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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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April 9, 2024

Hello one and all,

Well here comes Spring! The time of change and growth!

I am currently putting together a school plan and I took a look at how many clubs there are to join and it is just staggering in its quantity and breadth.

One of the challenges for this generation is face-to-face connection and I am proud of our staff for giving so many opportunities for young people to connect and work together in a positive manner that will help them grow and change:

Dance club, Mainstage Theatre Company, Operation smile, SPCA, book club, Anime club, VC packages Club, BC Children's hospital club, Robotics, Programming, Cybeseurity, esports, Filipino Cultural club, Killarney Pride Club, Ceramics, Anti-bullying, STEM, Girls for Business, World Vision, Cancer Awareness, Library, International Culture, Cycling, Dragonboat, Strategy Games, Good Guys, Model UN, Gardening, Key, Female empowerment, Japan, Finanee and Accounting, Youth Music, Flight, Chess, Crochet, Physics Olympics, Poetry, Jazz band, and Muslim. BC School Sports Competitive Athletics include: cross-country, soccer, ultimate, badminton, volleyball, basketball, ice hockey, and the largest track and field team in the district.

This month's thought on working with young people – emphasize their positive traits that boost their self-esteem. Tell them no matter how they do at school or an activity that you love them and will not judge them.

Take care,

Chris Parker

2023-2024

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 8)

Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 10/12)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 9/11)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 9: Ms. T. Romano

Grade 10: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 11: Ms. A. Sum/Mr. R. Ferguson

Grade 12: Mr. H. Clark



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April changes to the regular schedule

Friday, April 19th – AM Collab day, late start for students (10:05am)

Monday, April 22nd – Professional Development Day – no school for students

Tuesday, April 30th – Early dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:05pm)

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

All grade 10 students are required to write a Numeracy 10 and a Literacy 10 assessment required for graduation. All grade 12's are required to write a Literacy 12 assessment for graduation. These assessments measure the proficiency of a student on a scale of 1 to 4. Students will be given time to write the assessment(s) based upon the placement of their SCIENCE 10 class or English Studies 12 class in the timetable. Note: For students who had Science 10 or English 12 in semester 1, this should be complete. That is:

- For students in a Semester 2 SCIENCE 10/ENGLISH 12 class, they will be taking their assessment(s) on APR.15 (LIT 12), APR. 17 (NUM 10) and APR. 19 (LIT 10), 2023.
- For students having a period 1 or 2 (morning) SCIENCE 10/ENGLISH 12 class, they will start the assessment at 840am in one of the computer labs
- For students having a period 3 or 4 (afternoon) SCIENCE 10/ENGLISH 12 class, they will start the assessment at 1215pm in one of the computer labs
- **SCIENCE 10/ENGLISH 12 teachers will communicate which computer lab their class will be taking the assessment**
- **For students NOT having a SCIENCE 10/ENGLISH 12 class at Killarney, they will need to sign up for the assessments separately on April 18th, 2023. For students in Grade 11 or 12 who have not done NUMERACY 10, LITERACY 10, or LITERACY 12, they will have to sign up to do them to graduate. Not sure? Check with your counsellor. SIGN UP <https://forms.office.com/r/pdsuF7P5vU>**

Some frequently asked questions:

- Do I need these for graduation? Yes
- Do I need a computer? The school will provide you a computer in one of our labs to do the assessment
- How long is the assessment? 2 hours with extra time allowed if you would like it
- Is this tied to my classes, such as English or Math? No
- How do I study for the assessment? You can't "study" for the assessment but you can "prepare" for it. Please see the links below.

How to prepare for the Literacy and Numeracy 10 Assessments?

- visit the Ministry of Education's website that outlines:
- the types of questions
- the sections in the assessments
- go through the pre-assessment activities
- go through the workbooks
- watch the information videos
- go through the sample assessments and answer keys

The NUMERACY 10 ASSESSMENT website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

The LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENT website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

The LITERACY 12 ASSESSMENT website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>



Parent-Teacher Conferences

A reminder that Parent-Teacher conferences for Semester 2 will be April 30th from 4:00-5:10 pm on TEAMS and from 5:40 to 7:00pm in person. More information about scheduling appointments will be emailed in mid-April.

Mid-Semester Reports Published

Semester 2 Mid-Semester marks will be published on Thursday, April 25th by 4pm.

Student Learning Survey 2023/2024

During the months of January to April, Vancouver School District #39 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province. See the attached letter for more information.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm May 3rd, 2024**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2024: Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 students complete the survey; students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 will complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a school will complete the survey. Schools may survey other grade levels after finishing the grades above.

Parents and Guardians/Caregivers please complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: the name of your child's district (Vancouver 39)
 - School: the name of your child's school (Killarney Secondary)
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished with the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Grad

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 12, 2024, at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre**. More information will be sent in the spring.

Grad fees are \$100 and can be paid on [SchoolCashOnline](#) or by cash or cheque in the school office. If there are any extenuating circumstances which prevent your family from paying these fees you must communicate with the grade 12 counsellor, Mr. Clark. **Fees are now past due.**

Grad Fees include facility rental, awards/trophy engraving, 2 tickets, gown, hat/ tassel, misc. ceremony costs, photographer & ceremony photo(s).

Student Pick-up/Drop off

Students and parents are reminded that the inner parking lot is reserved for staff. There is lots of parking near the tennis courts and the field. Also, parents are **not allowed** to drop off or pick up their children by entering the inner parking lot.



The area around the school (especially Killarney Street and 48th Avenue) gets very congested for drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Please consider dropping off students a block away from the school and meeting them at a designated spot after school.

Cybersecurity Hackathon – BCIT

This year the Computer Science 11, Linux 12 students, the District IT students and students from the Cybersecurity Club participated in ISACA's Third Annual Capture the Flag Hackathon on March 8, 2024 at BCIT's downtown campus. Students are given a variety of tasks where they have to find a digital flag to get points. Killarney won both 2nd and 3rd places for the competition. There was a 3-way tie (all being Killarney teams) for 3rd place. The winner had scored the points before the other 2 teams. The competition was fully funded and lunch was provided, which allowed many students to give a cybersecurity competition a try.

To be honest, it wasn't completely a fair fight. The first-place team was from Burnaby, but they are in a linear program, which allowed them to have a stronger background in cybersecurity than our students as students had seen at least 70% of the content compared to our students who only started classes a few weeks prior. Regardless, our students did their best and were in first place for most of the competition, until the last hour. The competition is not an easy one. At some point students will get stuck. It is the nature of the competition. It really tests your ability to persevere, problem solve, troubleshoot and overcome challenges even after many failed attempts. For most of our students, it was not something they had been exposed to before, but they took advantage of the opportunity and gave it a try. Our students were in good spirits and the organizers complemented them on their attitude and conduct.

There are not a lot of IT field trips, and it was a pleasure to share the experience with Ms. Sum who helped to supervise and all the Killarney students who helped to give Killarney a strong and positive representation at the competition (13 teams out of 22).

2nd place team: RARE comprising of Annette Beston, Renella Hernandez, Rocco Valeriani and Ethan Wong, each winning their own Amazon Echo Dot.

3rd place team: Copy4Life comprising of Timmy Guo, Wynn Ho, Sabrina Lam and Khoi Nguyen, each winning their own gaming headsets.

Ms. Ali

Killarney Athletics – Winter Season

Juvenile Boys Basketball

The team completed a very successful season by winning the Vancouver City Championship in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd in the Killarney Gym. The overall record was 24 wins and only 8 losses that included competitions against some of the top teams in the province. Congratulations to the team and a special thank you to Coaches Ethan Lam and John Easton for their commitment and dedication to the Killarney Athletics program.





Junior Boys Basketball

The Junior Boys Basketball team had a very successful season. The team played in the City Championship final game for the 3rd consecutive year. Despite losing to van tech the team did advance to Junior Boys Invitational Provincial Championships.

Game 1 Killarney 50- St Michaels University School 40

Game 2 Killarney 42- LA Matheson 57

Game 3 Killarney 52- Van Tech 39 (re match of City Championship game)

Game 4 Killarney 45- Fleetwood Park 36

Game 5 Killarney 55- Abbotsford Christian 63

Killarney finishes 9th place out of 32 teams

Congratulations on a terrific season and big thanks to Coach Yash Zandiyeh!

Killarney Athletics Spring Season

The VSSAA Spring Season is just beginning. Teams have been holding tryouts and started preparing for competition. Killarney has entered the following teams in the Vancouver City Leagues:

- Bantam Boys Volleyball
- Juvenile Boys Volleyball
- Bantam Coed Badminton
- Junior/Senior Coed Badminton
- Junior/Senior Coed Ultimate
- Senior Girls Soccer
- Golf
- Track and Field

Schedules can be found at vancouver-schools-sports.ca

Good luck to all teams!!

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

Next Meeting

Please join us **ONLINE** for your next meeting on April 24th, 2024 at 7pm.

Scentsy Fundraiser

Mar 1 – Apr 19

Scentsy Shopping spree “Fundraiser”

Hosted by the Killarney Parent Advisory Council Benefiting the Students of Killarney Secondary Scentsy, offers innovative and customizable products that warm the heart, enliven the senses, and inspire the soul. Scentsy features safe, fragrant alternatives to traditional wicked candles, on-the-go fragrances, laundry care, inventive cleaning solutions and luxurious personal care products for women, men, and kids.

Order Link: <https://monicajut.scentsy.ca/party/18196399/kpac-scentsy-shopping-sprees>



Killarney Cougar News

April 2024

Contact: Monica Jut (KPAC CHAIR)

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Place an order with me via phone and save \$14 on shipping! (Shipping date 2 weeks after end date of fundraiser – unless you opt for direct shipping which ships 2 weeks after placing an order.)

Direct Donation Campaign

We are reaching out to all parents and families of students attending Killarney Secondary to ask you to consider a financial contribution towards the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to be used for student activities throughout the year. As you know, the education budgets do not cover a lot of the activities that enrich our students' experience at the school. The PAC is approached for assistance with items such as extracurricular clubs and sports teams, conference days, Fine Arts, and Dry Grad.

While the PAC applies for money from BC Gaming each year, we received more requests than we can fund with the grant money. So, we need your help to continue supporting the extracurricular activities that enrich our children's lives and education.

The PAC welcomes and encourages all parents to get involved in whatever way you can throughout the school year. For those parents who are unable to volunteer their time, a financial contribution is a great way to support our students. Your contribution will help create the best possible learning environment and experience for all students at our school.

Official tax receipts will be issued for a minimum of \$20 donations.

HOW TO DONATE

You can now donate online and receive your tax receipt immediately.

Go to your School Cash Online account at <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Log in and look for the **MAKE A DONATION** button at the top of the page:

- 1) Choose from the list of donation amounts, or enter a specific amount.
- 2) Choose S-Killarney PAC from the dropdown list.
- 3) Click on "Add To Cart"
- 4) Click on Continue and follow the instructions to pay

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning.