



# FAMILY BULLETIN

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November 19, 2024

Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through Semester 1! Time truly flies as our students settle into their routines, balancing academics with participation in sports, clubs, and service opportunities. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement in so many aspects of school life.

We are delighted to officially welcome a new member to our staff:

- **Kieran Atkinson** (Chemistry/Science)

Looking ahead, Semester 1 mid-term grades will be published on **November 21 by 4:00 PM**, and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled a week later for **November 28**. Further details are included in this bulletin.

As we continue moving through the school year, we are inspired by the energy and dedication of our students, staff, and families. This is a time to celebrate achievements, reflect on progress, and set new goals for the weeks ahead. Thank you for being such an integral part of our journey. Let's continue working together to support our students in reaching their full potential.

~ Prince of Wales Administration 

**Important Information – Please Translate**

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Tues, Nov 19	TREK Program Info Night 7:00 PM, Auditorium
Thurs, Nov 21	Learning Updates posted to MyEd
Fri, Nov 22	Professional Development Day - classes not in session
Tues, Nov 26	Career Assembly in FIT for Gr 10,11,12
Thurs, Nov 28	<b>Early Dismissal @ 2:05 PM</b> Parent-Teacher Interviews 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Fri, Nov 29	Collaborative Day AM (Classes start at 10:00 AM) PW TREK Tree Lot opens
Wed Dec 4	Mini School Winter Supper @ 6:00 PM (Cafeteria)
Thurs Dec 5	CCT Homeroom #4 (FIT: 1:22 - 2:02 PM)
Mon Dec 16	Block Rotation, AM: P2, P1 PM: P4, P3
Fri, Dec 20	Student Holiday Variety Show Last day of classes before Winter Break
Mon, Jan 6	School reopens, Classes resume



Sangeeta Kauldher  
(she/her)  
**Principal**  
(Grades 9.11.12)



Joel Nelson  
(he/him),  
**Vice Principal**,  
(Grades TREK, 8, 10)

## 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. We have masks in the office if students are in need.

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024** and classes begin again on **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

## 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/>



**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT PAC MEETING** in the Library, Date: TBA (virtual option available). Contact [info@pwpac.org](mailto:info@pwpac.org) **All are welcome, we are always looking for new members!**

### PW PAC Events: (visit [pwpac.org](http://pwpac.org))

As we continue the school year, your generous donations play a vital role in supporting teams, clubs, technology, and Wellness and DEI initiatives at PW. We encourage every family to make their annual tax-deductible donation today. Thank you for helping create enriching opportunities for our students!

For more details, click the link on the right 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.

**PAC Fall Direct Donation Drive** [Prince of Wales Secondary – PW PAC 2024/2025 pwpac.org](#)



[Fee Details](#)  
[vsb.schoolcashionline.com](http://vsb.schoolcashionline.com)





### LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students will receive an **electronic** *Mid-Semester 1 Learning Update* on November 21, published to their [MyEducationBC](#). This report includes a comment and grade from each Semester 1 teacher and a comment for any linear (full year) courses. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.**

As 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 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.

Core Competencies are essential skills for lifelong learning, central to BC's K-12 curriculum. Vancouver students reflect on these skills and set goals three times a year. In November's Homeroom, PW students posted their yearlong goal in [SpacesEDU](#) (note, students log in with their VSB account). Each family will receive a link to their child's portfolio via email. We encourage caregivers to discuss how these skills can be developed both at school and at home.

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	<b>Feb. 6, 2025</b>
<b>Linear Courses</b>	Nov. 21, 2024	Feb. 6, 2025 Apr. 24, 2025	Nov 28, 2024 May 1, 2025	<b>June 26, 2025</b>
<b>Core Competencies (Self Reporting)</b>	Nov. 21, 2024	Apr. 24, 2025	n/a	<b>June 26, 2025</b>

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in-person at PW on **Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Booking for these appointments will take place at <https://pw.schoolappointments.com/>

The booking system opens on **Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4pm**. 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. Nelson ([jnelson@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jnelson@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](#).

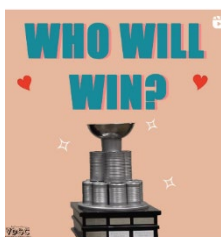
If you are unable to book at teacher appointment, please email the teacher directly to plan for an alternate option. All teacher emails can be found on our website [HERE](#)

### GRADUATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, all of our grade 12 students wrote the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment. Results will be posted in January. Please see [the instruction document](#) for accessing your child's results

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, all Grade 10 students will write the Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessment. This is a mandatory assessment required for graduation. On this day, classes for grade 10 students will be paused 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 10 families.

### VANCOUVER DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL CANLEY CUP



The CANley Cup is a district-wide event that aims to raise money for the community. The annual Canley Cup fundraiser kicks off this November, focusing on monetary donations to support local families, new Canadians, seniors, and school meal programs through the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Students and their families can donate online or via cash to their Block 1-1 teacher. The class that donates the highest amount will win a Pizza Party and the PW CANley Cup! The event runs until November 29th.

**Donation Link:** <https://vfd.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/princeofwales24>



## 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 2025-26 school year and the course selection process on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**



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.

## ATHLETICS

**Athletic Director, Ben Lubinizki** ([blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca))

### We had an amazing Fall Season and want to share some highlights from the season!

#### Swim Team

Provincial Results:

- Ema: 4th Overall in 100 backstroke and new personal best time.
- Ema, Megan, Valentina, Amanda: 6th overall in 400 freestyle relay.
- Milly: 9th in 100 butterfly - won the consolation finals.
- Ema, Jayden, Milly, Kyle - 11th in mixed 200 medley relay.
- Milly, Ellie, Megan, Amanda - 14th in 200 freestyle relay - all 4 achieved personal best times.
- Valentina: 22nd in 100 freestyle, 23rd in 100 butterfly

#### Bantam Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the Bantam Girls Volleyball Team for placing 5th in the VSSAA Bantam Playoffs. The girls lost a tough first game in the third set; only to bounce back to win their next 3 games. Shout out to Sadie T. (Student Coach, Gr. 11) and Dorotea P. (Student Coach, Gr. 12) for their time coaching and mentoring the team.

#### Senior Boy Soccer

Captured the Tier 2 City Championship with a convincing 2-0 win over Kits in the Final. Team looked strong throughout the playoffs where they were led by the outstanding goalkeeping of Gr. 12 student Otis H., midfielder wizardry of Gr. 12 Abdisda P. and the clinical finishing of gr. 12 striker Lewis A. Congratulations!

#### Senior Boys Volleyball

A very young team primarily made up of grade 10's. Team learned a lot and are grateful for the coaching of P.W. Parent Norman Jay.

#### Cross Country

Congrats on a WONDERFUL season. Michael L. in grade 9 junior boys who was 44/271 with a time of 16:09!

#### Grade 8/9 Boys Soccer

Did not qualify for playoffs but a fun and enjoyable season. Students are appreciative of the coaching provided by P.W. Parent Cameron Dong.

#### Senior Girls Volleyball

The PW Senior Girls' Volleyball team demonstrated incredible growth and dedication throughout this Fall season. A young team, made up of mostly grade 10s and 11s and a few grade 12s that put in the extra work needed to compete in a competitive Tier 1 VSSAA League. Although they only gained a few wins during the season, the girls persevered throughout their entire league play. These athletes have not only excelled on the court, but they also showed commitment to the sport by demonstrating great leadership through coaching and organizing our annual PW Bantam Girls' Cake Tournament. Congratulations to our graduating seniors Claire S., Sasha D., and Eva Z., for all their hard work. We wish you all the best and you will be missed next year. A special thank you to Princess P. for being a great manager and for always being a helpful hand for the team. Finally, a big thank you to Ms. Mak for all her time and passion put towards the team's journey we really appreciate her!

#### Grade 9 Girls Volleyball

Season full of growth and development. Very much enjoyed participating in the P.W. Cake Tournament. Thank you to coaches Mr. Coletta and Ms. Taylor!

#### Grade 8/9 Boys Rugby

Boys did extremely well in the weekly Jamborees held at Connaught Park. Boys very much appreciate the coaching provided by P.W. Alumni, Mike Hall. Grade 9 student Ernie Pearson was a standout throughout the season



**We are looking forward to the Winter Season!** We aim to field teams in the following Sports:

- Grade 8 Girls Basketball
- Grade 8 Boys Basketball
- Grade 9 Girls Basketball
- Junior Boys (Gr. 9 & 10) Basketball
- Senior Girls (Gr. 10-12) Basketball
- Senior Boys Basketball (Gr. 11 & 12)
- Table Tennis (Gr. 8-12) Boys and Girls
- Girls Ice Hockey (Gr. 8-12)
- Boys Senior Ice Hockey (Gr.10 -12)
- Boys Junior Ice Hockey Grades 8,9 & 10

Students are reminded to check the Athletics Channel on the PW Student Hub for information on tryouts and practices. We are always looking for support with coaching. Interested? Please email our Athletic Director.



PRINCE OF WALES BANDS & FINE ARTS UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

In-School Concerts:

- December 18th – Elementary Jamboree
- December 19th – PW Winter Bash

Evening Concerts:

- January 22nd – PW Bands Semester-end Concert



Fine Arts Week – January 20th – 24th

Fine Arts Night- January 23rd

Follow @PWBands on Instagram for more concert opportunities and updates

LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE

Teacher Librarian, Allison Brett ([abrett@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:abrett@vsb.bc.ca))

PW Library's annual **12 Days of Bookmas** contest begins Tuesday, Dec. 3rd and runs until Wednesday, Dec. 18th. Stay tuned for books and cultural trivia questions! The Grand Prize winner will receive two tickets to the Festival of Lights. There will be a daily prize for each day of the contest."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PW...

October continues to be a busy month at PW. Our leadership classes organized a Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. Student Council hosted our annual Back to School blast and Clubs Day, Halloween and the Haunted House, and as always field trips, including the law courts and a tour of Roger's Arena. We are also enjoying all the projects we are seeing! Please check out our website for more information.



Back to School Blast, hosted by Student Council



Field Trips, Field Trips, Field Trips! Highlighted experiences- MOA, UBC Botanical Gardens, Roger's Arena, Law Courts

Halloween- Guess who these staff members are?



Plasma Cut Sitka Tree, Metalwork 9 made by: Ryan P. (Gr. 9)

GENERAL REMINDERS

**Absences & Attendance:** To report your child's absence, please have a parent/guardian send an email to [pwattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:pwattendance@vsb.bc.ca) excusing their absence

- Send the email to your student's teacher as well. Teacher emails can be found [here](#).
- Make sure to add the following:
  - Student's full name
  - Student number
  - Date(s) and classes they were absent for
  - Reason for absence

**Student Fees:** To pay school or course fee, create an account using School Cash Online. The school fee schedule can be found [HERE](#). School fees should now be paid. Any future fees, for events such as field trips, will be available on School Cash Online. When setting up your account be sure to check "YES" to receive email

notifications so that you will be notified when fees are added. A direct link to School Cash Online and the school fee schedule can be found at the top of the PW website: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

**Extended Absences:** Any students who will be away for an extended period of one week or more (travel, medical etc.) should see their grade counsellor to complete an extended absence form. Please review the policy [HERE](#)

**Student Pick-up/Drop-off and Parking** Traffic signs are in place along Eddington Street to allow space for families to drop off and pick up students. Thank you for being compliant with city bylaws. Students **are not** permitted to park on school grounds, they may park on side streets in designated parking area.

Stay Informed!

You can find PW news at:

- [www.vsb.bc.ca/princeofwales](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/princeofwales)
- [@pwsecondary](https://www.instagram.com/pwsecondary)
- [princeofwales@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:princeofwales@vsb.bc.ca)
- [PW STUDENT HUB](#)