



Killarney Cougar News

August 2026

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August 28, 2026

Dear Killarney Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to and welcome back to the fantastic Killarney community – we are getting ready to welcome you to your home away from home in under two weeks. Staff and students have worked hard to create a place where you can be you and also try out new ways to grow and become the person you want to be. And as with all things in life, if you can't find it, make it yourself and share it with others to enrich all of us!

For new students and for students wishing to make course changes important information is contained below. For returning students wishing to make change you really need to appreciate that there is very little room for changes to take place.

“A sense of concern for others brings our life meaning”

See you soon,

Chris Parker

2026-2027

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker (gr. 10)

Vice Principal: Mr. S. Cameron (gr. 9 & 11)

Vice Principal: Ms. B. Dowle (gr. 8 & 12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 9: Mr. S. Walter

Grade 10: Ms. F. Chung

Grade 11: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 12: Mr. E. Leung



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Student Attendance Week of Sept. 7th

September 7 Labour Day, No School

September 8 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 9 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 Tuesday, September 1st by the end of the day. 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 31 - No students
- September 1 - New grade 9 to 11 student orientation at 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**)
12:00-2:30 Course changes for students who have incomplete, need changes based on summer school, missing grad requirements **ONLY**.
- September 2 - All students can come in person for course changes from 9:00-11:30, 12-2:30. Students are to report to the cafeteria and receive a numbered ticket. Students will wait in the cafeteria for their number to be called.
- September 3 - 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 – Ms. Glynianyi sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 9 – Mr. Walter sswalter@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 10 – Ms. Chung ffchung@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 11 – Mr. Nerling lnerling@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 12 – Mr. Leung eleung@vsb.bc.ca



MyEdBC & Student Schedules

Student MyEdBC accounts will be available to students/parents on **Tuesday, September 1st by the end of the day.** 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.

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 before September 1st**) as the username and **Dist\$2027** 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\$2027**. 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 11th. The form can be emailed to klnabsences@vsb.bc.ca.

2026/27 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 Ms. Dowle, 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 2031! In the years ahead, you'll encounter many opportunities for personal growth, challenges, and learning that will serve you well beyond high school.



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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. Login links and instructions for MyEdBC and Office 365 are above. If you have trouble logging in, support will be available on Orientation Day or the first day of classes.

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 on **Tuesday, September 1st** by the end of the day **(a separate email will be sent to grade 8 parents that will contain your child's student ID number and login instructions before September 1st).**

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.

First Day of School

The first full day of classes is **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 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!

Grade 8 General School Supplies

To help Killarney students begin Grade 8 feeling prepared and confident, we have created a general list of school supplies that will support learning across all subjects. Individual teachers may request a few additional items once classes begin, but this list covers the essential materials students will use throughout the year.

Having the right organizational tools and basic supplies in September helps students stay focused and build strong habits for success. Stay tuned for more **Strategies** to support our grade 8 students with **Organization, Responsibility, and Time Management** as we introduce our new S.O.R.T. framework.

Students will need:

- At least one 2" or larger binder (or a binder for morning classes and another for afternoon classes).
- Dividers for the binder(s)
- An ample supply of lined paper
- Pencil case
- Pens (blue or black, red)
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Pencil crayons
- Highlighters in different colours (2 or 3)

It is a good idea to replenish these supplies for Semester 2!



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Frequently Asked Questions

How do we get our class schedules?

Schedules will be available on the MyEdBC Student Family Portal on **Tuesday, September 1st** by the end of the day. 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, Ms. Glynianyi. 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.

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

Wednesday, September 16th | 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