



Killarney Cougar News

December 2025

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December 2, 2025

A good day to all! There are two and a half weeks left until Winter break and 6 weeks left until the end of the semester.

Hopefully you have received positive affirmation from the mid-term report card, but if not, there is still time – just not that much so let's get going! One of the things people struggle the most with when given a task is 'initiation' - to begin to actually do something like an assignment. That's why the old saying exists: a job started is a job half finished. If your child is struggling with task completion see if you can help at the very start to just get them going. Get your bag. Get your computer/notebook. Get a pencil. Point at the question. Begin to answer. Then you can let them get down to it.

Please know that we are scheduling a festive afternoon on the last day before the break – December 19 – that will have a number of fun stations for the students but without regular instruction (pm only).

I hope you enjoy the seasonal time and get time to spend together over the holidays.

Gratefully,

Chris Parker

Principal

2025-2026

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

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

Vice Principal: Mr. S. Cameron (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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December Days with Changes to the Schedule

The last day of attendance before the Winter break is Dec. 19th. The Winter break is from Dec. 22-Jan. 2. School reopens on Monday, January 5th. Wishing all staff and students a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break!

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December 19th modified bell schedule for Winter celebration activities:

Morning Schedule:

- FIT: 8:40am – 9:20am
- Period 1-2: 9:20am – 9:50am
- Period 1-1: 9:55am – 10:25am
- Break: 1:025am – 10:35am
- Period 1-4: 10:35am – 11:00am
- Period 1-3: 11:05am – 11:30am

Afternoon Schedule:

- First Rotation: 12:15 – 12:48pm
- Second Rotation: 12:52 – 1:29pm
- Third Rotation: 1:34 – 2:06 pm
- Fourth Rotation: 2:11 – 2:48 plus clean up from 2:48pm – 3:05pm

Canley Cup

Each year, the Killarney's school leadership group participates in the CANley Cup, a food drive to support Vancouver's Food Banks. At the request of the Food Bank Society, this year's contest is virtual- no food will be collected, strictly cash donations.

The Leadership 11/12 class has designated period 1-4 (after lunch) to collect donations. Donations will also be accepted online through the dedicated link below. All online donations will receive tax receipts.

Our goal is to raise \$5 from every student here at Killarney- Let's make it happen!

[Killarney Secondary School – GVFB Virtual Food Drive](#)

KILLARNEY THEATRE AND PHOTOGRAPHY

As usual, Killarney Theatre has had a fun filled, jam-packed fall! In a few weeks, Drama 9, and Drama 11/12, along with some Theatre Company students will head down to Granville Island and visit the Improv Centre to play audience to the always hysterical improvisation artists there.

Earlier in November, Drama students also enjoyed a spectacular performance of Disney's Musical **Frozen** at the Arts Club. Daniel Curalli, who starred in Frozen and a professional actor and stage fight instructor, lent his expertise to the Drama 9 students as they created scenes/stories using stage combat techniques. Early in October, the Acting 11/12 class invited local elementary schools to watch a Halloween original piece created by our Directing and Scriptwriting students. Our whole school community was able to enjoy the poignant performers at our annual Remembrance Day ceremony led by the Directing and Drama 11/12 students. Moreover, it was celebrated with other performing arts groups- including strings, choir, band, and our visual arts dept. It was a memorable day of honour with many



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students involved in the performing and visual arts. The photo classes continues to capture moments and work on a variety of techniques to show their learning. Recently a display went up near the main office showing their zines.

MAINSTAGE:

Killarney Theatre is presently producing its Mainstage production, the world premier of *The Heart of Heartly Mall*. Set in a rundown mall, our story follows a group of community members who are petitioning to save the mall from being turned into a Whamazon fulfillment centre. Written and directed by our talented alumni Sydney Marino, this production will make you laugh, make you think about the importance of your community spaces, and touch your heart. **Performances are Feb 18th -20th and Feb 24-26th all starting at 6:30pm, and tickets are only \$12 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-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 and gratitude. **Our Theatre**



Co Club this year has over 190 students involved creating, developing, and collaborating on this production - WE are SO PROUD OF THEM ALL! With all the support from our school community, we are sure to create an unforgettable production. This upcoming holiday season will create a necessary and refreshing break for all involved and we look forward to coming back refreshed and ready to put on an amazing production. We can't for you to share in the joy of this story. We look forward to seeing you on show nights!

KAFT POINTSETTIAS:

A huge shout out to the KPAC parent group for their support to the program/theatre club and KAFT for organizing our annual poinsettia fundraiser. Thank you to all those that supported the fundraiser! Your continued support continues to allow the whole company to DREAM BIG! Wishing all parents involved in our program, KAFT and KPAC a wonderful holiday season.

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 \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://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.



2026 Graduation

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

1. Book an appointment at [KILN](#). 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](#)

Graduation Ceremony

Save the Date! The 2026 graduation ceremony will be on Monday June 15th at 11am at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Please note the time as we are having a ceremony during the school day this year. There is a \$100 fee for the ceremony payable online at [SchoolCashOnline](#) or by cash or cheque in the school office. Grad Fees include: facility rental, awards/trophy engraving, 2 tickets, gown, hat/ tassel, misc. ceremony costs, photographer & ceremony photo(s). The deadline to pay is February 28, 2026. Extra tickets will be available to purchase in April or May for \$10 each.

In early January students will be sent a Grad Information Form to complete. This form is used to confirm attendance and to gather student's height to order the appropriate length gown.

Prom

Save the Date! Prom will be on Wednesday, June 17th at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

PE All Stars

What does it take to be an All Star?

Being nominated as a Killarney All Star is a prestigious recognition that highlights an individual's exceptional contributions to the classroom community. This honour is awarded to those who consistently serve as good role models, demonstrating integrity and responsibility in their actions. They foster positive relationships with peers, teachers, and leadership, creating an inclusive and supportive environment. Additionally, Killarney All Stars are known for challenging their exertion levels, pushing themselves to achieve their best while encouraging others to do the same. This nomination celebrates their dedication to excellence and their positive impact on the school community.

November 2025 All Starts:



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Keira
Bacarac

Mr. Koo's PHE 9
Class



Arwen Lee

Ms. Veness
Kehler's PHE 10
Class



Savannah
Louie

Mr. Malli's PHE
8 Class



Kien Vuong

Ms. Wong's
PHE 9 Class

Killarney Athletics

BC Provincial Swimming Results!

This past weekend, the Killarney Cougars made a splash at the **BC Provincial Swimming Championships**, showcasing incredible speed, teamwork, and Cougar pride against the strongest competitors in the province.

Top Results:

- **Boys 200m Freestyle Relay** – *Jayden Chung, Zaidel Rabut, Issac Yip, and Jaden Leung* powered their way to an impressive **5th-place finish**, capping off a season of dedication and clutch performances.
- **50m Freestyle** – *Jaden Leung* sprinted to a remarkable **4th place**, narrowly missing the podium in one of the meet's fastest events.
- **100m Butterfly** – Jaden also delivered a strong swim, placing **12th** in this highly competitive race.
- **100m Breaststroke** – *Ysabelle Guzman* shone bright with a stellar **7th-place finish**, representing Killarney with poise and determination.

Congratulations to all our Cougar athletes for their hard work, sportsmanship, and outstanding performances throughout the season. You made Killarney proud! Go Cougars!

Senior Boys Soccer Team

Congrats to our Tier 2 City Champs!



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KPAC

KPAC's gift card fundraiser runs until December 5th; order your gift cards for Famous Foods and White Spot now on [School Cash Online](#)! Gift cards will be available for pick up before winter break. Thank you for supporting the KPAC. Please email KPAC if you have any questions (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.