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April 2, 2025

Hello wonderful people,

Welcome to Spring – an amazing time of renewal and growth!

If you've been by the school lately you will see that the fields to the East and North are definitely undergoing a renewal. Our track is being replaced by the Parks Board and the field just behind the community center is being replaced by a soccer field for the upcoming FIFA world cup in the summer of 2026. Both projects are slated to be finished by the summer of 2026.

Next week, many students in grade 10 and 12 will be writing Numeracy and/or Literacy assessments. All students need to have taken Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12 assessments in order to graduate. These assessments are all marked on a 4 point scale.

This month we have Killarney Idol on Wednesday, April 16 where many students will have the opportunity to shine!

I hope you can find a moment to let your child know how they shine for you!

Chris Parker  
Principal

2024-2025

### COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

Vice Principal: Ms. B. Dowle (gr. 8/11)

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 9)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

#### Counsellors

Grade 8: Mr. O. Goncalves

Grade 9: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 10: Mr. R. Tanabe

Grade 11: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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## April Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – early dismissal at 2:05pm for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – collaborative day late start for students, classes start at 10:05am
- Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – School closed for Good Friday
- Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – School closed for Easter Monday
- Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day – no school for students.

## 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 Physical Education class or English Studies 12 class in the timetable. Note: For students who had PE 10 or English 12 in semester 1, this should be complete. That is:

- For students in a Semester 2 PE 10/ENGLISH 12 class, they will be taking their assessment(s) on APR. 7 or 8 (LIT 12), APR. 10 (NUM 10) and APR. 11 (LIT 10), 2024.
- For students having a period 1 or 2 (morning) PE 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) PE 10/ENGLISH 12 class, they will start the assessment at 1215pm in one of the computer labs
- **PE 10/ENGLISH 12 teachers will communicate which computer lab their class will be taking the assessment**
- **For students NOT having a PE 10/ENGLISH 12 class at Killarney, they will need to sign up for the assessments separately in June. 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.**

Some frequently asked questions:

- Do I need these for graduation? Yes
- Do I need a computer? The school will provide you with 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>



## PE All Stars

What does it take to be an All Star?

Being nominated as a Killarney All Star is a prestigious recognition that highlights an individual's exceptional contributions to the classroom community. This honour is awarded to those who consistently serve as good role models, demonstrating integrity and responsibility in their actions. They foster positive relationships with peers, teachers, and leadership, creating an inclusive and supportive environment. Additionally, Killarney All Stars are known for challenging their exertion levels, pushing themselves to achieve their best while encouraging others to do the same. This nomination celebrates their dedication to excellence and their positive impact on the school community.

Here are our Allstars for February 2025:



Anthea Hon, Gr. 8 - Mr. Westereng  
Lucas Wong, Gr. 10 - Mr. Malli



Gabi Bodenhamer (Grade 9)  
Mr. Koo



Keith Chang, Gr. 9 - Ms. Veness Kehler  
Gloris Yeung, Gr. 9 - Mr. Lopez

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

A reminder that Parent-Teacher conferences for Semester 2 will be April 3rd from 4:00-5:10 pm on TEAMS and from 5:40 to 7:00pm in person. If you have scheduled an online appointment an email with meeting links will be sent on the morning of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Mid-Semester Reports Published

Semester 2 Mid-Semester marks will be published on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> by 4pm.

## Grad

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 3, 2025, at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre**. More information will be sent in early May (including how to buy extra tickets).

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).





**CANADA READS**

Hey Killarney! Want to make your Spring Break and April / May more memorable?

Pop into the library to find a great book to read! 😊 Ms. North & Ms. Greer are happy to help you

Consider taking the CANADA READS Challenge 📖

Choose any book on the CANADA READS list (check out the displays in library) or choose any Canadian author, or book about Canada. Then read it.

Enter into a draw for a Chapters/Indigo GIFT CARD! 😊 Entry box is located at the front library desk. Enjoy your reads!

"Sit back and relax, all you need is a book."

"Reading can take you places you

have never been before." - Dr. Seuss



Canada Reads - Previous Winners 2002 →

2002 In the Skin of a Lion Michael Ondaatje	2008 King Leary Paul Quarrington	2014 The Orenda Joseph Boyden	2020 We Have Always Been Here Samra Habib
2003 Prochain episode (Next Episode) Hubert Aquin	2009 The Book of Negroes Lawrence Hill	2015 Ru Kim Thúy	2021 Johnny Appleseed Joshua Whitehead
2004 The Last Crossing Guy Vanderhaeghe	2010 Nikolski Nicolas Dickner	2016 The Illegal Lawrence Hill	2022 Five Little Indians Michelle Good
2005 Rockbound Frank Parker Day	2011 The Best Laid Plans Terry Fallis	2017 Fifteen Dogs André Alexis	2023 Ducks Kate Beaton
2006 A Complicated Kindness Miriam Toews	2012 Something Fierce Carmen Aguirre	2018 Forgiveness Mark Sakamoto	2024 The Future Catherine Leroux
2007 Lullabies for Little Criminals Heather O'Neill	2013 February Lisa Moore	2019 By Chance Alone Max Eisen	2025 ?

**Award Winner**

Congratulations to Vivienne Kam (Mini 10 student) who is the 2025 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing High School Canada West Coast Affiliate Winner!

For more information about this award: <https://www.aspirations.org/affiliate/canada-west-coast>



## Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

From January to May, Vancouver School District #39 is participating in the 2025 **Student Learning Survey** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

The survey collects your feedback on the implementation of curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 students complete the survey; students in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 will also complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a school will complete the survey.

### **Parents and Guardians/Caregivers please complete the survey:**

1. Use any device with an up-to-date internet browser to access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to [Student Learning Survey - Province of British Columbia](#)
3. Click on the blue "Parents" button for direct access – no logon number required. Click the arrows on the right side to see the dropdown menus and select:
  1. District: 39 Vancouver
  2. School: Killarney Secondary
  3. Language: 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.

Thank you for your valuable feedback! It will help us to understand and improve!

## Killarney Athletics

Spring Season is underway!

If you'd like to follow the Killarney Student Athletes in volleyball, track, golf, soccer, ultimate or badminton - check out the link.

[Killarney Athletics Master Schedule](#)

## Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

Killarney Parent Advisory Council invites you to our meeting in the school library on Wednesday, April 16th at 7pm. We will be planning our staff appreciation lunch as well as discussing scholarships for grads, and your voice is welcome!

## 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.