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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

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December 1, 2023

Well we are now over 60% of the way into Semester One.

Many of you attended our parent-teacher conferences to get a sense of how your child is doing this year. If you are concerned about your child's progress and were unable to attend the conferences, please reach out to their teacher via email. Teacher emails are generally first initial of first name + last name @vsb.bc.ca. For example I am [cparker@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:cparker@vsb.bc.ca).

Last month I told you to attend the Killarney Night Of Talent to see the next Beyonce for \$3 and many of you did as it was a full auditorium and the acts did not disappoint!!! Incredible singing, bands, dancing, and MCs ... make a point of coming out next year alright?!

Winter break begins at the end of the day on Friday, December 22.

Some thoughts on working with adolescents (and people in general):

### 1. Self-discipline

I had the fortune to listen to the incredible wisdom of an 83 year old person who had worked with youth for his whole adult life and he said "the greatest gift you can give a child is the gift of self-discipline." I also saw this quote on self-discipline yesterday: "Excuses make today easy and tomorrow hard. Discipline makes today hard and tomorrow easy."

### 2. Details and the Big Picture.

As parents, we may find that we are confronted with some specific and difficult issue with our children that we don't really understand. Various social medias are often the culprit. I encourage you to always think of the big picture: what are the values of your family that you want to share with your children. You may not know how to deal with or understand the specifics of a Snapchat function, but you can talk to your kids about the value of kindness and healthy boundaries and how these apply to their behaviour when using social media.

I am grateful to work at Killarney,

Chris Parker, Principal

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. Glynyanyi

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

Grade 12: Mr. H. Clark



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## December Non-Instructional Days & Early Dismissals

The last day of attendance before the Winter break is Dec. 22nd. The Winter break is from Dec. 25-Jan. 5. School reopens on Monday, January 8th. Wishing all staff and students a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break!

## Grad Photos

Students that have not yet had their grad photo taken at Artona Studios can still do so, Artona has extended our online booking to December 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your grad photo in the yearbook and on the grad composite, please make sure you book an appointment.

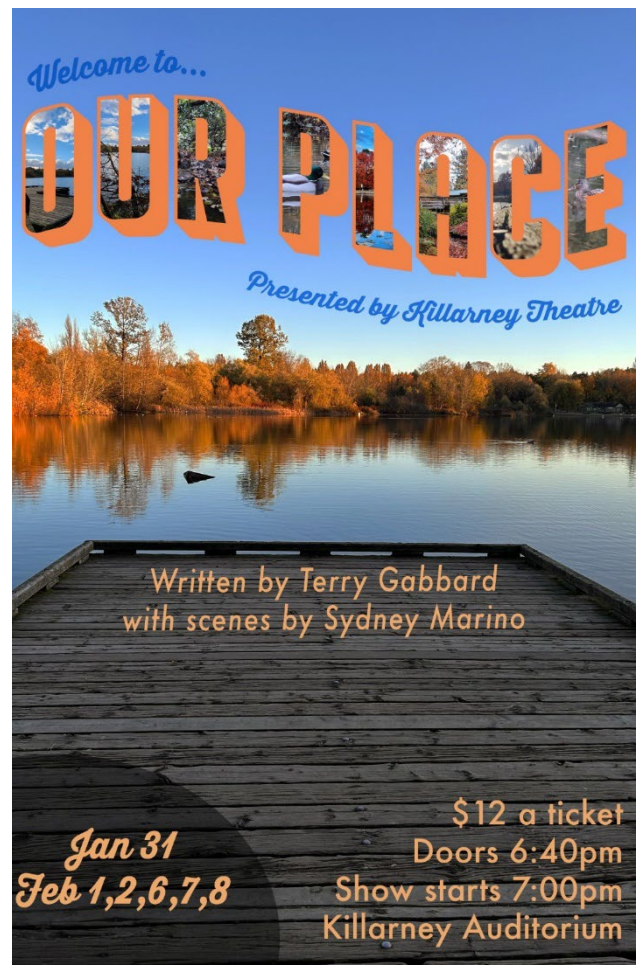
<https://artona.com/schools/KILL/programs/graduation>

## Killarney Theatre & Photography

Killarney Theatre has had an action-packed fall! In November, Drama 9, Drama 11/12, Photo 10,11,12 and Theatre Company students made a trip to the Granville Island Improv Centre to watch the always hilarious theatre sports. This month, Theatre Crit students are heading to the Stanley theatre to be dazzled by *Elf the Musical*. We have been lucky to bring professionals in to work with our classes this semester. Drama 9 and Drama 11/12 students had the opportunity to work with Daniel Curalli, professional actor and stage fighting expert. Alumni and playwright Sydney Marino shared her expertise in playwriting with our Directing and Script development 11/12 students. As arts educators, we strive to give our students the opportunity to work with professionals, to experience the arts and to appreciate being part of the performing arts department. We are also enormously proud of our theatre company students and Directing student Sivan Hendel, for their poignant performance at the Remembrance Day Assemblies.

### *Mainstage*

Killarney Theatre has also been gearing up for our mainstage play *Our Place*. We are thrilled to be working with director, artist and alumni Sydney Marino. This powerful play, with additional scenes written by Sydney, is a heartwarming, funny and touching journey for the audience that explores what it means to be human. The performances run at 7pm nightly (excluding weekends) from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 6-February 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are only \$12.00 and will sell out fast. Tickets can be purchased from any cast and crew member or from Mr. Rocchetta, Ms. Mattock or Ms Tuson in C104, C105 or c106. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that our students are putting into the show at all levels. Whether it is behind the scenes, or in rehearsal, all students involved have demonstrated their strong commitment to excellence. We are also incredibly thankful for all the help we have received from our parents, student teachers, adult and staff mentors - we could not be putting on the production without them! We wish everyone involved a very relaxing holiday season and know that they will come back REFRESHED for the New Year when the show begins. We look forward to seeing you all and applauding the work of our Theatre family.





## *KAFT Poinsettia Drive*

We are so proud of the work being done by Killarney Association of Film and Theatre. Our parent committee just completed a highly successful poinsettia fundraiser for our students. Thanks to all involved for your great work. We are always looking for new members! Please e-mail [killarneyaft@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyaft@gmail.com) if you would like to join. A big thank you to the KPAC group for their support to the program and the parents within it!



## Cougarmart



Hey Killarney! Are you looking for some new school spirited clothing apparel? Come to CougarMart to check out our new Killarney hoodies. Order black, white or BOTH! Check out our designs and order NOW!

To place your order, go to <https://bit.ly/ordercougarclothing2023> or scan the QR code!

Holiday Deadline to Order is Mon. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.





## CANley Cup

The CANley Cup is a district-wide event that aims to raise non-perishable foods and money for the community. The food and money raised will help provide food access to families, seniors, new Canadians, not to mention breakfast and lunch programs in Vancouver, North Shore, Burnaby, and New Westminster. Schools are encouraged to hold friendly competitions with the neighbouring schools to promote donation. The school that collects the most cans will win the CANley Cup trophy. (Number of cans raised are scaled to school population, allowing a fair competition between large school populations and smaller ones).

Killarney Student Government would like to encourage staff and students to bring canned items and/or donations (\$1 = 3 cans) to their third block class (1-4), the class that collects the most cans and donations will win a pizza party! Donations accepted now until December 9th.

The canned items they are accepting are - canned soups or stews, dry pasta or noodles (bowl noodles), diapers, and canned tuna or salmon.

If you or your family would like to donate online please go to [SchoolCashOnline](#).

When you donate – the base donation is \$5 and you can increase the QUANTITY in increments of \$5.

**Please uncheck the option for purchasing for yourself and write your THIRD PERIOD (1-4) teacher's name in the spot provided.**

Thank you for your donation.

## Winter Weather/School Closures

In the event that you are wondering if there is a school closure: by 7:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at [Vancouver School Board \(vsb.bc.ca\)](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)
- GLOBAL BC TV (Cable Channel 11)

Please do not contact media to ask if Killarney is closed, go to <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx> for current information. Otherwise, the school will be open.

## CyberTeens Year 3 Survey – Joint Project with UBC and VSB/Killarney

The CyberTeens survey will be on **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Purpose. We know that your phones and devices are one of the most important things you own. Unfortunately, emerging research indicates that spending a lot of time online everyday can lead to outcomes such as poor sleep, struggles with mood and anxiety, as well as strained relationships with family. The latest research suggests that this reliance on technology can't always be helped, as adolescents form deep attachments to digital devices. These attachments might help serve social goals, despite research supporting the relative importance of face-to-face interactions. We see students as experts on this topic, and we're hoping to learn from them! Their answers will help inform important research, as well as help to contribute to effective programming to help teens with technology use. This is a 4-year project instead of a one-time snapshot and all information is private and confidential.



## Killarney Athletics

The Fall Season concluded with the Bantam and Juvenile Girls Volleyball teams participating in the VSSAA City Championship. Both teams finished their seasons winning their final matches. Congratulations to both teams on very successful seasons!

### *Junior Boys Volleyball*

Another thrill-seeking season for the Junior Boys Volleyball team this year as they came into the VSSAA City Championships with a regular season record of 3-3 and then finished 3rd in the Championships. The boys have shown dedication, determination, and commitment throughout the whole season. They have learned the meaning of teamwork and taking ownership for their mistakes and building to make themselves better. The drive and passion these boys have never failed to show during tough, well played matches. With 6 regular season games, 2 tournaments and squeezing in a couple scrimmages during the season and a few injuries along the way, the boys have fought on and off the court to be the team they are today. A special shout out to this year's playoff MVP's Matthew T., Jayden D. and Cory K. and for the 2 playoff all stars Michael H. and Kyle L. So proud of you boys. A big thank you to Genesse Pagunsan for volunteering to coach this team. Congratulations on a terrific season!



### *Cross Country*

The Cross-Country team had a successful conclusion to their season at Provincial Championships in Surrey. Grace W. and Ava F. turned in spectacular performances in the Senior girls' category, finishing 36<sup>th</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> respectively. While the Senior Boys had another great championship, finishing fourth overall. The Senior Boys team was led by Lowell S. who turned in Killarney's first ever top ten finish at Provincial Championships. As well, Jacob A. (17<sup>th</sup>), Dixon K. (26<sup>th</sup>), Jeffery W., Iossif G. and Justin F. all had sensational races. Thanks to Mr.Solmes, Ms. Godwin and Pat Brand for coaching the team this season.



# Killarney Cougar News

December 2023

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## *Winter Season*

The Winter Season has begun and the Killarney Gym will once again be a very busy place.

This year we have 7 teams entered in the VSSAA Leagues. We will also be hosting several tournaments.

- Jr Girls Tournament- December 6-8
- Bantam Boys Tournament December 13-15
- Senior Girls Tournament December 19-21
- Juvenile Boys Tournament January 10-12
- Senior Boys Tournament January 24-26
- Junior Boys Tournament January 31- February 2

League Game schedules can be found at <http://www.vancouverchoolsports.ca/>.

Good Luck to all teams!

## **Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)**

### *Next Meeting*

Please join us in the school library for your next meeting on January 31st, 2024 at 7pm.

### *Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser*

Thank you, Killarney families, for your Purdys orders in support of our KPAC! We met our \$3000 goal and made over \$1000 for our students.

Purdys orders can be picked up outside the Killarney office on Thursday, December 14th from 2:45-3:30 pm. If you are unable to pick up at this time, please email the KPAC at [killarneypac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneypac@gmail.com).

## **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.