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December 11, 2024

Dear Killarney Families:

As we head into the final week before winter vacation and gift-giving season a few thoughts for the Killarney community...

The greatest gifts of life come from caring about others and yourself – not material possessions. Kind words and affirmations to those we care about have a positive lifetime effect, reduce stress, and create optimism.

Mr. Rodgers after over 50 years of a life lived as a childhood educator said “the greatest gift you can give someone is your attention.” As a parent of two myself, I know how hard this can be, but it is humbling reminder that they would prefer going to a movie with me than a new pair of Nikes.

The greatest gift you can give yourself is sometime to just be silent and immersed in nature by yourself. See if you can find that time.

On another topic, the District has announced that Mr. Soong, the vice-principal for grades 8 and 11, will be moving to Windermere Secondary to start January. I want to personally thank Mr. Soong for his dedication and significant contributions to the Killarney community and wish him the best with his new opportunity. Replacing Mr. Soong, will be Ms. Brenda Dowle, who has previously been Vice-Principal at Magee Secondary. Ms. Dowle will now be responsible for grades 8 and 11.

Take good care of yourself,

Chris Parker
Principal

2024-2025

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker
Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 9)
Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 8/11)
Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: TBD
Grade 9: Mr. L. Nerling
Grade 10: TBD
Grade 11: Ms. S. Glynianyi
Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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December Days with Changes to the Schedule

The last day of attendance before the Winter break is Dec. 20th. The Winter break is from Dec. 23-Jan. 3. School reopens on Monday, January 6th. Wishing all staff and students a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break!

KILLARNEY THEATRE AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

As usual, Killarney Theatre has had a fun filled, jampacked fall! In November, Drama 9, and Drama 11/12, along with some Theatre Company students headed down to Granville Island and the Improv Centre to play audience to the always hysterical improvisation artists there. One of them, Emily Schoen, came to speak to our Theatre Crit class earlier in the month to share her expertise with the art of Improv. This was followed by an exciting improv workshop which she and Allan Pavlakovic led with the Drama 11/12 class. Students have been engaged with professionals and the art of theatre this month.



Earlier on in October, Drama students also enjoyed a spectacular performance of The Jersey Boys at the Arts Club. Daniel Curalli, a professional actor and stage fight instructor, lent his expertise to the Drama 9 students as they created scenes/stories by incorporated stage combat. As many will remember, our whole school community was able to enjoy the remarkable and poignant performers at our annual Remembrance Day ceremony created and led by the Drama 11/12 students and Mr. Zotter. The performances were very moving and touching to mark this important day.

MAINSTAGE:

Killarney Theatre is presently producing its most ambitious Mainstage production ever: **Maplewood High: The Musical**. We are presenting an original musical this year! Set at Maplewood high, our story follows the trials and tribulations of new student Madison. Our very own alumni Sydney Marino has written and directed this singing and dancing extravaganza. Tina Do and Nikki Hammond (also previous Killarney students!) are providing musical direction and choreography. Our cast is huge and the excitement and fun in rehearsals has been contagious. **Performances are January 29th, 30th and 31st and February 4th, 5th and 6th, all starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are only \$12 and will sell out fast.** Tickets can be purchased from any cast and crew member or from Mr. Rocchetta, Mr. Zotter or Ms. Tucson in C104, C105 or C106. We are so proud of the hard-working dedication that our students are putting into this show at all levels. Whether it is behind-the-scenes, management or in rehearsal, all students involved have demonstrated a strong



commitment to excellence. **Our Theatre Co Club this year has over 160 students involved creating, developing, and collaborating on this production- WE are SO PROUD OF THEM ALL!** What with all the support from our school community, we are sure to create an unforgettable production. The upcoming holiday season will create a necessary and refreshing break from all the work we've been doing. Coming back in the new year will only recharge us. We can't wait to have you share in the joy of this story. We look forward to seeing you on show nights.

KAFT POINTSETTIA DRIVE:

We've had a record-breaking year! Big thanks to our top. Sellers: Olivia, T, Airyn B, Ren C, Axacia C, and Shiloh MH. As usual, our parent committee stepped up and helped complete the massive amount of work required to get this fundraising drive completed. We are always looking for new members though! Please email killarneyaft@gmail.com if you would like to join. A huge shout out to the KPAC parent group for their support to the program/theatre club. Your continued support continues to allow the whole company to DREAM BIG! Wishing all parents involved in our program and KPAC a wonderful holiday season.



Canley Cup

The CANley Cup is an annual competition between Vancouver's secondary schools. The goal? To raise the most money for the Vancouver Food Bank. This year the campaign moved online, eschewing the past practice of collecting non-perishable food. The Killarney community showed its support, raising \$5351, surpassing the goal of \$5000. Killarney's Leadership class thanks all students, parents, and staff who contributed to this endeavour.



CyberTeens Year 4 Survey – Joint Project with UBC and VSB/Killarney

The CyberTeens survey will be on **Thursday December 5th**. 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 CONFIDENTIAL 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.

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://Vancouver School Board (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.

Grad Photos

Students that have not yet had their grad photo taken at Artona Studios can still do so. If you would like your grad photo in the yearbook and on the grad composite, please make sure you book an appointment.

How Artona Grad Sessions Work



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1. Book an appointment at www.artona.com. There is no cost to book an appointment, but we do require a credit or debit card to secure the booking. Students are not charged until the time of their session.
2. Get photographed and pay the \$60 deposit. At the time of their session, students pay a \$60 deposit they can use toward a purchase later. We take both casual and formal photos, including one for the yearbook. If students choose not to order, we'll refund the deposit within 30 days.

View and order photos online. Students and families can purchase their photos online, with both [digital and print options](#) available.

Helpful Links

[How to Prepare for Grad Photos](#)

[What to Wear for Grad Photos](#)

[All about Grad Group Sessions](#)

[Artona Pinterest](#)

[Artona Instagram](#)

Killarney Athletics

A big "Thank you" to all of the volunteer coaches who dedicated their time this Fall working with Killarney's Athletes. Highlights from the Fall season include:

- a City championship by our Bantam Girls Volleyball team, coached by Dephanie Brillantes
- a Zone championship by our Cross Country Team, coached by Mr. Solmes and Ms. Godwin
- swimming, coached by Mark Johnston, there are a number of Provincial finishes to note:
 - Isabelle Guzman 9th place in the 100m Breaststroke and 14th in the 200m Individual Medley
 - Jaden Leung claimed 5th in the 50m Freestyle and 7th in the 100m Freestyle
 - 🌟 Relay Excellence: 4th and 9th place respectively in the 4x50m Freestyle and Medley Relays by Jaden Leung, Isaac Yip, Jayden Chung, and Freddy Ding

If you have a child who participated in the Fall Killarney Athletics, please double check that:

1. Uniforms have been returned
2. that all fees have been paid through: vsb.schoolcashonline.com

The Fall season of play is now over, and Winter sports (basketball) are underway. For league results and schedules please find the most up to date information at:

https://www.vancouverchoolsports.ca/leagues/custom_page.cfm?leagueID=0&clientID=223&pageID=21514&link=Pro&xx=4

In addition to the schedule (above) please note the dates of the five "Cougar Classic" Tournaments that Killarney is hosting and come on out to support these athletes.

- Dec 11-13 Junior Girls (grades 9/10)
- Dec 17-19 Senior Girls (grades 11/12)
- Jan 8-10 Juvenile Boys (grade 9)
- Jan 15-17 Senior Boys
- Jan 29-31 Junior Boys



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KPAC

At our last KPAC meeting, we discussed how to spend the money we received from the Gaming Grant. We are happy to report that many Killarney clubs and organizations will be benefiting from the \$29,000 we voted on spending. The money was spread out amongst groups like athletics, theatre, music, robotics, dragon boat racing, yearbook, dance, programming, pride, cultural clubs- just to name a few! The KPAC is honored to be able to support Killarney students in their interests and passions.

Your Killarney PAC thanks you for your participation in the Purdy's fundraiser! Because of your support, we raised \$1,045 which will go back into supporting Killarney and its students. We will send an update in the next week or so on when you (or your student) can pick up your orders.

The KPAC has a Return-It account. If you're returning cans and bottles to a Return-it center, you can use our number when printing labels: 604-713-8950 and KPAC will get the credit! <https://www.return-it.ca/beverage/products/>

If you need to contact the KPAC, please email us at 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. This newsletter and my previous newsletters are posted under the Student Bulletin section of the Killarney website.