



Dear Prince of Wales School Community,



We wanted to send a reminder of important information to our families and students.

Parents and guardians, if your child is home sick, please call our receptionist Ms. Landers, 604-713-8974 to report the absence. Alternatively, you can send a note with your child when they return to classes for teachers to sign and then they can submit that to the office. In either case, once your child returns to school, it is their responsibility to go see their teachers to let them know they were away sick and to find out what they missed.

As we approach the much-anticipated winter break, we want to express our gratitude for the dedication and hard work demonstrated by PW students, and we remind families the last day of classes is December 22, 2023. The enthusiasm for learning has been truly inspiring, and we commend each and every one of them for their commitment to their studies. As we navigate the final stretch before the break, we encourage students to continue giving their best effort in class and completing assignments with diligence. This period is crucial for reinforcing the knowledge gained so far and preparing for a well-deserved break. Your continued support at home is invaluable, and together, we can ensure a successful and rewarding academic journey for our students. Let's finish strong and celebrate the achievements we've made together.



~PW Administration

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Tues, Nov 28	Career Assembly in FIT for gr 10,11,12
Fri, Dec 1	PW TREK Tree Lot opens (Dec 1-20)
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)

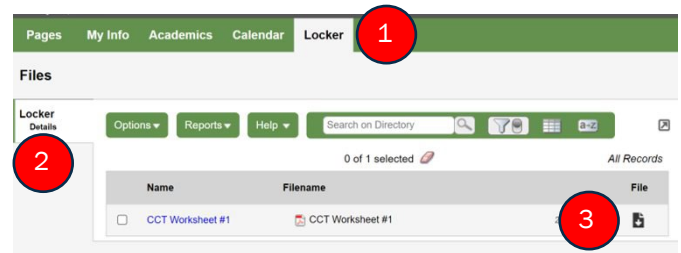


David Cacchioni (he/him),
Vice Principal (Grades TREK, 9,12)

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students received an **electronic** *Mid-Semester 1 Learning Update* published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on November 23rd. If your child is enrolled in a full-year course, these courses received an Interim Learning Update (comment only). **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 they review the action plan on their Learning Update and 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 assignments 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.

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/>

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](#).

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.

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

Bell Schedule For Parent Teacher Interviews: Early Dismissal- December 7 th , 2023	
Block 1	8:40 AM - 9:45 AM
Block 2	10:00 AM - 11:05 AM
Lunch	11:05- 11:50 AM
Block 3	11:50 AM- 12:55 PM
Block 4	1:00 PM - 2:05 PM



GRADE 10-12 VSB CAREER PROGRAM PRESENTATION

VSB Career Programs will be at PW on **Tuesday, November 28 during FIT (1:22 pm- 2:02 pm)** to present to **all Grade 10 and 11 students**, on the amazing opportunities available through trades, apprenticeships and other career programs. Grade 12's who might be interested in pursuing a trade are also welcome to attend. At the end of Period 3 on Tuesday, teachers will bring their Grade 10 and 11 classes down to the auditorium for this Career Programs presentation. In addition, Mark Reid from Career Programs, will be back at PW on Wednesday, November 29 to speak with any students who are interested in the various Career Programs. Check out more info here: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/career-programs/page/11419/program-offerings>

CAREER EDUCATION- GRADE 8 & 9

Career Education (CE) 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. This course is taught by members of our counselling team. Students are asked to see Mr. Tse (Grade 8 CE) or Ms. Baerg (Grade 9 CE) if they have any questions.

GRADE 9 STUDENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Earlier in the year we ran several very successful student support sessions for our Grade 8 students. We are happy to announce that we will now be offering sessions for our Grade 9 students. For all Grade 9 students, we have booked two information/support sessions with Perveen (our Safe and Caring Schools Worker) over the next few weeks in FIT, all **in the Mini-Gym**. We are hoping to have Eric our SLO (Student Liaison Officer) join as well, to introduce himself, to explain his role of support in the school and to answer questions students may have. All grade 9's are expected to attend, groups are split by last name.

Date	Time	Last Names
Monday November 27	FIT: 8:40 – 9:20 AM	A – J
Wednesday November 29	FIT: 8:40 – 9:20 AM	K – S
Monday December 4	FIT: 8:40 – 9:20 AM	T – Z
Tuesday December 5	FIT: 1:22 – 2:02 PM	A – J
Monday December 11	FIT: 8:40 – 9:20 AM	K – S
Tuesday December 12	FIT: 1:22 – 2:02 PM	T – Z

STUDENT & FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

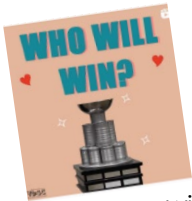
Last year, the Ministry of Education provided all school districts in BC with some funds to help support students in accessing nutritional food and clothing. Prince of Wales has been provided funding to help support students and families in our school community who are facing challenges and would benefit from support at this time.

If your child and family could benefit from support with accessing food and clothing, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan how to meet the needs of our school community. All requests for support will be treated as private information and will only be shared with staff who need to know.

Please let us know if your family would benefit from support by completing the form [CLICK HERE](#) by **Wednesday December 6th**. Your child's counsellor will contact you to follow-up.

Counsellor Name	Grade	E-mail
Julie Baerg	8/9 (A-H) and 10	jbaerg@vsb.bc.ca
Chris Tse	8/9 (I-S) and 12	ctse@vsb.bc.ca
Scott Morgan	8/9 (T-Z) and 11	samorgan@vsb.bc.ca

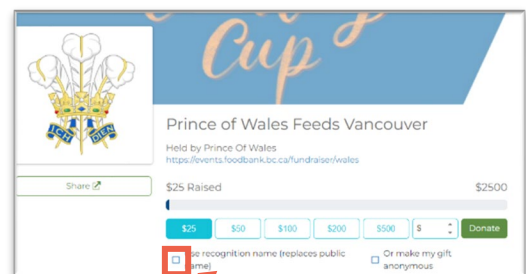
VANCOUVER DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL CANley CUP



Join us in spreading holiday cheer! From Nov 27th to Dec 15th Student Council is accepting monetary donations to make a direct impact to the Vancouver Food Bank. For every \$1 donated, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank can **double** the value. You can donate online

with the link posted below, make sure to enter the name as your block 1-2 teacher or in person to your block 1-2 class. This is a great opportunity to bring joy to families in need and make a difference in your community. There will be a friendly competition between classes and neighbouring high schools, more details to come!

If you are donating online, please use the link <https://events.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/wales>. Select "Use recognition Name" enter your 1-2 block teacher's name with your name. Example if you are in Ms Lau's block 1-2 (First block in the morning) you would put "Lau- John's Family" or "Lau" if you want to remain anonymous.



TREK 2023 TREE LOT FUNDRAISER



Come visit Prince of Wales for a great selection of trees and great service! All proceeds go to the TREK Outdoor Education Program. Payment is by debit or credit. (Deliveries are not available)

Dates: Fri., Dec. 1, 2023 - Wed., Dec. 20, 2023 Location: [MAP](#)
Hours: Weekday hours: 12:15 PM – 8:30 PM Weekend hours: 9:30 AM- 8:30 PM

TOY DRIVE

Members of the Social Justice 12 class have organized an in-school holiday toy drive for [The Childrens' Foundation](#). Tuesday November 28 and Thursday November 30 are the last days for the in-school toy drive. We are collecting new toys (unwrapped please) and monetary donations. 100% of the money collected will go towards the toy drive. You or your child come by, we are located at the front entrance and cafeteria. Take the opportunity to give back and learn more about our community. Separate to the in-school donation possibilities, we are at Safeway on Arbutus every Sunday, Dunbar Community Centre Fridays, and we will be at the parent teacher conferences on the 7th of December. Help us spread the holiday joy!