



FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

As the leaves change and the air cools, October marks another step forward for all of us. We're excited to see students dive into another month of learning and growth. Your hard work has already made us proud, and we're here to keep supporting you every step of the way.

Students have been eager to reconnect with friends and meet new ones while taking advantage of the many learning opportunities at school. As always, PW continues to offer a variety of extracurricular activities, including athletics (please see update on the last page) and student clubs.

Student Council

Student Council will be hosting the Back-to-School Blast and Clubs Day on October 11th which will include 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.

We are starting some new procedures at PW this month, please review:

FIT: This year, Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) will require students to select a single learning space and stay there for the entire session, with attendance taken in the first five minutes using My Weekly Planner. Students should plan their activities in advance and sign up early to avoid notifications sent to their families for missed sessions.

ATTENDANCE: We've gone paperless! Starting this month, notes for absences will no longer be accepted. Parents/Guardians must email pwattendance@vsb.bc.ca to report absences, and teachers may also be cc'd. Please include the following information in the email:

- ✓ Student's full name
- ✓ Student #
- ✓ Date(s) of absence and specific classes missed
- ✓ Reason for absence

October brings plenty of opportunities for everyone, focusing on academic growth and personal exploration. It's a great time for us to come together, share ideas, and recognize our achievements. The PW community is energetic, and we look forward to seeing how our students continue to grow and succeed this month!

~ Prince of Wales Administration



Important Information – Please Translate

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महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें 중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Fri, Oct 11	Back to School Blast/Clubs Day Learning Update: Interims published to MyEd Family Portal
Mon, Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Mon, Oct 21	PAC Meeting – 7 pm Library
Fri, Oct 25	Professional Development Day – classes not in session
Tues, Oct 29	Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
Wed, Oct 30	TREK Numeracy Assessment
Fri, Nov 1	Collaborative Day (AM – classes begin at 10:00 am)
Tues, Nov 5	Mini School Information Night – 7 pm Auditorium
Thurs, Nov 7	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
Fri, Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assemblies
Mon, Nov 11	Day in lieu of Remembrance Day – school closed
Tues, Nov 12	Start of Block Rotation 3 (Period 1- Period 2- Period 3- Period 4)



Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her),
Principal
(Grades 9,11,12)



Joel Nelson (he/him),
Vice Principal
(Grades 9,10,11,12)

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/>



PW PAC Events: (visit pwpac.org)

PAC's Annual APPLE Fundraiser starts TODAY until October 16th.

(Orders Ready for pickup October 14th & 21st)
Direct Order fresh Ambrosia apples by the box in support of the Grade 12 Graduation Prom. We warmly invite all parents to participate in this health-wise event. Please click on this link for details and direct any questions to lovecycle.pw@gmail.com :

[Apple fundraising – PW PAC 2024/2025 pwpac.org](https://www.pwpac.org)



PAC Fall Direct Donation Drive

As we embark on a new school year, many PW activities rely heavily on the unwavering support and involvement of our parent community. Your generous donations have an *immediate impact* on supporting teams, clubs, technology and a variety of Wellness and DEI initiatives. We kindly urge every family to consider making their annual Tax-Deductible donation today!

For more details, click the link below:

[Prince of Wales Secondary – PW PAC 2024/2025 pwpac.org](https://www.pwpac.org)



OR

Please access anytime from within **SchoolCashOnline homepage: "Donate" - "Fund Destination" - "Prince of Wales Secondary PAC"**. *If you would like to direct the funds to a specific initiative, please write it in the **"Message"** box.

[Fee Details vsb.schoolcashonline.com](https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com)

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday October 21st @ 7pm in Library (virtual option available). Contact info@pwpac.org **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 12 have been scheduled to write the Literacy 12 Assessment on **Tuesday October 29, 2024.**

Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars: [Practice and Information Link.](#)

Time: 8:40 – 11:40am (arrive by 8:30am)	
Group by Last Name	Location
Aflaki → Cox	Mini Lab
Cross → Hu	C101
Huang → Li	C104
Time: 12:05 – 3:05pm (arrive by 11:55am)	
Group by Last Name	Location
Liao → Qi	Mini Lab
Raffaele-Hamar → Velisek	C101
Wang → Zhuo	C104

Grade 12 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 12 families. Please contact Ms. Kauldher (skauldher@vsb.bc.ca) with any questions.

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students will receive an **electronic *Informal Learning Update*** published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on October 11 and will be available online until November 20. This report includes a comment from each Semester 1 teacher. *Mid-Semester Learning Updates* will be published on November 21. ***It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.***

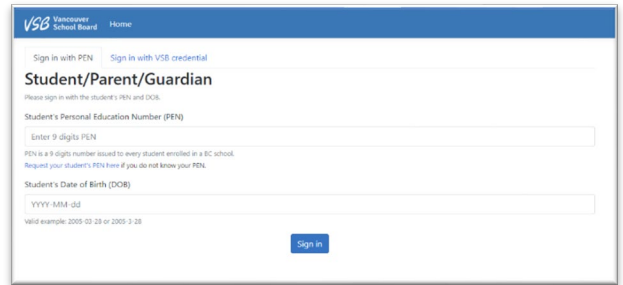
If your child receives an IE (Insufficient Evidence) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to demonstrate their learning of the course material. Please note that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for semester 1 *Summary of Learning* unless specified by the teacher. 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. 11, 2024	Nov. 21, 2024	Nov 28, 2024	Feb. 6, 2025
Linear Courses	Nov. 21, 2024	Feb. 6, 2025 Apr. 24, 2025	Nov 28, 2024 May 1, 2025	June 26, 2025
Core Competencies (Self Reporting)	Nov. 21, 2024	Apr. 24, 2025	n/a	June 26, 2025

FORMS & FEES

FORMS: Students received three forms in homeroom on September 6th: Emergency Medical, Data Collection, and Emergency Reunification. These forms are now overdue; please return them to the trays in front of the main office as soon as possible. Additional forms must also be completed online at myforms.vsb.bc.ca if not done already, including VSB Media Consent and the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy. Use your child's PEN or VSB email to log in.



FEES: To pay school or course fees, 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 by Sept. 27th.** 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.

LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE

Teacher Librarians, Ms. Brett & Ms. Duy



PW Library's Orange Shirt and National Day for Truth & Reconciliation display.

It's been a busy start at the PW Library! Classes have visited for orientations and projects, and universities have held information sessions for seniors during FIT and lunch. We have over 70 library monitors for Semester 1, and interested students can sign up for Semester 2 in January.

Please remember that the library is food and drink-free, so eat lunch beforehand. Check out the "PW Library Community Crossword" display for collaboration, along with puzzles and games available before and after school. Our hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Stay tuned for upcoming activities, including our Winter Bookmas contest, with details on Teams and the PA system. We welcome book suggestions in the box by the circulation desk.

Grades 11 and 12 students, please sign up on my weekly planner to reserve your spot in the library during FIT.

POST SECONDARY CONNECTIONS

University of British Columbia (Okanagan)- October 21, 2024, 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- October 30, 2024 (AM)

On October 30, 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.

Students are encouraged to check the Post-Secondary Channel on the Student Hub for details.



Upcoming Post- Secondary Visits @ PW:

Oct 8: UVic Gustavson School of Business (lunch, Auditorium)

Oct 11: University of Alberta (lunch, A101)

US Post- Secondary Fairs:

Oct 9 US Post-Secondary Fair (5- 7 PM, Magee Secondary)

Oct 10: VAIS 2024 US College Fair (5- 7 PM, West Point Grey Academy)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you ordered school photos, they will be handed out to students this week.

Retakes: If you aren't happy with your photo or missed photo day, you can have a photo taken on Retake Day October 28, 2024 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.

ATHLETICS

Athletic Director, Ben Lubinizki (blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca)



We're excited to see a resurgence in student participation in athletics at PW! For the first time in many years, we can field a Senior Boys' Volleyball Team. Additionally, we have Sevens Boys' Rugby Teams at both the Grade 8 and 9 levels, alongside a Grade 8/9 Boys' Soccer Team.

Here's a list of the fall teams and their coach contact information:

Team	Coaches	Contact Email
Grade 8/9 Sevens Boys' Rugby	Mike Hall (PW Alum), A.D. Ben Lubinizki	mikevancityrugby@gmail.com blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 8 Girls Volleyball	Lysanne Mak, Vito Coletta	lmak@vsb.bc.ca vcoletta@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 8/9 Boys Soccer	Cameron Dong (Parent Coach)	acdong@hotmail.com
Cross Country (Grades 8-12)	Catherine King	cfking@vsb.bc.ca
Swim Team (Grades 8-12)	Michael Taverna	mtaverna@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 9 Girls Volleyball	Alexandra Taylor, Vito Coletta	ataylor@vsb.bc.ca vcoletta@vsb.bc.ca
Senior Girls Volleyball (10-12)	Lysanne Mak	lmak@vsb.bc.ca
Senior Boys' Soccer (10-12)	Nicholas Glavas (PW Alum), Nicholas Ganatsios (PW Alum), A.D. Ben Lubinizki	nicholasaglavas@gmail.com np.ganatsios@gmail.com blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca
Senior Boys' Volleyball	Norman Jay (Parent Coach)	njay@vsb.bc.ca

We appreciate our parent coaches who volunteer their time and expertise to provide opportunities for our student-athletes. Their involvement emphasizes the collaborative spirit of PW between parents, staff, and students.

We're also grateful for our alumni coaches, whose positive experiences as student-athletes keep them connected to our Athletic Department and the broader PW community.

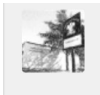
As you can see, many of our dedicated teachers coach multiple teams. If any parents can help coach or support our teams, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Ben Lubiniski, at blubiniski@vsb.bc.ca.

A special shoutout to our new teacher, Michael Taverna, who teaches Senior Science courses and is stepping in as our Swim Team Coach!

A reminder that most athletics communication takes place through Teams, so please encourage student-athletes to check for updates on games and practices.

Participation fees can be paid through the school's website. For any questions about payment, please contact our school accountant, Angela Wong, at awong@vsb.bc.ca We look forward to seeing parents in the gym and on the field! **Go PW!**

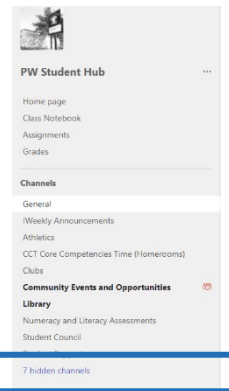
STUDENT COMMUNICATION



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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PW...

September has been a busy month at PW. Our leadership classes organized the Terry Fox Run and Truth & Reconciliation Spotlights. Mini School went to Strathcona, and we held Grade 8 Camp, Grad Committee hosted the Grad BBQ, students have been attending various field trips and we have held Information Parent Nights for new/Grade 8 and Grade 12 families. Please check out our website for more information.



Stay Informed You can find PW news at:

-  www.vsb.bc.ca/princeofwales
-  [@pwsecondary](https://www.instagram.com/pwsecondary)
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