

FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

Grade 8 & New Families
Prince of Wales Secondary School
September 09, 2025



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəy'əm (Musqueam), Sk_wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



x^wməθk^wəy'əm
(Musqueam)



Sk_wxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw
(Squamish Nation)



səlilwətał
(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



welcome



Joel Nelson (he/him)
Vice-Principal



Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her)
Principal

Around the corner is a new and exciting time in your life where endless opportunities and pathways are yours for the taking.

We look forward to embarking on this important partnership with you!

Agenda



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Welcome to PW from PAC

Role of the School Counsellor

Student Supports

Important Dates

The School Day

Get Involved!

Grade 8 Camp

Contacts & Questions?

Who Can Become a Member of PAC?



- All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to
- participate and are members of the PAC.

How Does A PAC Work?

- Through their elected executives from parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to PAC meetings communication may also be done through, newsletters, telephone, email, and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input. PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction, and bonding all of which result in decreased dropout rates and better citizen.

Purposes of a PAC



- To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
- To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.
- To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
- To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
- To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
- To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
- To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

PAC Organized Events

2023-2025

Regular PAC meetings

Welcome New Parents

Prom Charity Sale

Multicultural Celebrations

Thank You Teacher Event

University Application Event

Love Cycle Charity Sale



Welcome Lunch for New Parents



Apple Fundraising for Prom



Multicultural Celebrations



Coffee Morning Meet Parents



Events

Thank You Teachers!



The Love Cycle Charity Sale



University Application Event



The Prom



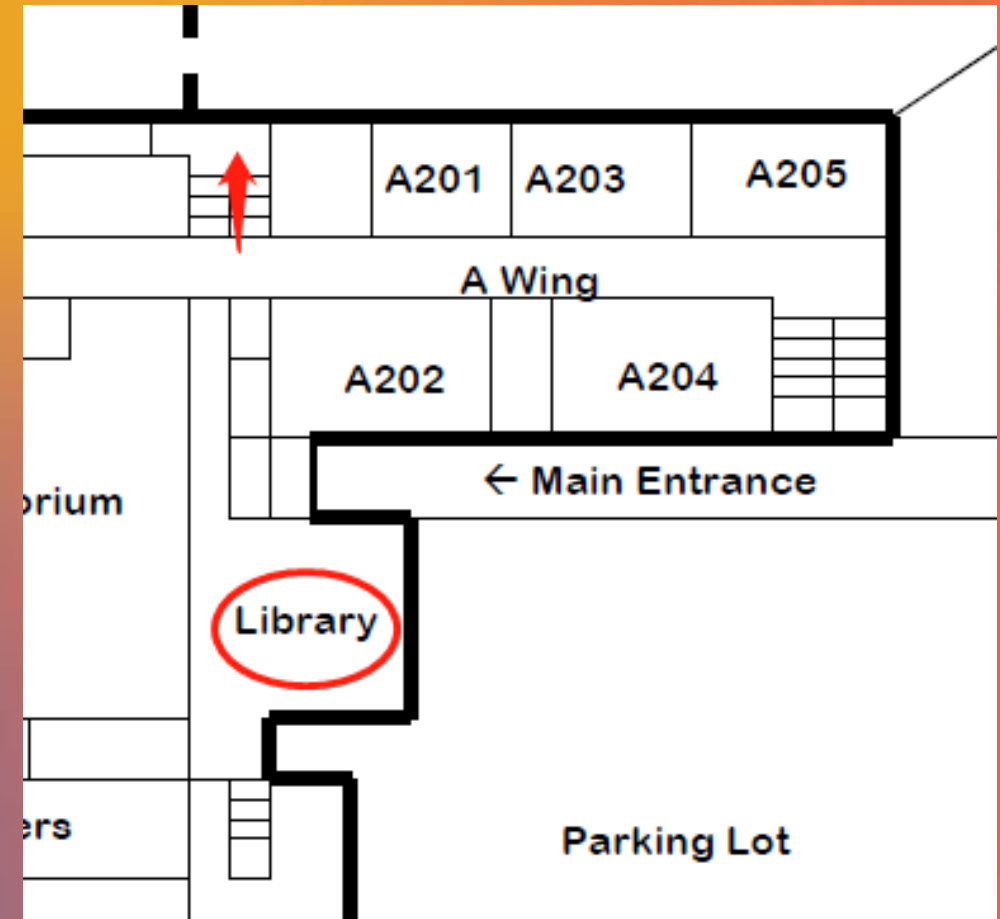
Join us for PAC meetings!

When: Oct. 27 Monday

7:00PM

Where: PW Library

Welcome new members!



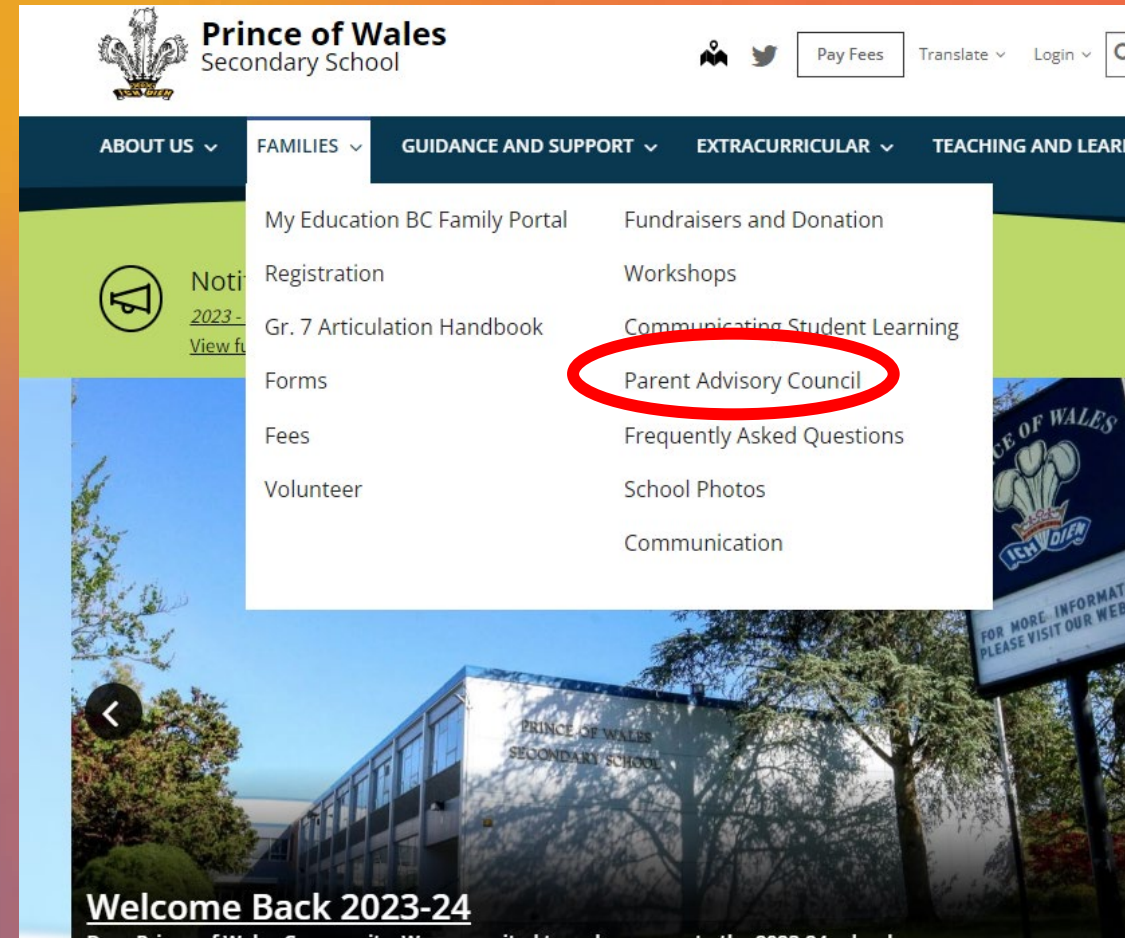
PAC Online



<https://www.pwpac.org/>



Search: Prince of Wales
PAC



School Counsellors



Julie Baerg
Grade 12
Grades 8 & 9 (A-H)



Scott Morgan
Grade 10
Grades 8 & 9 (S-Z)



Chris Tse
Grade 11
Grades 8 & 9 (I-R)

- A supportive adult who helps students navigate through the entirety of high school.
- **To work on academic goals, social emotional goals, friend challenges, post-secondary planning (much later), and timetables.**
- **In Grade 8/9, students are grouped by alpha and shared amongst each counsellor as a team.**

Student Supports (Additional)



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Meredith Baker
SACY Youth Engagement/Prevention



Constable Eric Burrell
School Liaison Officer



 MURPHY
Support/ Therapy Dog

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday September 9	New Family Information Night (Grade 8s & New Students) (7:00 PM, Auditorium)
Tuesday September 9- Friday September 12	Mini School Strathcona Field Trip
Thursday September 18	Terry Fox Run (EXT FIT)
Friday September 19 (Classes not in session)	Professional Development Day
Tuesday September 23	Photo Day
Wednesday September 24	Grade 12 Breakfast & Assembly (FIT, 8:40- 10:00 AM)
Wednesday September 24	Grade 12 Parent Info Night (7:00 PM, Auditorium)
Thursday September 25	Grade 8 & 9 Career Ed. Assembly (FIT, 1:22 PM -2:20 PM, Auditorium)
Friday September 26	COLLAB Day- AM (Students Arrive at 10:00 AM)
Monday September 29	Orange Shirt Day Acknowledgement
Tuesday September 30 (school closed)	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

The School Day- BELL SCHEDULE

BELL SCHEDULE

BUT.. We don't have bells!

- Student are enrolled in 4 classes each semester
- Students are expected to know the schedule and be at their classes on time.
- Only a warning bell at 12:10 pm

	M / W	T / TH	F
FIT	8:40 to 9:20	n/a	n/a
Break	9:20 to 9:25	n/a	n/a
Block 1	9:25 to 10:25	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00
Break	10:25 to 10:35	10:00 to 10:15	10:00 to 10:15
Block 2	10:35 to 11:35	10:15 to 11:35	10:15 to 11:35
Lunch	11:35 to 12:20	11:35 to 12:20	11:35 to 12:20
Block 3	12:20 to 1:40	12:20 to 1:20	12:20 to 1:40
Break	1:40 to 1:45	1:20 to 1:22	1:40 to 1:45
FIT	n/a	1:22 to 2:02	n/a
Break	n/a	2:02 to 2:05	n/a
Block 4	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05

Student Schedule

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September 2, 2025

Student Name:		Student ID:	2881788	YOG:	2030	Effective Date:	N/A
Homeroom:	08A - Lubinizki, Benjamin	Locker:		Grade Level:	08		

	S1R1D1	S2R1D1
P1	[S1] SOCIAL STUDIES 8 Maley, Andrea - C212	[S2] PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8 Coletta, Vito - GYM1
P2	[S1] MATHEMATICS 8 Guillen, Lucas - C105	[S2] SCIENCE 8 Hooton, Graham - A203
P3	[S1] FRENCH 08 Taylor, Alexandra - D102	[S2] ENGLISH 8 Posting C, CLE English - C206
P4	[S1T1] ADST- Metalwork 8 3-Way Wheeler, Daniel - C115 [S1T2] ADST- Woodwork 8 3-way Reid, David - C114 [S1T3] ADST - Home Ec 8 3-way Mak, Lysanne - B101	[S2Q3] ARTS EDUCATION 8 2-way Visual Art Smith, Darcy - D204 [S2Q4] ARTS EDUCATION 8 2-way Drama Wagner, Jennifer - C117
P5		
P6		
P7		
P8	[FY] CAREER EDUCATION 8 Taylor, Alexandra; Nelson, Joel - AUD	[FY] CAREER EDUCATION 8 Taylor, Alexandra; Nelson, Joel - AUD
P9		

Grade 8/9 Career Education (Off-Timetable Course)

• **Delivery Format:** Online assignments, workshops, seminars, and FIT (Flexible Instructional Time) for face-to-face instruction.

Purpose: Introduction to Career-Life Education (5-year continuum).

- **Focus:** Transition to secondary school, skill-building for academic/professional paths.

Key Course Content:

- Digital Literacy: Microsoft 365
- Online Safety
- Prince of Wales Code of Conduct: REACH
- Personal Development: Reflection and goal setting
- Post-Secondary Exploration
- Capstone Showcase: Learn from Grade 12 student

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	M / W	T / TH	F
FIT	8:40 to 9:20	n/a	n/a
Break	9:20 to 9:25	n/a	n/a
Block 1	9:25 to 10:25	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00
Break	10:25 to 10:35	10:00 to 10:15	10:00 to 10:15
Block 2	10:35 to 11:35	10:15 to 11:35	10:15 to 11:35
Lunch	11:35 to 12:20	11:35 to 12:20	11:35 to 12:20
Block 3	12:20 to 1:40	12:20 to 1:20	12:20 to 1:40
Break	1:40 to 1:45	1:20 to 1:22	1:40 to 1:45
FIT	n/a	1:22 to 2:02	n/a
Break	n/a	2:02 to 2:05	n/a
Block 4	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05

What does Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) look like?

FIT time is a 40 minute period of Instructional Time built into the schedule on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Students have some choice and control over their learning.

Students are expected to be at school in a classroom or learning space.

There will be an online sign up system at the end of the month.



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Flexible Instruction Time

- It is a time to support student learning choice and agency.
- It is time for students to complete work, make up missed work or reassessment.
- It is a time for teachers to request students to come in for help or to make up work.
- Work on Career Education 8 classwork
- Assemblies
- “School Business” (meetings, band practice, surveys, student leadership projects)

Student Expectations at PW- REACH



We demonstrate respect for ourselves, others, and the environment. We treat all people with compassion and respect individual differences.

We strive to do our personal best.

We are positive, thoughtful, and cooperative. We conduct ourselves in a courteous and considerate manner.

We contribute to the community as a whole.

We take responsibility for our actions and act with integrity

- In secondary schools, personal digital devices must be turned off or set to silent mode before entering the classroom and must remain silent during instructional time (this includes water/bathroom breaks). Devices can only be used if an educator has given explicit permission.

“Cellphones are away unless the teacher says OK”




PW Student HUB (TEAMS)

PA Announcements

PW Family Bulletin

PW Instagram





PW Student Hub ...

- Home page
- Class Notebook
- Classwork
- Assignments
- Grades

▼ Main Channels

- Weekly Announcements 2025-26** ...
- Athletics
- Community Events and Volunteer Opportuni...
- Course Planning
- General Student Information
- Grads of 2026 (Gr 12)
- Grads of 2027 (Gr 11)
- Grads of 2028 (Gr 10)
- Grads of 2029 (Gr 09)
- Grads of 2030 (Gr 08)**
- Homeroom Resources
- International Students
- Post-Secondary Information
- PW Library
- Scholarships - Grade 12
- School and Club Events
- School Store (The Dub)

► Hidden channels

Sangeeta Kauldher Tuesday 8:02 PM

Announcements for week of September 1-5

PW Student Hub

MON SEPT 1	TUES SEPT 2	WED SEPT 3	THURS SEPT 4	FRI SEPT 5
SUPERVISION 11:40 AM - 12:10 PM				
Person 1: Hallways/Cym Bleachers Person 2: Cafeteria/B-Wing Person 3: Library				
LABOUR DAY (No Classes)	Welcome Back! Grade Assemblies (Auditorium)	1. CHOI 2. COOK 3. HOOTON	1. LAU 2. REID 3. WILSON	1. BROMIGE 2. DONISON 3. KALOGEROPOULOU
		Ball Schedule: 8:40 AM-9:30 AM 9:40 AM-10:30 AM 10:40 AM-11:30 AM	Ball Schedule: 8:40 AM-9:30 AM 9:40 AM-10:30 AM 10:40 AM-11:30 AM	

see more



Reply

Sangeeta Kauldher Sunday 7:34 PM

Announcements for Week of September 8-12

PW Student Hub




MON SEPT 8	TUES SEPT 9	WED SEPT 10	THURS SEPT 11	FRI SEPT 12
SUPERVISION 11:40 AM - 12:10 PM				
Person 1: Hallways/Cym Bleachers Person 2: Cafeteria/B-Wing Person 3: Library				
7:00 PM: New Face? (Chapel & Cafeteria - night passbook)	7:00 PM: New Face? (Chapel & Cafeteria - night passbook)	7:00 PM: New Face? (Chapel & Cafeteria - night passbook)	7:00 PM: New Face? (Chapel & Cafeteria - night passbook)	7:00 PM: New Face? (Chapel & Cafeteria - night passbook)

see more



Reply

TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Technology Tool	 MyEducationBC	 TEAMS	 Microsoft Office 365
LOGIN	STUDENT NUMBER	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website (download TEAMS APP)	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, Email, Wifi 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

Athletics

- Ultimate
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Cross-Country
- Swimming
- Wrestling
- Field Hockey
- Track & Field



Mr. Ben Lubinizki
Athletic Director
blubinizki@vsb.bc.ca

Get Involved-Extracurriculars

CLUBS YOU CAN START A CLUB IF WE ARE MISSING SOMETHING!

ACG Culture Club
Animal Club
Arts Club Extent
Badminton Club
Blood Drive Club
Board Games Club
Business Club
Chess Club
Creative Writing Club
Dance Club
Debate & Public Speaking Club
Feed the Streets Club

Feminism Club
Film Club
Garden Club
Health Club
Key Club
Library Volunteer
Club
Model United Nations Club
Math Club
Multicultural and Diversity Club
Music Club
Peer Tutoring Club

Programming Club
Psychology Club
Reconciliation & Anti-Racism Club
Robotics Club
Science & Engineering Club
Student Social Club
Sustainability Club
Ultimate Club

CLUBS DAY IS
FRI OCT 03



QUESTIONS





GRADE 8 CAMP





GRADE 8 CAMP



GRADE 8 CAMP INFORMATION

Dates: October 15 – 17, 2025

Hand in forms to office by Thursday Sept 18th



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VSB, School and Camp Policy



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- Camp Jubilee is a no cell phone camp. This is a wonderful place for your child to disconnect from their device and connect with friends and nature.
- Please do not send a cell phone with your child.
- In case of emergency, we have all of your emergency contact information, and you will be contacted if needed. The emergency contact number for Mr. Nelson at camp is 604-916-7326
- Should your child need to contact you for non-emergency reasons, they should ask their teacher leader or Mr. Nelson

Itinerary



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Date	Details	N
Wed Oct 15, 2:00 PM	Activity Rotation #1	
Wed Oct 15, 3:30 PM	Activity Rotation #2	
Wed Oct 15, 5:00 PM	Teacher Supervised Time	
Wed Oct 15, 5:30 PM	Dinner	
Wed Oct 15, 7:00 PM	Campfire 7:00 PM or 8:00 PM See Program Staff for Time	
Wed Oct 15, 8:30 PM	Snack	
Thu Oct 16, 8:30 AM	Breakfast	
Thu Oct 16, 9:30 AM	Activity Rotation #3	
Thu Oct 16, 11:00 AM	Activity Rotation #4	
Thu Oct 16, 12:30 PM	Lunch	
Thu Oct 16, 2:00 PM	Activity Rotation #5	
Thu Oct 16, 3:30 PM	Activity Rotation #6	
Thu Oct 16, 5:00 PM	Teacher Supervised Time	
Thu Oct 16, 5:30 PM	Dinner	
Thu Oct 16, 7:00 PM	Campfire 7:00 PM or 8:00 PM See Program Staff for Time	
Thu Oct 16, 8:30 PM	Snack	
Fri Oct 17, 8:30 AM	Breakfast	
Fri Oct 17, 10:00 AM	Bagged Lunch	

Transportation

Name	Departure		Arrival		Notes
Check-In at Cates Park	Oct 15	9:00 AM	Oct 15	9:01 AM	
Boat #1 Departure from Cates Park, Arrival at Camp Jubilee	Oct 15	9:30 AM	Oct 15	10:15 AM	Max 80 passengers
Boat #2 Departure from Cates Park, Arrival at Camp Jubilee	Oct 15	11:45 AM	Oct 15	12:30 PM	Max 80 passengers
Boat #1 Departure from Camp Jubilee, Arrival at Cates Park	Oct 17	10:00 AM	Oct 17	10:45 AM	Max 80 passengers
Boat #2 Departure from Camp Jubilee, Arrival at Cates Park	Oct 17	12:00 PM	Oct 17	12:45 PM	Max 80 passengers

Lodging



The cedar cabins house 10 guests per cabin (9 grade 8 students and 1 leadership student per cabin).

These heated, lighted cabins offer bunk-style beds complete with 2-piece bathrooms and great views of the forest and camp property.

Students/Families select cabin types (Female, Male, All-Gender) on the permission form.

Lodging



Please be advised that Camp Jubilee does not provide bedding and all guest are responsible for bringing their own bedding (sleeping bag/blankets & pillow), towels and toiletries.

Food

Nut Policy

Our professional catering staff are able to accommodate a number of special diet requests such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten intolerant and celiac. Special diet meals are organized by pre-arrangement at no additional charge.

Although we can accommodate most dietary restrictions, we suggest that those with severe allergies or severe diet restrictions bring their own meals. A guest fridge and microwave is available for your use.

DO NOT BRING NUTS!

This includes: Peanuts, Almonds, Hazelnuts, Cashews etc.

Camp Jubilee has been identified as a “nut managed” camp. We regularly encounter campers/guests who have life threatening allergies to nuts. In an effort to ensure their personal safety during their stay at Camp Jubilee, we prepare and serve meals which are free of nuts and nut products. We also request that all visitors and staff **DO NOT** bring nuts or products containing nuts to camp. Items brought to camp containing either of these will be confiscated and removed.



Activities

A Camp Jubilee staff member will lead all groups in the activities

Voyageur Canoe

A large canoe, which holds up to 15 students while steered by a Camp Jubilee program instructor. Students will be instructed how to safely participate in canoe activities, learn basic paddling skills and explore Indian Arm.

Archery

Students will learn how to correctly hold and fire a bow and arrow. Archery develops coordination and concentration.

Activities

High Ropes

Elements built from cables, logs, and ropes are suspended 30 feet above the ground. They are designed to present a physical and emotional challenge to the participants. Develops confidence while overcoming fears.

Kayaking

Indian Arm is a perfect kayaking location. Each kayaking session will begin with a safety presentation followed by learning basic paddling and exploring Indian Arm. Personal floatation devices will be worn.



Activities

Shelter Building

Students will learn about building an emergency survival shelter. They will have the opportunity to build a shelter for their group. An instructor will give them tips for surviving the elements.

Low Ropes

The low ropes course is a series of separate elements. Each element presents the students with a specific challenge. Students plan and execute as a team in order to reach their goals



Packing

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PACKED
4 Complete changes of clothing (1 set per day, plus one extra)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Pairs of shoes:	
[1] Closed-toe, outdoor shoes (i.e. running shoes)	<input type="checkbox"/>
[2] Water shoes or old shoes that can be worn in the water	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterproof rain jacket with hood (plus waterproof pants if possible)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warm jacket and sweater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warm hat and gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal toiletries (towel, cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, brush, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleeping bag (or blankets/quilt) and pillow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sun hat, swim suit, extra towel and sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water bottle	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Large garbage bags (for wet and/or dirty clothes)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Packing

Pack clothes that are appropriate for all types of weather including rain, sun, or wind. Please bring water shoes (or old shoes that can get wet) as they will get wet when doing kayaking.

Some optional but useful items you may want to include while packing: disposable camera, favourite stuffed animal, book, etc. We also encourage parents to pack old clothes for their children to bring to camp. Please do not send clothes that would not be suitable to wear to school.

If possible, mark your child's name on all items as Camp Jubilee will not be responsible for lost items.

First Aid & Medication

- All staff at Camp Jubilee have Basic First Aid and CPR training and at least one staff member has Occupational First Aid Level 2 or higher. All medication will be placed in a lockable cabinet for your exclusive use.

Access to Emergency Services

- Camp Jubilee provides an emergency boat to Deep Cove as well as a trained operator if a guest/staff requires transport out of camp to visit a walk-in clinic or hospital. Our camp is also coast guard and helicopter reachable. Lions Gate Hospital is the closest medical facility.
- ***Please note:*** Camp Jubilee staff are not permitted to administer any medication including over the counter drugs such as ASA or cough syrup. Please provide your own medication. Parents should send these items with their child and give school staff written permission to dispense.

Thank you for your support in sending your child to Camp Jubilee for this amazing bonding experience.

If you have any further questions, concerns, comments, suggestions please contact

Mr. Nelson at jnelson@vsb.bc.ca

QUESTIONS

