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August 21, 2024

Dear Killarney Parents/Guardians,

Hope you are having a great vacation, and we are looking forward to an amazing school year here in a school that provides extensive opportunities for involvement and excellence! I look forward to meeting new students and welcoming back returning students! My eldest child has just finished her high school journey, and my son is heading into grade 9.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information regarding the first day of school – especially grade 8 families.

Also, summer hours for counsellors for next week will be posted.

Another email will be sent out next week that includes policies and procedures for the school year including some important changes regarding (1) cell phone use (2) Flexible Instruction Time and (3) Lates.

See you soon,

Chris Parker

**2024-2025**

### COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

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

Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 9/11)

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

#### Counsellors

Grade 8: TBD

Grade 9: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 10: Ms. T. Romano

Grade 11: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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## Student Attendance Week of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>

September 2 Labour Day, No School

September 3 Orientation Day, students to report to the Auditorium at the following times:

9am Grade 9s

10am Grade 10s

11am Grade 11s

12pm Grade 12s

12:45pm Grade 8s (and link crew)

***\*grade 9 to 12 students will be at school for approximately 45 minutes, grade 8 students will be at school for approximately 2 hours.***

September 4-6 Regular schedule begins (there will be no homeroom). [Bell schedule](#)

## Message from Counsellors

### **Welcome back Killarney!**

The counsellors are looking forward to seeing you all back in September and welcoming all our new to Killarney students. The first few weeks will be a busy time for everyone as we adjust to being back and during this time, counsellors will be continuing to organize students into their classes.

We know you are eagerly anticipating what your schedules will look like in September and that information will be available to you on August 23<sup>rd</sup> **at 3:30pm**. The school will be open from 8:30-2:30pm Monday, August 26th through to Thursday, August 29th. The course change schedule is posted below for those students seeking a change to their requested courses. Please **do not** email course requests to counsellors.

### **All course requests are done in person only.**

### **Counsellor Summer Schedule**

August 26 All grade 9-12 students welcome (11:00-2:30)

August 27 All grade 9-12 students welcome (8:30-2:30)

August 28 All grade 9-12 students welcome (8:30-2:30)

August 29 **International student orientation 10 am**

**Additional GRADE 12 session from 12:30 - 2:30pm**

August 30 **New student orientation** (incl students who registered in the spring) 9am,

**New student & Grade 8 timetable changes 930 am-230pm**

\*\*\*We would also like to remind students that while we try our very best to fulfil all course requests **sometimes this is not possible**. Timetable changes are prioritized for new students, students with incomplete timetables, grad requirements and then electives classes.

Grade 8 – TBD

Grade 9 – Mr. Nerling [lnerling@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lnerling@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 10 – TBD

Grade 11 – Ms. Glynianyi [sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 12 – Ms. Sum [asum@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:asum@vsb.bc.ca)



## MyEdBC & Student Schedules

Student MyEdBC accounts will be available to students/parents on **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm**. You will not be able to log on before this time. Please use your username and password from last year or click [here](#) for information on how to reset your password. Please note the primary email address for your MyEdBC account is your student email. If you continue to have problems resetting your password please email: [killarney@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:killarney@vsb.bc.ca).

Grade 8 students will be able to log in using their student ID (a separate email will be sent to grade 8 parents that will contain your child's student ID number) as the username and **Dist\$2025** as your password. You will be asked to reset your password upon logging in. Click [here](#) for more detailed instructions.

Students new to the district should use the default password **Dist\$2025**. You will be asked to change your password once you have logged on.

**Link for MyEdBC:** <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do>

**Need help with MyEdBC?** Click [here](#).

### *How do I find my schedule?*

Click [here](#) for instructions on how to check your schedule.

## Microsoft Office 365

You will have access to [Office 365](#) to use in everyday learning, school assignments, presentations and to access VSB email. If you are having difficulty accessing your Microsoft 365 account please click [here](#) to reset your password. You will need to have your PEN (Personal Education Number) which can be found on your MyEdBC account.

Click for our [Technology Guide](#) if you require further assistance.

## Notice of Late Return

Please complete the following [Notice of Late Return Form](#) if your student will not be returning to school before Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The form can be emailed to [klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca).

## 2024/25 Killarney Calendars & Bell Schedules

Our calendar and bell schedule can be found on our website.

[Bell schedule](#)

[Calendar at a Glance](#)

[Important dates](#)

## Grade 8 Students

Hello Grade 8 Students and Parents,

My name is Mr. Soong and I will be your Grade 8 Administrator this year. On behalf of the Killarney Secondary community, I would like to extend an enormous welcome to you all. We look forward to working with you from this September and for the next five years. You are the class of 2029. The jump from elementary school to secondary school is a big one, and we hope to fill these coming years with opportunities for personal growth, challenges, and knowledge that you can use well beyond your high school years. I want to assure you that we will do what we can to assist you so your transition to secondary school can go as smooth as possible. My goals for you are to feel safe and comfortable at Killarney, and for you to feel challenged, inspired and supported. Take a few minutes in the next two weeks to think



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about what goals you have for yourself and what you hope you will be able to accomplish and experience in your grade 8 year. I'm looking forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and will always be available to help in any way I can.

At this time, you still have some time to rest and relax before coming back to school. With that said, I wanted to pass along some items you will be receiving more information on next week:

Our secondary school system has two online platforms for you to use. The first is My Education BC (MYED), which is our student information system. MyEdBC is a shared family portal, this means that the log in ID and password need to be shared with students and parents. On this platform, you and your parents will be able to see the student daily schedule, report cards, and attendance. As for courses, all Grade 8 students will be given a standard schedule and we have done our best to accommodate your chosen elective. This schedule will be available in the MYED Student Family Portal from August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm.

The other platform is Microsoft Office 365 (O365) which is a whole suite of tools to support your learning. On this platform, students will be able to do everything from communicate electronically with school staff and peers, store files, create documents and presentations, and it is all online so it can be accessed while at school or at home. Information on how to log in to MYED and O365 will be coming next week for you to try at home and we will assist you more in your classes.

The first full day of classes will be Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The day will start at 8:40am and end at 3:05pm.

Again, more information will be coming out next week so continue to enjoy your summer. I will close off with Frequently Asked Questions.

## FAQ's

- How do we get our daily classes and schedules? They will be available after August 23<sup>rd</sup> by 3:30pm on the MYED BC Student Family Portal. See above for log in instructions. Printed schedules will also be available for pick up in the auditorium on Orientation Day.
- Will we get a locker? Yes, you will be assigned a locker this year that you will have for the school year. Two locks will be provided as part of your school fees. One is for your hallway locker and the other is for your PE change room locker.
- Food? Our cafeteria will be open for service, as well as vending machines. Of course, you are welcome to bring your own food and snacks.
- How will I find out where my classes are? What do I do if I am stressed or worried? Come and ask any adult or LINK CREW member (they will have T-shirts on identifying themselves). We are always happy to help. Grade 8's will also get an agenda book. Our school is 3 floors, and we have 4 wings. It is pretty big, but you will have the hang of it in no time!
- What should I bring to school? A water bottle (we have filling stations throughout the school), snacks/lunch, a binder and stationery (pens, pencils, paper). Your individual teachers will outline other more specific things for you.
- Who do I tell if I am sick and need to miss school? Parents, please email: [klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca) with the students First and Last Name, Student Number and Reason for absence. Follow up with an email to their teacher: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/killarney/page/2521/our-staff>
- Where can I get more information about the school? Visit our website at: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/killarney>



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## Grade 8 Parent Night

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 in the Auditorium

Parents of grade 8 students are invited to attend the Info Night to hear about their child's classes, how to access and use MyEd, social media use, cell phone use, work/study habits and supports available at Killarney. We will also review how to contact teachers and how to report absences. We hope to see you!

## Adolescents Online

The school will be hosting the information session *Adolescents Online* at Killarney Secondary on Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6pm in the school auditorium. Please enter through the doors on Killarney Street at 48<sup>th</sup> Ave East. All Killarney students/parents, plus grade 7 students/parents from our feeder schools, are welcome to attend.