will be open from Wednesday November 29th at 7:00 pm to Friday December 1st at 9:00 am. The second booking window to book appointments will be open from Friday December 1st at 7:00 pm to Monday December 4th at 9:00 am.

In order to give all families an opportunity to connect with teachers, parents will only be able to book a maximum of 2 appointments in the first booking window, and a further 3 appointments in the second registration window. A full-time teacher may have 120 students and only 22 appointment slots available for parent interviews. Interpreters are available in Mandarin and Cantonese. Please book them on-line simultaneously when you make an appointment with a teacher. If you require a translator in a different language, please connect with Mr. Cacchioni dcacchioni@vsb.bc.ca and we will do our best to support.

To ensure a smooth process, please register for an account ahead of time and enter your children in preparation for the booking window to open. To register for an account, visit <https://pw.schoolappointments.com/> and click on the "REGISTER" tab on the top right. We reset all accounts at the end of the year, so everyone will have to register this year. A walkthrough guide for using SchoolAppointments.com can be found [here](#).

If you are unable to book at teacher appointment, please email the teacher directly to plan for an alternate option. All teacher emails can be found on our website [here](#).

FALL ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

This season, the **PW Swim Team** went above and beyond and accomplished a great amount - all 20 swimmers learned something new, and grew closer as a team.

At the Sea-to-Sky Zones meet, the hard work of the swimmers could be seen in the multitude of best times, and the confidence displayed when racing. There were 6 swimmers that qualified for the 2023 BCSSA Provincials: Ema Asaoka, Anne Zhang, Jayden Chao, Milly Tung, Ellie Guo, and Amanda Chen. Additionally, the PW's Girls Open 200m Medley Relay (Ema Asaoka, Anne Zhang, Ellie Guo, Amanda Chen) placed 5th in the district, and as of the advancing teams to provincials, are timed at 3rd in the district.

The planning and execution of the swim team could not have been done without the 4 coaches: Anne Zhang, Ema Asaoka, Emily Li, and Eggsy Li. Coaches were responsible for tasks like writing sets for each practice, organizing relays, and completing meet entries.

Finally, sponsor teachers Ms. Olsen, Mr. Bromige, and Mr. Lubiniski provided endless support and guidance, and helped organize students both in practice and at the meet. Together, the PW Swim Team had an incredibly successful season, and continue to show dedication and hard work both in and out of the pool. *(Written By Anne Z, Grad of 2025)*



The **Senior Girls Volleyball Team** is currently having a very successful season. The team hosted three "cake" tournaments for the district and it was great to see so many student athletes filling our PW gym on a Friday night. The VSSAA City Championship Tournament was also hosted by Prince of Wales, where our Senior Girls Team placed a very respectable fourth. Along with the team, we would also like to congratulate our graduating athletes – Penelope D., Ali R., Anna R., Nicole C. and Tiya T. (Grads of 2024) on a successful season. The Girls now go on to the S2S zone qualifiers at Notre Dame High School where they hope to qualify for the AA Provincials. The Team is comprised primarily of Grade 10 Girls, so their future looks bright. The Athletic Department is so very grateful to our many student volunteers who ran the scorers table and served as line judges throughout our volleyball season. We could not have hosted a successful Senior Girls Volleyball Championship tournament without the help of these responsible and committed volunteers. Way to go PW!]

The **Cross Country Team** was led by our Fine Arts Dept. Head Kate King. Carter O. (Grad of 2028) was the 2nd Grade 8 across the line in the Grade 8-10 category at the Provincial Championships. Kai M. (Grad of 2024) placed 13th at the Provincials. Kai has qualified for and will be competing at the Nationals in two weeks.

Over 17 grade 8 and 9 students comprised a **Rugby Seven's Team** that played every Wednesday at Connaught Park. The boys learned the game and had a great time playing the sport and making new friends. Thank you to Mr. Coletta and P.W. Alumni Mike Hall for leading this fun group of energetic young men.

Speaking of Alumni, Sadie and Jada Wilson, returned to P.W to coach the **Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team**. The team enjoyed being coached by the Wilson sisters and were looking forward to their upcoming playoffs.

For the first time in several seasons P.W. was able to field a **Grade 9 Boys Soccer Team**. The team was composed of many grade 8 students and were coached by P.W. parent Cameron Dong. Thank you so much to Mr. Dong for volunteering his time to coach our student athletes.



Winter season tryouts are starting- we are looking forward to an amazing season of Boys & Girls Basketball, Badminton and Ice Hockey!

CAREER EDUCATION 8 & 9

Career Education & Core Competencies 8 AND 9 will be delivered over MS TEAMS this year. We encourage families to remind their children about checking this TEAM as assignments have been posted. This course is a part of the grade level package of courses and is a ministry requirement. Most assignments are based on career exploration and being an educated citizen of the world. We will continue to go over information in an upcoming Grade assembly during FIT as well as posting on the Student Hub.

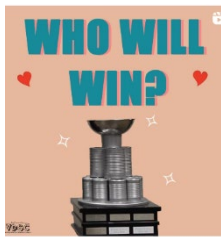
GRADE 12 INFORMATION

Grade 12 Survey – We are asking all grade 12 students to respond to the survey regarding Grad Committee and Prom. Please encourage your child to do so by November 17th at the latest. See the [post in the PW Student Hub](#) (note, this link will only be accessible to students).

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. 28th – University of Calgary

VANCOUVER DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL CANley CUP



The CANley Cup is a district-wide event that aims to raise non-perishable foods and money for the community. The food and money raised will help provide food access to families, seniors, new Canadians, not to mention breakfast and lunch programs in Vancouver, North Shore, Burnaby, and New Westminister. Prince of Wales' Student Council will be running this fundraiser throughout December and will hold friendly competitions with the neighbouring schools to promote donation. More information will be posted in the PW Student Hub in the next few weeks.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT) REMINDERS



What is FIT? FIT time is a 40-minute period of Instructional Time built into the schedule on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that allows students to have some measure of choice and control over your own learning.

Students are expected to be:

- ✓ in a classroom or learning space,
- ✓ completing school work (either individually or in groups)
- ✓ meeting with teachers for support on classwork
- ✓ working on projects under teacher supervision
- ✓ getting caught up on missed learning

Students are expected to have a plan for their FIT time and to be in a learning space. Grade 8, 9 and 10 need to be in one of their 4 classrooms this semester. The hallways, the cafeteria, the gym bleachers and the library are NOT valid places for grade 8-10 students.

Make sure that you have planned out your time for this week.

Gym Use During FIT: As a reminder to students, Tuesday is reserved for gr 8-9 only, Thursday is reserved for gr 10-12 only. You should be enrolled a PHE class this semester if you are using this space.

COURSE PLANNING- FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

The PW Counselling Department will be hosting one-hour sessions for students, parents and families to learn more about the course offerings for the 2024-25 school year and the course selection process on **Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024.**



This is a great opportunity to learn about available classes, grade requirements, and post-secondary information (particularly for current grade 10 and 11 students) and to ask questions. Please note, students will be participating in course planning with the counsellors in classes as well. More details will be shared with families after the winter break.