



FAMILY BULLETIN

September 09, 2025

Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

As we begin a new school year at Prince of Wales, we are delighted to welcome our students and families back. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue working alongside our staff, students, and families to foster a supportive and engaging school community.

Each new year brings fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. In 2025–26, we will continue to focus on building strong relationships, promoting well-being, and ensuring that every student has the chance to thrive both academically and socially. Together, we look forward to a year filled with discovery, achievement, and lasting memories.

In this newsletter, you will find important information for our school year, including important dates, student learning updates, Flexible Instruction Time (FIT), MyEdBC and Microsoft Teams accounts, daily and weekly schedules, news from our Counselling Department, news from our Parent Advisory Council, as well as school policies and procedures. We suggest that you save a copy of this newsletter for reference. We plan to send out regular monthly parent communication where we will remind families of this information.

We would like to welcome the following staff to our PW team:

Continuing Staff

- Cameron Cook (Chemistry)
- Christian Cote (ADST – Metalwork)
- Graham Hooton (Physics)
- Nikki Stewart Hunter (Physical Health Education)

Short Term Staff (Semester 1)

- Monica Chen Lin (Business)
- Ashleigh Spencer (English)

We're thrilled to have them join our team and are confident they will make a meaningful impact in our educational community.

For families new to PW, especially our Grade 8 families, we invite you to our **Family Information Night on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm** in the auditorium (coffee and treats provided by PAC, meeting starting at 7:00 pm). The session will cover school policies and procedures, with additional details for Grade 8 families about the program and upcoming camp.

We began the year with grade assemblies, where students reconnected with peers, reviewed expectations, and set a positive tone for the months ahead. Students also settled into their first full day of classes. A smooth start like this is only possible thanks to the hard work of our custodial, office, counselling, support, and teaching staff, who worked tirelessly to prepare the school and welcome students back.

As caregivers, you are an essential part of our learning community. We value your partnership and encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have—our contact information is listed [HERE](#). Together, we can ensure that every student feels supported in their learning and growth.

Leading the PW community is a privilege, and we are excited for the year ahead—a year of growth, learning, and success.

~Prince of Wales Administration

Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her),
Principal (Grades 8,10,12)



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

Stay Informed!

You can find PW news at:



www.vsb.bc.ca/princeofwales



@pwsecondary



princeofwales@vsb.bc.ca



PW STUDENT HUB

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Counseling Department is excited to make connections with students and build community within our grade groups. As a reminder, we offer a variety of services in the counselling department, so swing by and we will be happy to help you!

What we provide students....

Counselling Services



Anything on your mind? Having troubles with your friends or family? Please come by the counselling suite if you would like to talk. Your information is confidential.

Courses & Scheduling



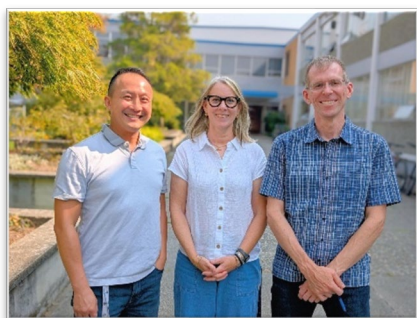
If any course conflicts are present in your schedule, or if things aren't working out for you, come by and we will try to work support you.

Anything Else



We will try our best to assist with anything within our abilities, if there is anything not listed, feel free to stop by and let us know what's up!

Meet the Team!



Ms. Julie Baerg
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Mr. Scott Morgan
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Mr. Chris Tse
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Grade 8, 9 (Last Names A → H)
Grade 12

Grade 8, 9 (Last Names S → Z)
Grade 10, TREK

Grade 8, 9 (Last Names I → R)
Grade 11

Course Changes

Our priority is to ensure students have complete timetables by having at least eight blocks scheduled. When schedules are available, if students are missing classes or did not complete summer school as planned, we ask that students go to see your grade-based counsellor. All other course change requests will be scheduled in the first and second week of school by signing up outside the counselling suite for an appointment. The last day for timetable changes will be **Wednesday September 10, 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.



Join us at the next meeting on October 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Library (or online, ZOOM link to be shared shortly)
All are welcome, we are always looking for new members!

GRADE 8 INFORMATION

Welcome to our new cohort of grade 8 students and families! Grade 8 students received a Grade 8 Camp Package in their homeroom assembly on September 4th. There are 3 forms that need to be returned to the office by Thursday September 18th at the latest. Grade 8 Camp is a beloved tradition at PW, and an amazing experience for students to connect with each other, with staff and with nature.
Note: The electronic waiver link is found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5f4f8vc3>



We will be hosting a welcome session / grade 8 camp information session for all grade 8 parents/guardians at the New Family Information Night on **Tuesday September 9th @ 6:30 PM** in our auditorium. We encourage as many of you to join us as possible. PAC will offer coffee and treats at 6:30 pm for parents to meet and mingle and we will begin the presentation at 7:00 pm. If your child did not bring home the Grade 8 camp info package and form package, extra copies are available in the office.

Last week, Grade 8 students received a **"PW Grads of 2030"** T-shirt to mark the start of their high school journey. If your child did not receive one, it can be picked up at Family Information Night or from the school office.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION- GRADS OF 2026

SAVE THE DATE! Grade 12 Parent Information Night- **Wednesday September 24th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** in the auditorium. Grade 12 students and families are invited to hear information from Grade 12 counsellor, Ms. Baerg about graduation requirements, post-secondary, ask questions and MORE!

Please note: Grad Committee is planning a welcome back breakfast for grads during FIT (8:40 AM -9:20 AM) on September 24 in the cafeteria.

Graduation Photos

Individual Grad Photo Sessions @ Artona are scheduled for October 3-5, 2025 and **Group Sessions** are scheduled for September 19, 2025 -March 29, 2026

Please book at appointment: <https://artona.com/schools/PWAL>

Graduation Ceremony & Dinner Dance

This year's Prince of Wales Graduation Commencement ceremony will take place at 1:00 pm on **Monday June 8th, 2026** at the Chan Centre in UBC.

Grad Committee is working hard on securing a venue for the Graduation Dinner & Dance and more information will be available soon.

TERRY FOX RUN

This year, our school is proudly taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer on Thursday September 18, 2025. The Leadership class is working on organizing the route, and fun activities for students leading up to the event. The aim is to raise \$1200. Please support our school's goal!

Donation Link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/PrinceofWalesSecondary>



SCHOOL FORMS

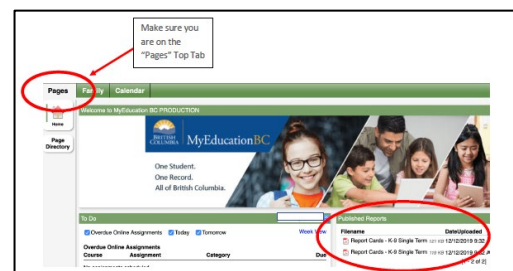
Students were given out the following paper forms in homeroom on Wednesday September 3rd

- Verification Form (Grade 8s only, White)
 - ✓ Please review information, correct any errors, sign it and **ONLY** return it to the office if there are updates needed.
- Emergency Reunification. (Grade 8-12, Yellow)

Please make sure that these forms are filled out, signed and returned to the trays in front of the main office by **Friday September 5, 2025**. Please come to the office if you have misplaced your copies.

The remainder of the forms that need to be completed by families are **ONLINE**, please complete this by **September 05, 2025**

- ☐ **Verification Form (Grade 9-12 ONLY)**
Ligon to MyEd (<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca>)
Under "published reports", please review the VERIFICATION FORM.
Please go over student information. If there are any errors, print this document, update information, sign it and return to office.
- ☐ **Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)**
- ☐ **Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for parents/guardians)**
- ☐ **Canada Anti- Spam Legislation Consent**
- ☐ **External Media Consent Form**
- ☐ **Grade 4-12 AUP Form**
(Acceptable Use of Technology Policy) - very important, read through this carefully with your child.
- ☐ **Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent**
- ☐ **VSBC Media Consent**



Grades 8-12, please logon to <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> and fill out the above forms online
When logging into <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> please make sure you are entering your child's PEN – their 9-digit Personal Education Number - and not their student number. Alternatively, you can login by clicking on "SIGN IN WITH VSB CREDENTIALS" and entering your child's VSB email address and password.



GENERAL PROCEDURES

Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please have a parent/guardian send an email to 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

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.
If a student needs to leave during the day, please make sure they check out from the school office.

Notice of Late Return

To help us ensure a smooth start to the new school year, we would like to remind you that students **must** attend school by Friday September 8, to confirm enrolment. If your child/children will not be in attendance the first week back to school, but will do so after then, please fill out this form [Notice of Late Return Form - Fillable](#) and return this form to the office or email a copy to student records at apooley@vsb.bc.ca

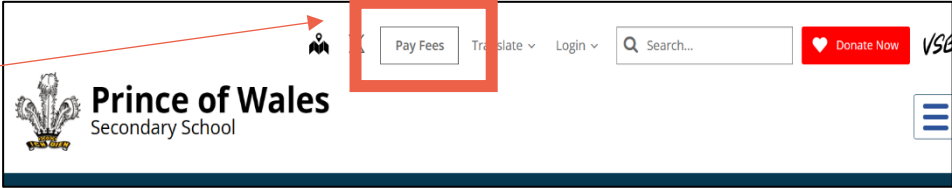
If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Friday September 6, 2024, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

Fees

To pay school or course fee, 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. 26th.**

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.



Cafeteria

Breakfast and Lunch service in the cafeteria began on **Thursday September 4th, 2025**. Students can purchase food in the cafeteria or bring their own food and eat at the tables. We also have many outdoor spaces for eating lunch, so take advantage of the good weather. If your child would benefit from support with lunches, please don't hesitate to connect with Ms. Kauldher or their school counsellor—we're here to help.

OPTIONAL INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS




The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/><https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Students will become familiar with the following programs over the school year. We encourage students to note their password in a secure place.

Technology Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	Microsoft 365
			
LOGIN	STUDENT NUMBER	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website	https://www.office.com/
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, report cards	Classroom Materials, PW Student Hub, Career Ed 8 Career Ed 9	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc.)
HELP?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	LINK FOR MICROSOFT 365 HELP
Where can I go to reset password?	Click "I forgot my Password", Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff	Any teacher, Office Staff



VSB Student Accounts

All students have an VSB account created with your username as [studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca For example, if your student number is 8675309, then your username is 8675309@learn.vsb.bc.ca This account will be used daily by students, so please be sure your child has their password and can login to use school computers, Office 365, VSB email and VSB Secured WiFi. If you need to reset your password, you can visit <http://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> and choose a new password. Security guidelines suggest using two or three words such as "purple pumpkin pepper."

Microsoft Teams

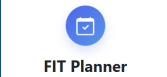

We will continue the use of MS Teams this year, with students being added to classroom and school/grade-wide Teams this week. All students have been added to the PW Student Hub TEAM, which will be the central hub for the school communication. Many classes will use TEAMS to post course information, assignments and other class happenings. Starting next week, students should be checking Teams as part of their daily routine. We encourage families to access TEAMS with their child to see what it entails.

MYEDUCATION ("MYED") Family Portal

MyEd is a website used across the province for student schedules, attendance and reporting. If you are in grade 8 or a new PW student, you will need to login with your VSB student number and default password Dist\$2026. Returning students can use the "I forgot my password" link to reset their password (NOTE: you will need to know the email attached to the account to use this function. If you need help logging in or resetting your password, please visit [VSB MyEd Parent and Student Resources](#).

FIT Planner & SpacesEdu

Towards the end of September, we will introduce two additional support/technology platforms. "SpacesEdu will be used to communicate with families and collect students work around Core Competencies. VSB FIT Planner will be used for students to sign up for FIT sessions. More information will be shared with students and families later this month.

Technology Tool	VSB FIT Planner	SpacesEDU
		
LOGIN	VSB Login	VSB Login
LINK	FIT Planner	SpacesEDU
USE	Signing up for FIT sessions, previewing teacher availability	Communicating on Core Competencies; building portfolios
HELP?	Coming Soon	RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES
Where can I go to reset password?	Any teacher, library, Self-Serve	Any teacher, library, Self-Serve

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

Graduation assessments are not associated with any course mark, but their completion is part of the BC Graduation Requirements. Students in Grade 10 will be scheduled to write two Provincial Assessments to assess their proficiency in numeracy and literacy. Students that are in Grade 12 will be scheduled to write the literacy assessment. Details of times and room numbers will be provided closer to the date. Note, classes will be paused for assessments on these days.

Please note, we have scheduled the assessment dates closer to the end of the semester to allow students additional time to prepare and to minimize disruption to their regular classes.

For students who have missed these assessments in previous years, a makeup session is tentatively scheduled for Friday April 23, 2025. Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars by clicking the links below.

Grade	Assessment Date	Assessment	Link
10	June 19, 2026	Numeracy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
10	January 22, 2026	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment
12	January 23, 2026	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment



DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

As a reminder, we do not have bells at PW, so students are expected to manage their own time and arrive promptly to all classes, *including after lunch*. Consistent attendance and punctuality are key to student success. More information on attendance expectations, punctuality, and extended absences (beyond three consecutive days) can be found on our school website and in the student agenda.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT	8:40 – 9:20		8:40 – 9:20		
Break	9:20- 9:25		9:20- 9:25		
Period 1	9:25- 10:25	8:40 – 10:00	9:25- 10:25	8:40 – 10:00	8:40 – 10:00
Break	10:25 – 10:35	10:00 – 10:15	10:25 – 10:35	10:00 – 10:15	10:00 – 10:15
Period 2	10:35– 11:35	10:15 – 11:35	10:35– 11:35	10:15 – 11:35	10:15 - 11:35
Lunch	11:35 – 12:20	11:35 – 12:20	11:35 – 12:20	11:35 – 12:20	11:35 – 12:20
Period 3	12:20– 1:40	12:20 – 1:20	12:20– 1:40	12:20 – 1:20	12:20 – 1:40
Break		1:20- 1:22		1:20- 1:22	
FIT		1:22- 2:02		1:22- 2:02	
Break	1:40 – 1:45	2:02-2:05	1:40 – 1:45	2:02-2:05	1:40- 1:45
Period 4	1:45 – 3:05	2:05-3:05	1:45 – 3:05	2:05-3:05	1:45 – 3:05

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)

This is instructional time designed to support students' personalized learning. The intent is to build-in flexibility and choice within a student's schedule that allows them to determine how, when and where their learning takes place, to access extra help from teachers, collaborate with peers and pursue other learning activities During the first FIT period on Thursday September 4th, all students received a presentation to review and explain FIT and how it works.


This year, FIT will happen four days a week, for 40 minutes:

- Monday and Wednesday, 8:40 AM - 9:20 AM.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 1:22 PM - 2:02 PM.

In the fall, teachers will communicate with students how to best utilize this time in support of their academic success. Prince of Wales Secondary, along with the VSB, is excited that this year's schedule incorporates flexibility and remains committed to continuing the work and conversations around structures that best support learning for all students.

Details:

- This is school time (instructional time) and students get a choice of how to spend it doing school work or student interest activities.
- For example, students may participate in weekly classes, collaborate with peers, see individual teachers, or pursue learning activities that may fall outside of their scheduled classes
- Staff and supports will be available for students.
- All students are expected to be in a learning space

 **Changes this year...** Through our work with staff and students via the student forum, as a school community we are looking at using FIT more intentionally. We are planning Career Education activities, workshops and student interest activities purposely scheduled during FIT. We are looking at using an online sign-up system to help organize attendance for these sessions as well as classroom sessions. More information on this will be shared with students and families later this month.

BLOCK ROTATIONS

We will rotate class schedule order 4 times a semester. The block rotation dates are as follows:

BLOCK ROTATIONS- SEMESTER 1		BLOCK ROTATIONS- SEMESTER 2	
Rotation 1: AM: Period 1- Period 2- PM: Period 3- Period 4	Wed Sept 3, 2025- Fri Oct 3, 2025 Fri Nov 7, 2025- Fri Dec 12, 2025	Rotation 1: AM: Period 1- Period 2- PM: Period 3- Period 4	Wed Jan 28, 2026- Mon Mar 2, 2026 Tues Apr 22, 2025- Fri May 23, 2025
Rotation 2: AM: Period 2- Period 1- PM: Period 4- Period 3	Mon Oct 6 , 2025- Thur Nov 6, 2025 Mon Dec 15, 2025- Fri Jan 23, 2026	Rotation 2: AM: Period 2- Period 1- PM: Period 4- Period 3	Tues Mar 3, 2026- Fri Apr 20, 2026 Mon May 25, 2026- Thurs Jun 25, 2026



COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TIME

This year the Vancouver School Board calendar will include eight (8) days on which the school day is shortened for students. The school day remains the same length for school staff. These periods of time, called Collaboration Planning Time, provide the opportunity for school staff to come together to engage in activities and discussions specific to their unique school community to support and enhance student progress and achievement. During Collaboration Planning Time, teachers work directly with peers within the school setting to share, discuss, and learn from each other to enhance their teaching practice within the "Four Pillars" of education:

Curriculum ♦ Instruction ♦ Assessment ♦ Social / Emotional Learning.

During Collaborative Planning Times, *students are not expected to be at school*. To ensure that instruction is equitable during all periods, some Collaborative Planning Times will be scheduled in the morning during the AM- **8:40 AM – 10:00 AM** or the PM- **1:45 PM – 3:05 PM**. As a reminder, the Provincial government sets out minimum hours of instruction for all grade levels. The Vancouver School Board calendar, with Staff Collaboration Planning Time included, still meets all Provincial requirements.

The Collaborative Planning Time, date and bell schedule are as follows:
(*Students are not expected to be in classes during these times*)

AM Collaborative Time	
Dates: September 26, November 28, February 27, May 1	
COLLAB TIME	8:40 to 10:00
Block 1	10:05 to 10:45
Block 2	10:55 to 11:35
Lunch	11:35 to 12:20
Block 3	12:20 to 1:40
Block 4	1:45 to 3:05

PM Collaborative Time	
Dates: October 31, January 9, April 10, May 29	
Block 1	8:40 to 10:00
Block 2	10:15 to 11:35
Lunch	11:35 to 12:20
Block 3	12:20 to 1:00
Block 4	1:05 to 1:45
COLLAB TIME	1:45 to 3:05

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PROD) DAYS

Professional Development Days allow teachers to continue professional learning through involvement in programs, services and activities designed to enable teachers, both individually and collectively, to enhance teaching and learning. Students should not be at school during this time, unless special arrangements have been made with a staff member.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Fri September 19, 2025
Fri October 24, 2025
Fri November 21, 2025
Fri February 13, 2026
Mon April 20, 2026 (Inservice- Indigenous Focus Day)
Fri May 15, 2026

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Learning Update Dates:

Semester	Learning Update: Interim Report	Learning Update: Mid-Semester Report	Learning Update: Parent-Teacher Conferences	Learning Update: Summary of Learning
1	October 10, 2025	November 14, 2025	November 20, 2025	January 30, 2026
2	March 6, 2026	April 23, 2026	April 30, 2026	June 25, 2026
Linear Courses	November 14, 2025	January 30, 2026 April 23, 2026	November 20, 2025 April 30, 2026	June 25, 2026
Core Competencies (Self Reporting)	November 14, 2025	April 23, 2026	n/a	June 25, 2026

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer three questions about their learning:

Where am I now?

Where am I going?

How do I get there?

Quality assessment is ongoing and responsive. It informs the instruction cycle and provides teachers with evidence to plan. It helps families understand and support their children's learning. Most importantly, it provides students with meaningful feedback to guide their learning and help them reflect on their growth. PW students will receive Written Learning Updates and Informal Learning Updates such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conferences.

The new Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 8 and 9 will receive marks on a four-point proficiency scale (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending), while students in Grades 10 -12 will still receive a letter grade and percentage. Learning Updates (report cards) for all students will now also include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback.



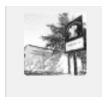
Approximately 6 times throughout the year, PW students will work with their classroom teachers during FIT to work on their self- assessments.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible.

You can read a summary of the changes [HERE](#) or use the Ministry of Education and Child Care's [WEBSITE](#). If you have any questions about these changes, please reach out to any school Administrator for further information.

Please note, your child's Learning Update is electronic and will be published to their MyEd BC account. It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.

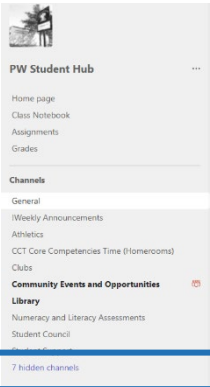
STUDENT COMMUNICATION



The **PW Student Hub** has been created for student communication via Microsoft Teams. 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.



ATHLETICS

We are looking for coaches!

Any parents or guardians who might be interested in coaching or helping out with Fall Athletics please contact our school's Athletic Director, Ben Lubinizki at blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca

Currently we are looking for:

- **Senior Boys' Soccer**
- **Senior Boys' Volleyball**
- **Grade 8 & 9 Girls' Volleyball**



Sign up for Fall Athletic Teams is currently taking place. It is not too late to sign up! Sign up sheets for the following teams are located just outside of the West Gym P.E. office:

- Cross Country Running (open to grades 8-12, no tryout is required)
- Swimming (open to grades 8-12, no tryout is required).
- Grade 8/9 Rugby (no tryout or experience is required)
- Sr. Girls Volleyball (open to students in grades 10, 11, 12)
- Grade 9 Girls Volleyball
- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball
- Sr. Boys Soccer (open to students in grades 8-12 , tryout is required)

Messaging regarding upcoming practices and tryouts will take place through the Student Athletic Channel on the PW Student HUB. Please encourage your student to check the PW Student Hub daily.

REMINDER OF EXPECTATIONS OFF CAMPUS

Safeway (as well as other local businesses) is a valued lunch option for our students, and we want to ensure it remains a welcoming space for everyone. Recently, there have been a few concerns raised by the store regarding student behavior during the lunch hour. To maintain a positive relationship with Safeway, we kindly ask for your support in sharing the following reminders with your child:

- Please only enter the store if planning to make a purchase, as unnecessary crowding affects everyone's shopping experience.
- After making purchases, students should use the seating areas provided or exit the store in an orderly manner.
- Avoid gathering in large groups while shopping to allow other customers to move around the store comfortably.
- Always behave respectfully—no yelling, running, or roughhousing in the store.
- Seating areas are reserved for customers who have purchased food or drinks.

We are confident our students will represent the PW community positively, and we thank you for helping reinforce these expectations. Let's work together to maintain a strong partnership with Safeway and all our neighbors!



SEMESTER 1 IMPORTANT DATES

September	Event
Mon, Sep 1	Labour Day – school closed
Tues, Sep 2	First Day of School – Grade Assemblies
Wed, Sep 3	First full instructional day – Semester 1 begins
Tues, Sep 9	New Families Welcome & Information Night, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)
Wed, Sep 10	TREK Parent Information Night
Thurs, Sep 18	Terry Fox Fun (FIT)
Fri, Sep 19	Professional Development Day - classes not in session
Tues, Sep 23	Photo Day
Wed, Sep 24	Grade 12 Information Night, 6:00 pm (Auditorium)
Fri, Sep 26	Collaborative Day (AM– classes start at 10:00 AM)
Mon, Sep 29	Orange Shirt Acknowledgement Day
Tues, Sep 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – school closed
October	
Fri, Oct 3	Back to School Blast- Clubs Day (Extended Lunch)
Oct 3 – 5	Grad Photos at Artona Studios
Mon, Oct 6	Start of Block Rotation 2 (Period 2- Period 1- Period 4- Period 3)
Fri, Oct 10	Learning Update: Interims published to MyEd Family Portal
Mon, Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Tues Oct 15- Fri Oct 17	Grade 8 Camp
Wed, Oct 22	Photo Retakes
Fri, Oct 24	Professional Development Day – classes not in session
Mon, Oct 27	PAC Meeting – 7 pm Library
Fri, Oct 31	Collaborative Day (PM– classes are dismissed at 1:45 PM)
November	
Tues, Nov 4	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
Wed, Nov 5	TREK Literacy 10 Assessment Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day
Fri, Nov 7	Start of Block Rotation 3 (Period 1- Period 2- Period 3- Period 4)
Mon, Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assemblies
Tues, Nov 11	Remembrance Day – school closed
Fri, Nov 14	Learning Update: Mid-Semester Report published to MyEd Family Portal
Thurs, Nov 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences – early dismissal
Fri, Nov 21	Professional Development Day – classes not in session
Fri, Nov 28	Collaborative Day (AM – classes begin at 10:00 AM)
December	
Mon, Dec 15	Start of Block Rotation 4 (Period 2- Period 1- Period 4- Period 3)
Fri, Dec 19	Last day of school before Winter Break
Dec 22 – Jan 2	Winter Break
January	
Mon, Jan 5	School re-opens
Fri, Jan 9	Collaborative Day (PM– classes are dismissed at 1:45 PM)
Mon, Jan 19	PAC Meeting – 7 pm Library
Fri, Jan 23	End of Semester 1
Mon, Jan 26- Tues Jan 27	Incomplete Days/ Credit Recovery Days
Tues, Jan 27	Course Planning & Information Night for Families, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)



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