



FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

Happy New Year! We hope our school community found time for the 3 R's over the break- relaxing, recharging, and reconnecting with family and friends.

We ended December with several exciting events, including a band concert and the Holiday Variety Show organized by the Leadership class with tech support by the Stagecraft class. Student Council hosted several holiday events including spirit days, hot chocolate giveaways and photos with "Santa" and Elf Murphy.



Student Council would also like to thank the PW Community as PW placed third in the entire VSB for CANley Cup! We raised \$5,040 which is the equivalent of 17.2 cans per student. Thank you for all your contributions towards fighting food insecurity in Vancouver! Congrats to Ms. Watson's class for raising the most money in the school.

We have started the course planning process for the 2024-25 academic year. Students have attended Elective Information Sessions this past week during FIT. Each department gave a short presentation of the electives

offered at PW. We would like to thank the staff for making our course book become alive! The course planning process will continue into February. We have outlined important information on course planning in this bulletin, so please review this with your child. As a reminder to families- **Tuesday January 23 at 6:30 pm** is the Course Planning Parent Information Session. Please save the date as you will have an opportunity to hear about graduation requirements, ask questions and more!

Our students are looking to finish strong with the end of Semester 1 at the end of this month. As we visit classrooms, we see students presenting, creating final projects and Capstones while studying hard for their final assessments. We would like to celebrate our students' successes and experiences that have deepened their knowledge of the world, expanded their horizons, and allowed them to make connections with others. Their teachers have provided support while strengthening their student's understanding of the three core competencies of the curriculum: communication, thinking and personal and social competencies within each of their classes.

As we prepare to begin Semester 2, we must remember and build upon our past successes and continue to invest our efforts toward positive academic and personal development.

~**Prince of Wales Administration** 🌟



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



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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Mon Jan 15	PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm- Library
Mon Jan 15- Fri Jan 19	Student Course Information Sessions (During FIT)
Tues Jan 23	Parent Information Session, 6:30-7:30 PM
Fri Jan 26	Literacy 12 Assessment Grade 12 classes not in session
Wed Jan 31	Last Day of Semester 1
Thurs Feb 1/ Fri Feb 2	Semester 1 Turnaround Days
Mon Feb 5	Semester 2 Begins
Thurs Feb 8	Semester 1 Final Learning Update Published to MyEd
Fri Feb 9	Collaborative Day (PM) Students Dismissed at 1:45 pm
Thurs Feb 15	CCT Homeroom #6 All students must attend Homeroom Classes during FIT
Fri Feb 16	Professional Development Day Classes not in Session
Mon Feb 19	Family Day Classes not in Session

Important Information – Please Translate

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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 NOT 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 have been posted in 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 have been posted; please see [the instruction document](#) for accessing your child's results.



COURSE PLANNING

Please check out the Course Planning Section on the school website for the grade specific course planning schedule, slide decks from information sessions and instructions on how to enter course requests: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/prince-wales/page/11995/course-planning> These items will also be posted on the PW Student Hub in the Course Planning Channel.

Course Planning began this week. An overview is as follows:

Date	Event
January 8-12	Elective Information Sessions
January 15-18	Student Course Information Sessions (During FIT)
January 23	Parent Information Session, 6:30- 7:30 pm
February 5- 15	Students Course Requests Input OPENS (Sessions during FIT)
February 15	Course Request CLOSED for student input

January 8- 12: Elective Information Sessions

The sessions were a great success. Information from the sessions will be posted into the PW Student Hub and on the website.

January 15-18: Course Information Sessions

Counsellors will be meeting with grade groups during extended FIT sessions. The purpose of this presentation is to learn about course offerings, graduation requirements and an opportunity to ask questions. All students are expected to attend their grade presentation in the auditorium.

MONDAY JANUARY 15	TUESDAY JANUARY 16	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17	THURSDAY JANUARY 18
FIT AM: 8:40- 9:40 AM	FIT PM: 1:10- 2:10 PM	FIT AM: 8:40- 9:40 AM	FIT PM: 1:10- 2:10 PM
Grade 8 (Grads of 2028 with Mr. Tse)	Grade 10 (Grads of 2026 with Ms. Baerg)	Grade 9 (Grads of 2027 with Mr. Tse)	Grade 11 (Grads of 2025 with Mr. Morgan)

January 23: Parent Information Session

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. 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.

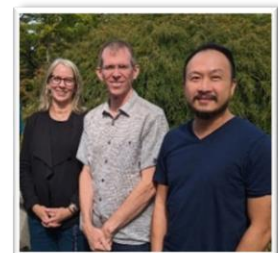
Grade 8 (Grads of 2028)	Grade 9 (Grads of 2027)	Grade 10 (Grads of 2026)	Grade 11 (Grads of 2025)
6:30- 7:30 pm	6:30- 7:30 pm	6:30- 7:30 pm	6:30- 7:30 pm
Auditorium with Mr. Tse	Library with Ms. Baerg	Room D101 (TREK Room) with Mr. Morgan	

February 5-15: Course Request Input

Grades 8-11 will be scheduled alphabetically during FIT to input their course requests into MyEd. They will meet their counsellor in one of the computer labs. A detailed schedule is posted in the grade specific documents at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/prince-wales/page/11995/course-planning>

Please contact your child's grade- based counsellor with any questions:

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



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

If your child receives an Incomplete/In Progress Report (also known as an "IE" Report) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to complete the missed work. Please note that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for the semester 1 Final Report 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.

All students will be receiving a Final Semester 1 Learning Update on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**. These reports will include a final mark and comment for each Semester 1 class. Students in full-year courses (TREK, Off-Timetable classes) will receive their Mid-Year Learning Update which will include a mid-year mark and comment. Please note that your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their [MyEducation BC account](#). Semester 1 final reports will be available until March 4th, 2024. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.** Detailed information on how to access this report will be sent to families closer to the reporting date.



SEMESTER TURNAROUND DAYS

Thursday February 1 and Friday February 2, 2024 are our "Semester Turnaround Days". Although these are days of instruction, no new material will be taught by your child's semester 1 teachers. Students are welcome to attend classes (during their regular semester 1 schedule class times), but attendance will not be taken on MyEd. **Teachers will request specific students to attend their class for academic recovery.**

As well, the Counselling Team will be available for course changes by appointment.

Note: Last day for course changes for Semester 2 is Tuesday February 13th, 2024 @ 3 pm

LIBRARY/LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE



Happy New Year! We finished 2023 with the annual and ever popular Bookmas contest. Two winners were drawn from the 12-day literary trivia event. Congratulations to Rowan in grade 12 and Zoe in Grade 10! They won a puzzle, book bag, chocolates, mug and a gift card for books. Thanks again to PAC, Student Council and to the admin for their support of this exciting and fun school community event. Stay tuned for exciting displays and contests related to Black History Month, Lunar New Year and Valentine's Days.
~Ms. Brett, Library Department Head

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

Several upcoming events are scheduled in the Fine & Performing Arts department. Students, who have worked hard throughout the semester, will showcase the results of their efforts.

The Music department is hosting an evening concert on **January 25 at 7 pm**, open to parents, students, and friends (donation-based entry). This marks the senior band's final concert, symbolizing years of persistent practice. Your attendance to support these talented musicians is encouraged.

The Drama department is presenting the musical "Lucky Stiff" this year—a comedic production. Drama students, involved in intense rehearsals, collaborate with the Stagecraft class to perfect sets, costumes, and lighting. The performance is scheduled for **February 28, 29, and March 1**. Don't miss it!

This year's graduating art students will exhibit their work at the Visual Space Gallery from **February 1 to 4**, between 12 pm and 6 pm. The exhibition features curated pieces from grade 12 students, many of whom have secured admission to art schools worldwide. An opening celebration will be held on Thursday, February 1, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Please come out and help us honour their accomplishments!



ATHLETICS UPDATE

Prince of Wales is currently fielding the following athletics teams this season:

- Grade 8 Girls and Boys Basketball
- Grade 9/10 Girls and Boys Basketball
- Senior Boys Basketball (Grades 11 and 12)
- Senior Girls Basketball (Grades 11 and 12)
- This is a joint P.W./ Magee Team*
- Table Tennis Boys and Girls (Grades 8-12)
- Boys Ice Hockey Team (Grades 8-12)
- Girls Ice Hockey Team (Grades 8-12) **NEW!**

The balls are bouncing in the gym, the paddles are being swung in the cafeteria and the blades are cutting into the ice –winter sports season is clearly upon us!

The Grade 8 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by parent/teacher Alicia Kersten and two very capable Senior students, Evie J. and Mya H. The girls are enthusiastic and are learning and improving their skills every time they are in the gym.

Our Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team is off to a great start having played exciting games against Magee and Kits. The boys are sponsored by Mr. Lubinizki and are being coached by two very capable Senior students, Ivan D. and Tudor D.

Our Grade 9/10 Junior Girls Basketball Team is being coached by P.W. Alumni Mimi Kuan, Jamie Hartwell, and Dara Lo. The girls are off to a great start and finished a very commendable 2nd place in the Eric Hamber pre-season tournament. Oonam K., Sara L., and Sadie T. were named All-Stars at the tournament and Oonam K. and Chau T. shared M.V.P. honours at the tournament!



The Grade 9/10 Junior Boys Basketball are also off to a great start, finishing in second place as well, in the John Oliver tournament. The team is coached by P.W. staff member and P.W. Alumni, Mr. Coletta and are hoping to make some noise at the Vancouver City Championships which will take place in February. The team distinguishes itself on and off the court through its excellent play and deportment. Standouts include Curtis W., Max T., Asher R. and grade 9 student, Nico S.

(Photo: Junior Boys Basketball Team)

The Senior Girls Basketball Team players at P.W. have joined forces with Magee Secondary as a combined team so students at both schools would have the opportunity to play high school basketball. We are thrilled that team members Paulina H., Sophie S., Mya H. and Evie J. are getting the opportunity to play and compete for the Magee/P.W. Team.

Great teamwork has been on display when our Senior Boys Basketball team plays. Harry B. and JP T. lead the cheers and motivate the team comradery through their great attitude which is always on display. The hard work done by the team is led by Shan A. (defense) and Tudor D.(rebounding).



We are pleased to report that this year P.W. was able to put together our first ever Girls Ice Hockey Team! The team competes in the Vancouver Girls High-School Hockey League and features many talented players such as grade 11 students, Alyssa T. and Sophie C. and grade 9 goalie Allegra B. The Team is coached by Mr. Lubinizki. *(Photo: Girls Ice Hockey Team mobbing goalie Allegra B. after their 5-2 win over Churchill!)*

The Boys Ice Hockey Team are off to a fast start having convincingly defeated Kits twice and are looking forward to their participation in the upcoming Ross Cup tournament hosted by Brentwood College which will take place February 23rd-25th. This year's Team is led by Grade 12 Captain Ivan D. and a slew of outstanding goaltenders which include grade 12 student Eric H. and grade 10 students, Aidan P. and Alan P.

Our Table Tennis sponsor Mr. Dow reports that the Table Tennis is completely student run which makes it easy and fun to sponsor. Andy W. and Ryan C. lead the Boys Team and Yolanda C. leads the girls team. It is a pleasure to watch these students practice and compete.

~B.Lubinizki Athletic Director

PAC INFORMATION

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



We trust this letter finds you well and that you enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday season. As we stand on the brink of the conclusion of the first semester, it's remarkable how swiftly time has passed. We are thrilled to share the exciting news that our upcoming PAC meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 6:30 pm in the school library. The evening will commence with refreshments at 6:00 pm. We extend a warm invitation to all parents and caregivers to join us for this gathering, where we will delve into discussions aimed at enhancing our school community for the benefit of our children. The agenda will cover a Finance update and provide insights into future events. There will also be a special update from the PW Athletics department. Any parents that are interested in helping support the student's athletic teams are encouraged to attend the meeting. For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer a live Zoom option to ensure everyone can stay informed and engaged.

PAC Meeting- Monday January 15 @ 6:30 pm Library or Join via Zoom

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81928817324?pwd=b2Z6QlRmdm8zekF2WmhZYVI5YW5lQT09>

Meeting ID: 819 2881 7324

Passcode: 571531

PW PROM planning Committee updates:

PW Grad 2024 and Prom 2024 Pages have been added to the PAC website pwpac.org . Please check the pages for updates and reach out with your support, to volunteer or ask questions to the new prom committee contact email: infopwprom2024@gmail.com

Furthermore, mark your calendars for January 23rd, when PAC will set up a table at the family information night at 6:30 pm. We extend a hearty welcome to all parents and caregivers to participate. During this event, we will provide updates on upcoming PAC activities, including but not limited to the Prom, Multicultural Day, and the Teacher Appreciation Lunch. This occasion presents an excellent



opportunity to connect with fellow parents from our school community, fostering an environment for the exchange of valuable information.

Your active involvement and support are crucial in building a thriving and united school community. We look forward to your presence at these events as we work together to create an enriching educational experience for our children.

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/>

We encourage all parents to get involved either in attending PAC meetings or volunteering or contributing to events. Please mark these dates in your calendar!

PAC Meetings (Library & Online)
Monday January 15, 2024
Monday March 11, 2024
Monday June 10, 2024 (AGM)

PAC Events	
Tuesday January 23, 2024	PAC Info Booth (Course Planning Night)
Friday February 9, 2024	Multicultural Event
Friday May 10, 2024	Teacher Appreciation Lunch

We need your SUPPORT! We are hoping to achieve our goal of raising \$50,000 for PW! These funds will support student learning through technology resources, community learning opportunities and field studies and upgrading equipment across subject matter areas and extracurricular areas (clubs, athletics, outdoor learning spaces, etc.). A tax receipt can be issued for donations of \$20 or more. You can donate through "SchoolCashOnline". [LINK](#)

GENERAL REMINDERS

Student Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8974

Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment)

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period (travel, medical etc.) should contact their grade counsellor to complete an extended absence form.

Daily Health Checks

Although there are no formal protocols, we encourage all students and staff to complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home. Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

Student Pick-up/Drop-off

Students bringing their cars to school are required to comply with all Vancouver City traffic and parking by-laws. Students are not permitted to park in the staff parking lots. For reasons of safety, parents/guardians and students are not permitted to use the staff parking areas for drop-off or pick-up purposes. Students should be considerate of neighbours when parking on the street and to respect "residents only" parking areas.

The area directly in front of the school along Eddington Drive is a no-stopping zone.

Please do not pick-up or drop-off students there - stop a block away from the school entrance and have students walk. City by-law enforcement regularly patrols this area and gives electronic tickets for infractions. The number of cars recently seen stopping in this area has led to unsafe conditions for students crossing the road.

