



FAMILY BULLETIN

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December 18, 2025

Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

As we approach the end of Semester 1 and the upcoming holiday season, PW continues to be filled with energy, learning, and connection. December is always a busy and exciting time, and we want to remind families

that important learning opportunities continue right up to the final days of the semester, and again immediately when we return in January. *Your support in ensuring students are present and engaged during this stretch is greatly appreciated.*

We are also pleased to welcome three new staff members to the PW community for the remainder of Semester 1: **Mr. Josh Coblenz**, who joins us in Physical Education and as our Athletic Director, **Ms. Marilyn Snell**, who will be teaching Science 8 and Biology and **Ms. Michelle Mackie**, who will be teaching Social Studies 8 and part of our Learning Hub team. We're delighted to have them join our team!

In true PW spirit, we are enjoying the many beloved traditions and celebrations this month—our Holiday Variety Show, Holiday Band Concerts, the TREK Christmas Tree Lot, and the Mini School Winter Supper. These events showcase the talent, dedication, and community spirit that make our school so special.

As we head into the holidays, we hope you find moments of joy, rest, and connection with loved ones. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an exciting start to the new year.

Warmly,

~ Prince of Wales Administration



Important Information – Please Translate

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Mon, Dec 15	Start of Block Rotation 4 (Period 2-Period 1-Period 4-Period 3)
Fri, Dec 19	Student Holiday Variety Show Last day of school before Winter Break
Mon, Dec 22 – Fri Jan 2	Winter Break
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
Thurs, Jan 22	Experience Day Literacy Assessment- Grade 12
Fri, Jan 23	Experience Day Literacy Assessment- Grade 10 End of Semester 1
Mon, Jan 26– Tues Jan 27	Incomplete Days/ Credit Recovery Days
Tues, Jan 27	Course Planning & Information Night for Grade 10 & 11 Families @ 6:30 pm (Library & Auditorium)
Wed, Jan 28	Start of Semester 2
Fri, Jan 30	S1 Learning Update: Summary of Learning posted to MyEd
Wed, Feb 4	Course Planning & Information Night for Grade 8 & 9 Families @6:30 pm (Auditorium) Grade 7 Information Night @6:30 pm (Library)

Visit our school website for the full year calendar: [LINK](#)Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her)
Principal (Grades 8,10,12)Joel Nelson (he/him)
Vice Principal (Grades TREK,9,11)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PW

Some
Highlights
over the
month....

Thank you to Leadership, Stagecraft and Music classes for planning a very moving Remembrance Day Ceremony.



Band playing at the District Band Festival lead by Mr. Wilson



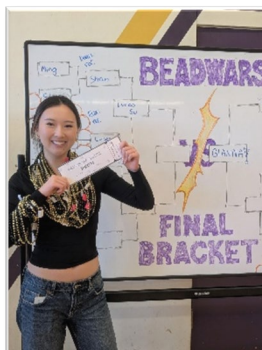
The Mini School Gym FILLED with Poinsettias- over 3800 sold!



The Grade 11s WON the first Grade Wars Challenge.... HANDBALL!



TREK students working in the Tree Lot- over 1825 trees sold!



Grads had a weeklong rock-paper-scissors battle, grand prize- FREE Prom Ticket! Congrats Gianna!



The Grade 9s WON the second Grade Wars Challenge... Gingerbread House competition.



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/>

PAC Fall Direct Donation Drive

Prince of Wales Secondary PAC wants to remind you of our biggest fundraiser of the year with our annual Direct Donation Drive to parents and caregivers.


The Teachers are planning an amazing school year for our children! Our goal is to reach **\$50,000** which would enable us to support the many teacher and club requests that can only be accomplished by your generous participation. **Semester one** requests total over \$48,000 and include items such as new track and field jerseys, a long list of student books requests, debate club, graduation committee, the theatre production, the garden club and many more.

While we have been making progress in reaching our goal, we need full support from all he families of Prince of Wales to get there. Please click the link and donate if you haven't already done so. \$30 per student is the recommended amount, but any donation is welcome.

Please access anytime from within [SchoolCashOnline homepage](#): "Donate" - "Fund Destination" - "Prince of Wales SecondaryPAC". *If you would like to direct the funds to a initiative, please write it in the "Message"box.

Fundscrip Fundraiser

The holidays are upon us and Fundscrip is an easy gift (and last minute gift idea!) idea that also supports the Prince of Wales PAC in reaching our funding goals to support the teachers. You can buy gift cards as a gift for your teen, your family or others in your life. As well, you can purchase gift cards for your every day essentials and every sale gives back a percentage to the school. You get the full value of the gift card and Prince of Wales also benefits. Use the code: 68X9QW or go to: <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/68X9QW> You can purchase digital or physical gift cards to be delivered directly to your home!



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT PAC MEETING:
Monday January 19th @ 7pm in Library (virtual option available). Contact info@pwpac.org

All are welcome, we are always looking for new members!

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students received an **electronic** Mid Semester 1 Learning Update published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on November 14. This report includes a proficiency or percentage assessment and comment from each Semester 1 teacher. **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	October 10, 2025	November 14, 2025	November 20, 2025	January 30,2026
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

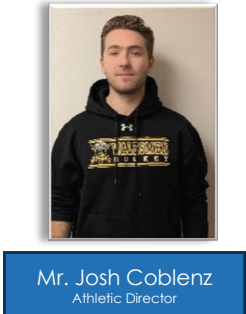
ATHLETICS

Mr. Josh Coblenz will be serving as Athletic Director for the remainder of Semester 1. Feel free to reach out to him with any questions regarding athletics (icoblenz@vsb.bc.ca).

Our winter season is underway with basketball and table tennis, and we're thrilled to be fielding many levels of boys and girls teams.

Looking ahead, we're already planning for an exciting spring season with track and field, boys' volleyball, girls' soccer, and more. To make these programs successful, we need your help! If any parents are interested in coaching or supporting our teams, please contact Mr. Coblenz.

Most athletics communication happens through Microsoft Teams- PW Student Hub (Athletic Channel), so please encourage your student-athlete to check for updates on games and practices.



Mr. Josh Coblenz
Athletic Director



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

PW's SEASON OF GIVING



Our Leadership students are supporting *Project Backpack*, led by H.E.L.P. for Youth Canada Society, an initiative that provides essential items to homeless youth in Vancouver. Backpacks filled with necessities like toiletries, warm clothing, and gift cards are distributed to shelters such as Directions and Covenant House. The class is collecting donations after the break as well in the front hall or room C213. Thank you for helping us make a difference—visit projectbackpack.ca for more information!

Here is a list of items that are needed:

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| • New razors & shaving cream | • Gift cards to local coffee, shops, restaurants, pharmacies, grocery stores | • Art supplies |
| • Pre-loaded compass cards | • Sewing kits | • Batteries |
| • Shampoo & conditioner | • Toiletries/tampons | • New pajamas |
| • Socks & underwear | • Deodorant | • Hand sanitizer |
| • Toques & gloves | • Rain gear & small umbrellas | • Hair accessories combs & brushes |
| • Dental supplies | | • Scarves & warm clothes |
| • Water bottles | | |



Prince of Wales Secondary raised nearly an impressive \$4200.00 for this year's Canley Cup, a district-wide food and fund drive supporting local families in need. Congratulations to Ms. Olsen's Period 1 class for winning a pizza party (highest class donations, contributing over \$900), and a big thank you to Student Council for organizing such a successful fundraiser. Your generosity has made a meaningful difference this holiday season—well done, PW community!



A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your incredible generosity during this year's Holiday Angels Project. Thanks to your donations, our PW Leadership class collected a wonderful assortment of gifts for the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau (LMCB)—including toys, clothing, accessories, and more for children and teens in need. Your kindness helped make the holidays brighter for many families in our community. Our Leadership students were proud to deliver these gifts during their field trip, knowing they represent the caring spirit of our school.

EXPERIENCE DAYS

On Thursday, January 22 and Friday, January 23, 2026 students will participate in Experience Days, two special days designed to support Career Education classes and provide unique learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom. These days also allow our Grade 10 and 12 students to complete their Ministry assessments without disrupting regular classes.

There will be no regular classes on these days. Instead, students will engage in a variety of workshops, presentations, and hands-on activities—all based on student input! This is a chance for students to explore learning in new ways and connect with real-world experiences. Please note, Grade 10 and 12 students will be scheduled to write their Literacy graduation assessments during these days.

Important Dates:

- January 12 (FIT Freeze with Period 2 classes): Students receive final information on sessions and how to sign up.
- January 12–14: Students sign up for their choice sessions.

Grade-specific details will be shared with families in the new year.

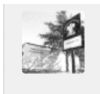
SEMESTER TURNAROUND DAYS

Monday January 26 and Tuesday January 27, 2026 are our "Semester Turnaround Days". Although these are days of instruction, no new material will be taught by your child's semester 1 teachers. Students are welcome to attend classes (during their regular semester 1 schedule class times), but attendance will not be taken on MyEd. **Teachers will request specific students to attend their class for academic recovery.**

As well, the Counselling Team will be available for course changes by appointment.

Note: Last day for course changes for Semester 2 is Friday February 6th, 2026 @ 3 pm

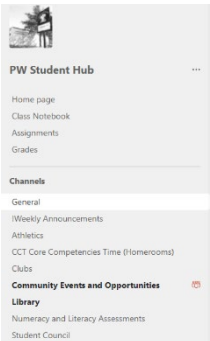
STUDENT COMMUNICATION



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.





STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Supporting Students to Arrive On-Time

We have noticed an increase in students arriving late to classes. Students are expected to arrive on-time for their classes, prepared and ready to learn. There is a place for families and caregivers to be involved in supporting students make it to school on-time below are some ways that families can help support students to arrive on-time:

Tips for Punctuality:

- 1. Rethink the meaning of "on time." If classes start at 8:40, students should be seated in the classroom at 8:35.
- 2. Understand the importance of being on time – the first 10 minutes of class are the most important
- 3. Get enough sleep.
- 4. Give yourself a realistic amount of time to dress and groom.
- 5. Communicate any problems. If your bus is always late or you have to take your little brother to school and it always makes you late, communicate this to your teacher.
- 6. Follow traffic updates. If you depend on public transportation to get to school, always keep an eye on schedule interruptions.
- 7. Have a backup plan for your transportation.
- 8. Set your clocks forward by ten minutes.
This is a little psychological trick that really works!

Daily Bell Schedule:

	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

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

VSB has procedures in place for when severe weather, like heavy snowfall or extremely high winds, may affect schools. During severe weather events, all schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open, if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, that will be decided and publicized by 6:30 a.m.

District-wide school closures will be announced through the media, the [District website](#), school websites and social media channels.

Follow VSB socials for updates:

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#) Instagram: [@vsb39](#) X: [@vsb39](#) VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](#)

How are decisions made about school closures?

We monitor forecasts and conditions, and work with the City of Vancouver and other partners to assess safety when there may be:

- heavy snowfall
- extreme cold
- freezing rain
- extreme heat
- other hazardous weather/emergency conditions that pose risks to student and staff safety

We coordinate with neighbouring school districts to align our decisions where possible. The decision to close schools is made in consideration of safety, equity and well-being.

We consider other impacts weather conditions may have, like transit delays, meal programs for students, other essential student supports and impacts to learning. If weather conditions begin or worsen during a school day, usually, schools will remain open until the end of the school day.

Except under extreme circumstances, all schools and offices will remain open, if possible. Typically, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced.

Extra-curricular activities, school events and field trips may be cancelled because of weather – even when school remains open.

Remember to dress for the weather and take extra care when traveling between school and home. Drivers are reminded to slow down and remain alert in and around school zones.

What if I don't think it is safe for my child to go to school due to weather conditions?

Student safety is our top priority. If for any reason a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to/from school, they can notify their child's schools about the expected absence. Students will not be penalized.

Stay Informed!

You can find PW news at:

[www.vsb.bc.ca/princeofwales](#) [@pwsecondary](#) [princeofwales@vsb.bc.ca](#) PW STUDENT HUB