



FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear PW Community,

As the school year comes to a close, we're excited to celebrate the culmination of our students' learning! The school has been buzzing with students working on final projects, assessments, and presentations.

This week, over 30 student leaders hosted a Mixer for our incoming Grade 8s, with nearly 100 students from our feeder schools participating in activities, tours, and presentations. We look forward to welcoming the Grads of 2029 in September!

Music students have been practicing diligently for the Spring Concert Extravaganza on June 6th. The concert, featuring both Beginner Bands, included six guest conductors, two pieces



Beg. Band at the Spring Concert

arranged at Prince of Wales, and other surprises. Thanks to Mr. Wilson his commitment to supporting and nurturing the music program.

Student Council is planning our Year-End Carnival on June 25th, with games, performances, and food trucks. It will be a fun way to end the year following the morning awards ceremonies.

Looking ahead, our student council and grad committee elections for the 2024-25 school year are complete. These groups are enthusiastic and full of ideas for student fundraisers and events, promising an exciting year!

In staffing news, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr. David Cacchioni, who will be moving to Vancouver Technical Secondary as Vice-Principal in the fall. Mr. Cacchioni has been a beacon of enthusiasm and support for students and staff over the past five years, fostering a supportive and caring learning environment. His dedication and passion will leave an indelible mark on our community, and he will be deeply missed.

We welcome Mr. Joel Nelson as our new Vice-Principal. Coming from the Coquitlam school district, Mr. Nelson brings valuable experience as an administrator. We look forward to the positive impact he will make as we embark on an exciting new chapter at Prince of Wales Secondary.

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to remind families that students are busy navigating final activities and class work throughout the month of June and your child needs to be in attendance for those final days. As you are aware, the last day of formal classes is **Tuesday June 25** with I-Days on June 26 & 27.

Let's celebrate our remarkable successes and continue to strive for even greater academic and personal growth. Together, we can build on our achievements and soar to new heights!

Stay tuned for the final newsletter in late June, where we'll share more highlights and important information as we wrap up this fantastic school year! ~Prince of Wales Administration 🐼

Important Information – Please Translate
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Mon June 10	7:00 PM: Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting (Library)
Tues June 11	Grad Gown Distribution, Graduation Dinner & Dance Ticket Distribution, & Grad Rehearsal (FIT 1:22-2:02 pm, Auditorium)
Thurs Jun 13	FIT (1:22- 2:02 PM): CCT Homeroom #10, All students are to attend Homeroom
Fri Jun 14	Graduation Dinner & Dance (Hyatt Regency Downtown, 5:30 pm)
Tues June 18	FIT (1:22- 2:02 PM): Grade 11 Gathering (FIT, Cafeteria)
Thurs June 20	Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM Graduation Ceremony (UBC Chan Centre, 1:30 PM)
Mon June 24	2:55 PM: Grade 12 Countdown & Cap Toss 3:00 PM: Grad BBQ & Keepsake Signing
Tues June 25	Last Day of Classes 8:40- 10:05 AM: Grade 8/9 Awards Assembly 10:10- 11:35 AM: Grade 10/11 Awards Assembly 11:35 AM: Year End Carnival
Wed June 26	I-Day (Students may be invited in for credit recovery) TREK Alumni Breakfast 10:00 AM- Fire Drill
Thurs June 27	I-Day (Students may be invited in for credit recovery) Marks Posted to MyEd Final Day of School for Students



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



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

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

For any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on Friday September 6, 2024 but prior to Friday, September 30, 2024, families will need to complete this [FORM](#). Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Friday September 6, 2024, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

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



Next PAC Meeting (AGM)- Monday June 10 @ 7:00 pm Library or Join via Zoom

In person: Library at 7:00 PM on June 10, with refreshments available from 6:30 PM.

Online: Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84759825113?pwd=eRFakhRHLuQEjiJpuTKbyXDkrWAI9i.1

Meeting ID: 847 5982 5113 Passcode: 049183

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. 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! *Please note: there are still positions available on the PAC Executive (and many can be shared with another parent to allow for mentoring, bilingual support and also to reduce time commitment. (Average time commitment is 2-4 hours per month.) Please consider investing your time in helping shape your child's PW Experience!

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/

END OF YEAR REMINDERS

Key Dates:

- ALL library books due Mon June 10
• Textbook/ School Item Return June 17-21
• Lockers cleaned out and locks removed by Fri June 21

Overview of Last Week of School:

Table with 5 columns: Mon June 24, Tues June 25, Wed June 26, Thurs June 27, Fri June 28. Rows include activities like 'Last Day of Classes', 'I-DAY', 'Admin Day', 'Grad BBQ', and 'Year End Carnival'.

As a reminder to families the last of formal classes is Tuesday June 25. Wednesday June 26 & Thursday June 27 are credit recovery days, "I- DAYS" where students may be invited in by teachers to complete missed assignments, assessments and/or to demonstrate curricular competencies.

Please note, we are running an alternate bell schedule on Tuesday June 25 to accommodate our Undergrad Celebrations and Year End Carnival. During the Undergrad Celebration, we will celebrate academic, athletic and person growth achievements of Grades 8-11 students.

Bell Schedule Tues June 25

Table with 3 columns: Block, Time, and Awards. Rows include Block 1-4 with times and 'Grade 8/9 Awards' and 'Grade 10/11 Awards', plus a row for 'Lunch & Year End Carnival' from 11:35 AM to 2:30 PM.

UPDATE TO POST SECONDARY REQUIREMENTS (UBC)

UBC has changed its Grade 11 requirements for students applying to UBC Vancouver for September 2026.

For students in Grade 11 who will be applying to UBC for September 2025, there are no changes to the Grade 11 requirements.

For students in Grade 10 who will be applying to UBC's Vancouver campus for September 2026, there are changes to the Grade 11 requirements. Depending on the degree students are applying to, the Grade 11 requirements have been simplified or are no longer required.

Here is a blog post to direct students to if they are looking for more information about these changes: https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/blog/admission-requirements/british-columbia-and-yukon-new-grade-11-requirements-starting-september-2026/

The changes to admission to UBC's Vancouver campus, for current Grade 10 students, appear to have removed the requirement of a second language at the Grade 11 level.

If this affects any of your course planning decisions, please see your Counsellor by Friday, June 14.



GRADE 12 INFORMATION



The Grads of 2024 and their families received a Graduation Bulletin with detailed information on the Graduation Ceremony, Prom Dinner Dance, Graduation Requirements and Upcoming Graduation Events. This information is now posted on our website [HERE](#).

Congratulations to Jack F., who was selected by his peers as the Valedictorian for the Grad Class of 2024!

Grads enjoyed Grad Spirit Week this past week- dressing up for theme days, participating in movie night, Guess Who games where they had to guess staff members based on their baby/graduation photos and collecting entries for a grand prize! This week ended with "Pie a Senior" day, where a number of grads got a plate full of whip cream in the face from their peers! Also thanks to Ms. Lau and Mr. Cacchioni for also agreeing to be "pied". We are looking forward to the remaining graduation events this month!



A beautiful day to...
PIE a Senior!

Important Dates:

June 11	Grad Gown Distribution, Graduation Dinner & Dance Ticket Distribution, & Grad Rehearsal #1 (FIT (1:22-2:02 pm))
June 14 🎓	Graduation Dinner & Dance (Hyatt Regency Downtown, 5:30 pm)
June 20 🎓	Grad Rehearsal #2 (8:30- 10:00 am, Chan Centre- GRADS ONLY) Graduation Ceremony (Chan Centre, 1:30 pm)
June 24	Grad Cap Toss & Final Countdown (Flagpole, 2:55pm) Grad BBQ & Grad Keepsake Signing (3:00- 4:30 pm)

FROM PROM COMMITTEE: [request of families from ANY grade]

Can you believe it? Prom is next week, and our Grade 12 students are starting to get excited as they wrap up their high school journey. It's a time of celebration, creating memories, and enjoying one of the most anticipated events of their school years. As you know, prom isn't just a dance – it's a cherished milestone that our children will remember for years to come. To make this event truly special, we need your help.

We are looking for additional parent volunteers (from ANY grade) on Friday June 14th from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Hyatt to help with decorations. Volunteer sign up is [HERE](#)

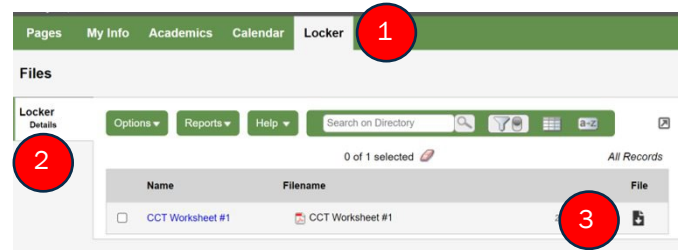
Additionally, if you are able to provide donations, it would be greatly appreciated. We're looking to add gift cards and prizes for fun contests during Prom! Every contribution, big or small, will help us create an extraordinary evening for our seniors.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make this prom a night to remember. If you're interested in supporting the prom, please consider contributing. Visit [SchoolCashOnline](#), where it says "Select a Fund Destination", choose "S-Prince of Wales", enter your amount, AND in the Message box be sure to type in "PW Prom 2024". Tax receipts will be automatically issued for any amount over \$20.

LEARNING UPDATES

Students will receive an **electronic Year-End Learning Update** published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on **Thursday June 27th**. It **is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference**.

This reporting period also marks the final of three reporting periods this year where students will post a self-reflection on the [core-competencies](#). Students have worked on this reflection of the personal goal-set in October 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, they may be receiving invites to attend our I-Days on June 26 and 27th to complete any final assessments or work. If your child is in danger of not passing a course, we encourage them to see their teacher in FIT time over the next two weeks to try and catch up with any outstanding work.

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.



ATHLETICS

SPRING SEASON UPDATE

Juvenile Boys Volleyball Team is off to a great 3-1 start this season. Coached by P.W. parent Norman Jay (father of Chris), the team is anchored by returning players: Sam S., Chris J., Nick T., Luke C., Daniel Y., Liam V-M. and Eddie . New players this year are Lucas C., Tee T., Jaiden P. and Carson C., who are learning quickly and making huge contributions on and of the court. The team hopes that their continued improved play will help them finish the season with a deep run into playoffs. A big thank you goes out to the student helpers Kenny and Trevor!



Tee with Prince Whale, our game MVP award.

Track & Field team has consistently demonstrated improved results through their effort effort and dedication. Track and Field requires discipline, consistency, and competitive drive. Community Coach, Nick Thomas commends the team for pushing themselves this season and is excited for the upcoming VSSAA championship meet, Zone Championships and BC Provincial Championships.

Some standout athletes include:

- Sara L. who always displays a positive attitude and continues to show improvement in Javelin.
- Eliot M. has improved throughout the year in his sprint events of 100m, 200m and 400m races.
- Kalyna L. has done well in 300m intermediate hurdles and will be anchoring the junior girls 4 x 100m team.
- Lily H. has continued to throw consistently well, taking on Hammer Throw and looking to compete at provincials again.

Congrats to Kai M. (who will be attending and competing for UBC next fall) on balancing his club practices and helping as a student coach athlete. He will look to qualify in 800m, 1500m, and 3000m at provincials again this season.

Senior Girls Soccer season is currently going very well. We have a team of 23 young ladies who work hard and act in a positive, caring and encouraging manner. They currently sit 1st in the Tier 2 standings with 2 more games to play. Special thank you to P.W. parent Coach Mr. Mahlujy and teacher sponsor Nathan Sung for all their time and effort.



Sr. Girls Soccer Team

The Senior Ice Hockey Team is currently sitting in first place in Tier 1 in the B.C. Amateur Hockey Assn Spring High School Hockey League. The team has compiled a record of 3 wins and 1 loss soundly defeating Churchill Secondary, Heritage Woods from Port Moody and Burnaby North. Their only loss came at the hands of McMath Secondary of Richmond in a tightly contested 3-2 game. The team is backstopped by the outstanding goaltending tandem of Grade 10 students Alan P. and Aidan P. Upfront the goals keep coming from grade 11 students Beckett C. and Assistant Captain, Sachin S. On defense grade 11 student, Dylan S. leads the way with his dynamic playmaking and spectacular rushes up ice. The Team is especially proud of their two female players. Grade 11 student Sophie C. takes a regular shift and is a solid contributor on our second line and grade 10 student Alyssa T. is part of a strong defensive corps. Grade 12 student and Team Captain Ivan D. helps keep the team focused and provides consistent leadership through his exemplary work ethic.

Our Ultimate Team lost many players to graduation and were a bit short on players, so we joined with Magee to enter a team in league play. Many new players joined the team this year, so our future is looking bright. Thank you goes out to P.W. Alumni Coach, Ahmed Ma for volunteering his time coaching the team and for the leadership provided by Grade 11 student Aidan T. and Grade 12 students Phoebe C. and Saurav S.



Batam Badminton Team

The Senior Badminton Team qualified for the playoffs which will took place Dec. 8th-10th. The Junior was full of young eager players and although they did not qualify for playoffs they nevertheless, had an enjoyable and rewarding season!

The Bantam Badminton Team won the city championship! Special thanks to Darren Wang and Maurice Li for coordinating all of the training sessions and coaching during the matches. Thanks to Maurice's dad Lawrence Li for coaching the Bantam and Junior teams while Maurice is playing.



Ann W. (Grad 2025) won Best Project: Discovery at the Canada Wide Science Fair!

Topic: Eradicating Cystic Fibrosis Biofilms by a Novel Non-Toxic, Multi-Pathway Salicylate Therapy. (Read more about the Project [HERE](#))

She has also been chosen to represent Canada for the European Union Contest for Young Scientists (EUCYS). Each country is allowed to select 2 students each year. In addition, she has also won numerous scholarships. *Congratulations!*

