



Killarney Cougar News

August 2025

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August 21, 2025

Dear Killarney Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to and/or back to Killarney! I am excited to get back to school and am looking forward to another wonderful year of learning and opportunities. Last year ended with our best carnival ever and I look forward to beginning this year in the same way!

This is a short newsletter to give you basic info about the first days of school. The first day is Tuesday, September 2 and students will only attend school by grade for an assembly. On Wednesday, September 3 the first full and regular day of classes will begin.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Chris Parker

2025-2026

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker (gr. 12)

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 8 & 10)

Vice Principal: Ms. B. Dowle (gr. 9 & 11)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Mr. S. Walter

Grade 9: Mr. O. Goncalves

Mr. R. Tanabe

Grade 10: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 11: Mr. E. Leung

Grade 12: Ms. S. Glynianyi



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Student Attendance Week of Sept. 1st

September 1 Labour Day, No School

September 2 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 leadership students)

****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 3 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 our new students. The first few weeks will be a busy time for everyone as we adjust to being back in school and counsellors will be continuing to organize students into their classes.

We know a lot of you are eagerly anticipating what your schedules will look like in September and that information will be available to you on **Friday, August 22nd at 3:30**. 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 made in person only.

Counsellor Summer Schedule

- August 25 - No students
- August 26 - All students can come in for course changes from 8:30-11:30, 12-2:30
- August 27 - New student orientation 9:30, then new student scheduling with grade counsellors to follow (this is for students new to Killarney from other schools, districts, provinces, countries, etc. **not new Grade 8's**)
- August 28 - New international student orientation 9:30, then scheduling to follow

We would also like to remind students that while we try our very best to fulfil all course requests sometimes this is not possible due to timetable constraints. Please come see us in person if you don't see one of your requested courses and we will do our best to find an alternative or place you on a waitlist.

Grade 8 – Mr. Walter sswalter@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 9 – Mr. Goncalves & Mr. Tanabe ogoncalves@vsb.bc.ca & rtanabe@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 10 – Mr. Nerling lnerling@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 11 – Mr. Leung eleung@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 12 – Ms. Glynianyi sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca

MyEdBC & Student Schedules

Student MyEdBC accounts will be available to students/parents on **Friday, August 22nd 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.



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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\$2026** 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\$2026**. You will be asked to change your password once you have logged on.

Link for MyEdBC: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/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 5th. The form can be emailed to klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca.

2025/26 Killarney Calendars & Bell Schedules

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

[Bell schedule](#)

[Calendar at a Glance](#)

[Important dates](#)



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Grade 8 Students

Hello Grade 8 Students and Parents,

My name is Mr. Nakada, and I will be the Grade 8 Administrator this year. On behalf of the Killarney Secondary community, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of you!

We are committed to supporting your transition to secondary school and making it as smooth as possible. We look forward to working with you starting this September and continuing over the next five years. You are the graduating class of 2030! In the years ahead, you'll encounter many opportunities for personal growth, challenges, and learning that will serve you well beyond high school.

My goals for you are simple: to feel safe and comfortable at Killarney, and to feel challenged, inspired, and supported. Take some time over the next two weeks to reflect on your goals and what you hope to accomplish and experience in your Grade 8 year. I'm excited to meet you soon and am always available to help in any way I can.

Online Systems at Killarney

Killarney uses two key online platforms:

My Education BC (MyEdBC)

This is our student information system and a shared family portal. Students and parents will use the same login ID and password. Through MyEdBC, you can view your daily schedule, report cards, and attendance.

All Grade 8 students will receive a standard schedule, and we've done our best to accommodate your chosen elective. Your schedule will be available on the MyEdBC Student Family Portal starting **August 22nd at 3:30 PM**.

Microsoft Office 365 (O365)

This free suite of apps supports your learning. You'll be able to communicate with staff and peers, store files, and create documents and presentations—all accessible from school or home.

Login instructions for MyEdBC and O365 will be emailed to your parents. We'll also help you get set up during orientation and in your classes. If you have trouble logging in, support will be available on Orientation Day or the first day of classes.

First Day of School

The first full day of classes is **Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, from 8:40 AM to 3:05 PM**.

More details will be shared in next week's newsletter. For now, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we get our class schedules?

Schedules will be available on the MyEdBC Student Family Portal after **August 22nd at 3:30 PM**. Printed copies can be picked up in the auditorium on Orientation Day.

Will we get a locker?

Yes! You'll be assigned a locker for the school year. Two locks are provided as part of your school fees—one for your hallway locker and one for your PE change room locker.

What about food?

Our cafeteria and Cougar Mart will be available. You're also welcome to bring your own food and snacks.

How will I find my classes? What if I feel stressed or worried?

Ask any adult, Leadership student, or your Grade 8 counsellor, Mr. Walter. We're always happy to help! You'll also receive an agenda book with a school map, calendar, and bell schedule.

Killarney has three floors and four "wings." While it may seem big at first, you'll get to know it quickly.



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What should I bring to school?

Bring a water bottle (we have filling stations), snacks/lunch, a binder, and basic stationery (pens, pencils, paper). Teachers will let you know if anything else is needed.

What if I'm sick or have an appointment?

Parents should email klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca with your full name, student number, and reason for absence. It's also helpful to let your teachers know. You can find their email addresses here: [Our Staff](#).

Where can I find more information about the school?

Visit our website: [Killarney](#)

Grade 8 Parent Night

Thursday, September 11th | 6:00–7:00 PM | Auditorium

Parents of Grade 8 students are invited to attend this Info Night to learn about:

- Your child's classes
- How to access and use MyEdBC
- Social media and cell phone use
- Work/study habits
- Supports available at Killarney
- How to contact teachers and report absences

(This session repeats information shared at the Grade 7 Parent Night.)