

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Welcome

Grade 7 Family Information Night

Vancouver Technical Secondary

May 7, 2026

(Grads of 2031)



INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



Shape of the Evening

Transitioning to High School

Grade 8 Supports

Grade 8 Program

Grade 8 Timetable

More Events for High School Transition

Questions?



TRANSITIONING TO HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2031



ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Roberto Moro
Principal



Janet Thompson
Vice Principal



David Cacchioni
Vice Principal



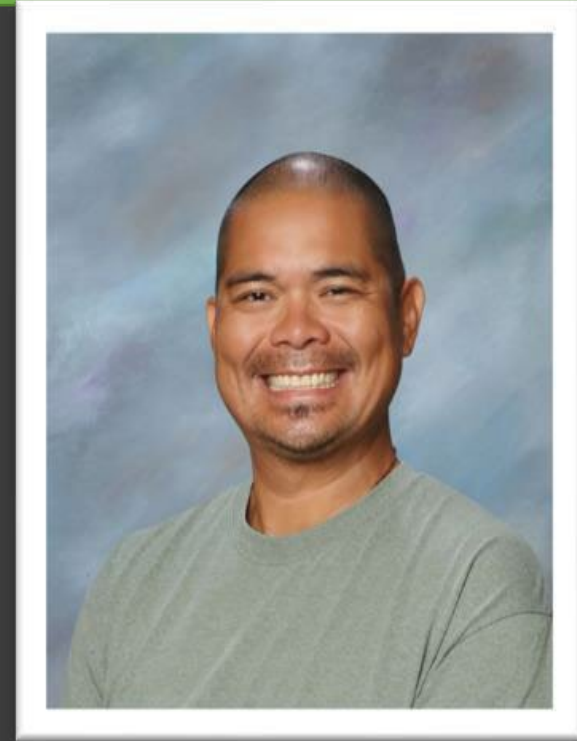
Grade 8 Supports – Who we are and what we do



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School Based Resource
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Learning Hub Support



Learning HUB Support Block

Provides: targeted support, help students build skills, work on their IEP goals and promote success in school.

Case Managers, Counsellors and Admin will determine which recommended students will receive a Learning HUB Support Block.

Learning Hub Support

- Students have access to various learning supports, from full-time enrollment in the Learning Hub's competency-based curriculum to "drop-in-as-needed" assistance for immediate help with courses.
- The Learning Hub has a team of teachers available to support students in every subject.
- Teachers are available throughout the day, providing targeted and individualized support tailored to each student's specific learning needs.



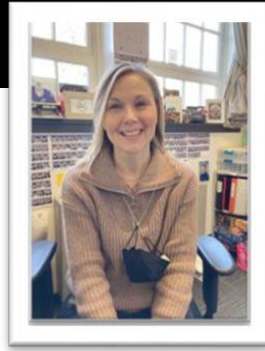
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Athletic Director



Ken Li

Community Schools Team

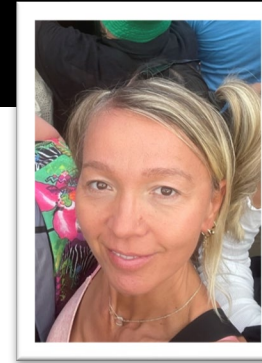


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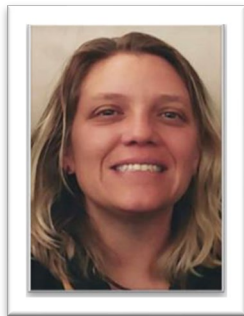
Kelsey McCready

Supporting & Connecting Youth (SACY)



Nevena Vojic

Indigenous Education Team



Kristen Quesnelle



Robin Roberts

Leadership & Resiliency Program (LRP)

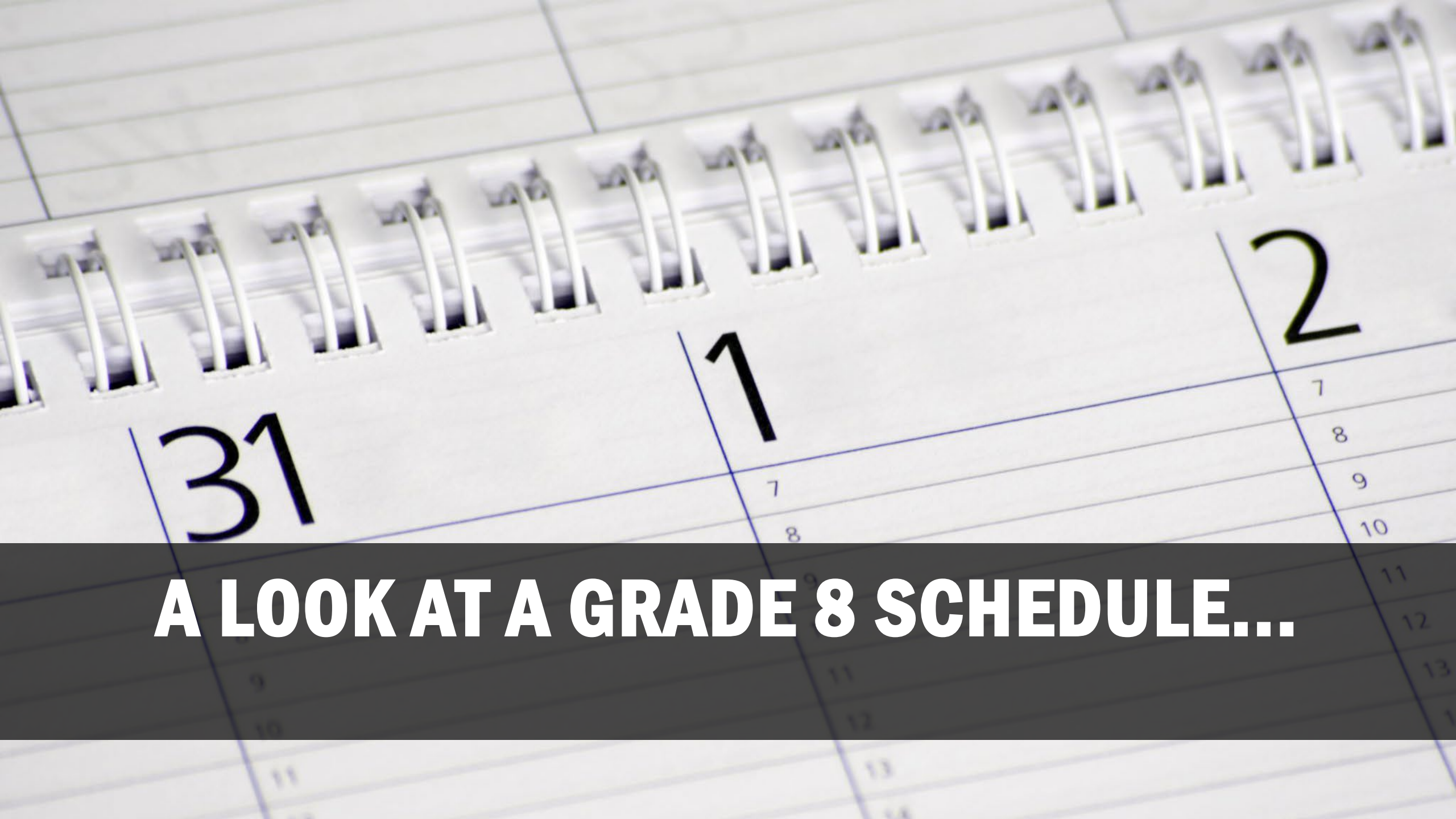


Murray Anderson

School Liaison Officer (SLO)



Cst. Michelle Rajtschan



A LOOK AT A GRADE 8 SCHEDULE...

Sample Mainstream Schedule

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Math 8	Science 8
English 8	PHE 8
Fine Arts 8 (with Theatre Company)	Social Studies
French 8	Applied Skills Rotation
Full Year Concert Choir (At Lunch)	

- **4 courses for half the year +any off-timetable courses, which are full year**
- **Each class occurs everyday**
- **Attend 4 different classrooms**
- **Have 4 different teachers**

Sample French Immersion Schedule

- **4 courses for half the year + any off-timetable courses, which are full year**
- **Each class occurs everyday**
- **Attend 4 different classrooms**
- **Have 4 different teachers**

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Math 8	FRIM Science 8
FRIM Socials 8	PHE 8
FRIM Art Dramatique 8	FRIM Core Language 8
Applied Skills Rotation 8	ENGLISH 8
No Off-Timetable Courses	

Sample Flex Humanities Schedule

- 4 courses for half the year +any off-timetable courses, which are full year
- Each class occurs everyday
- Attend 4 different classrooms
- Have 4 different teachers

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Flex History (Socials) 8	FLEX Classics (English) 8
PHE 8	Science 8
Math 8	FLEX Visual Arts 8
FLEX Interactive Design & Tech. 8	French 8
Full Year Intermediate Strings (After School)	

Sample Summit Schedule

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Math 8	Applied Skills Rotation
Beginner Band 8	PHE 8
SUMMIT English 8	SUMMIT Socials 8
SUMMIT Math 9	SUMMIT Math 9
Full Year Beginner Strings (After School)	

- **4 courses for half the year +any off-timetable courses, which are full year**
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Some Grade 8 Electives Explained

Applied Skills
Rotation

Woodwork

1/3

Business
Ed

1/3

Textiles

1/3

Fine Arts
Rotation

Drama

1/2

Theatre
Production

1/2

Art

1/2

Art

1/2

Band



BELL SCHEDULE (YEAR AT A GLANCE)

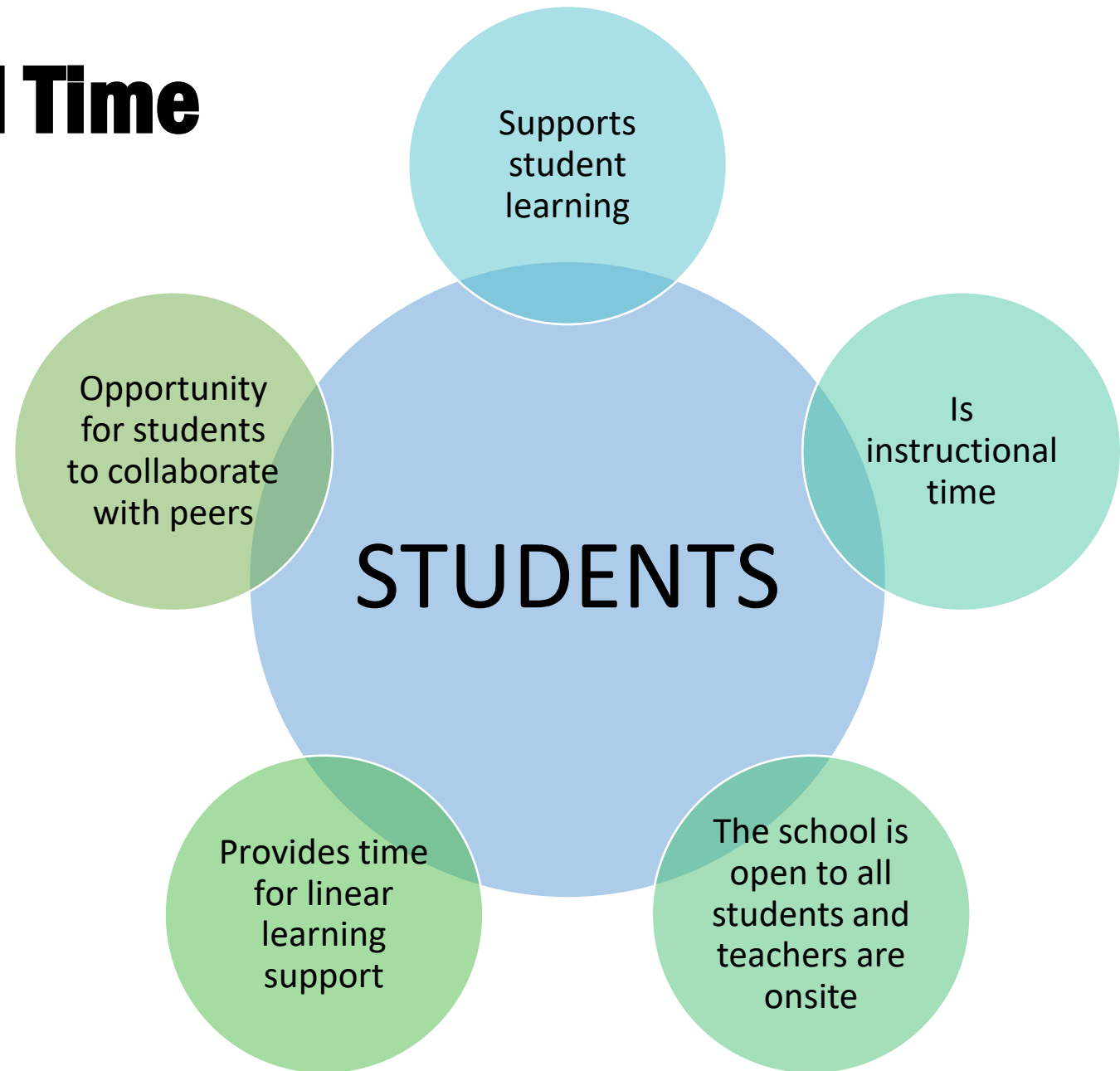
& IMPORTANT DATES

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY: 2025-2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT	8:40 AM - 9:20 AM				8:40 AM - 9:20 AM
BREAK	9:20 AM - 9:25 AM				9:20 AM - 9:25 AM
PERIOD 1	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	8:40 AM - 10:00 AM	9:25 AM - 10:25 AM
BREAK	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	10:25 AM - 10:30 AM
PERIOD 2	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
PERIOD 3	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	12:15 PM - 1:35 PM
BREAK	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	1:35 PM - 1:45 PM
FIT		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM		1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	
BREAK		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM		2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	
PERIOD 4	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM	2:05 PM - 3:05 PM	1:45 PM - 3:05 PM
SEMESTER 1	September 2 - October 6 (AB CD) October 7 - November 12 (BA DC) November 13 - December 15 (AB CD) December 16 - January 27 (BA DC)		SEMESTER 2	January 28 - February 27 (AB CD) March 1 - April 14 (BA DC) April 15 - May 19 (AB CD) May 20 - June 25 (BA DC)	
COLLABORATIVE DAYS SEMESTER 1	Monday, September 16 (AM) Tuesday, November 12 (PM) Monday, December 9 (AM) Tuesday, January 14 (PM)		COLLABORATIVE DAYS SEMESTER 2	Tuesday, February 11 (PM) Monday, April 7 (AM) Monday, May 12 (AM) Tuesday, June 10 (PM)	

FIT- Flexible Instructional Time

- **Currently, there is 160 minutes of FIT per week**
- **4 days x 40-minute periods**
- **Monday & Friday morning**
- **Tuesday & Thursday afternoon**



VT CLUBS 2025-26

- Manga Club
- Tech Theatre Club
- Drama Club
- Animation Club
- Second Serve Club
(repurposing overproduction)
- X-Block (Black mentorship program)
- Table Tennis Club
- Rugby Club
- UNESCO Club
- Athletic Council
- Coding Club
- STEM Club
- Key Club (volunteering)
- Finance Club
- Helping Hearts Club
- GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)
- Garden Club
- Feminaction Club
- FrancoFun!
- Ethics Bowl
- Esports Club
- Chess Club
- Business Club
- Book Club
- Badminton Club
- Blood Drive Club
- Trivia Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Music Council
- Math Club
- Cinema Club
- HOPE Club
- Accessibility Club
- UNICEF Club

ATHLETICS

Fall (Sept – Nov)	Winter (Nov – Feb)	Spring (Feb – May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming• Cross Country• eSports (Year-round)• Field Hockey (Girls)• Rugby (Boys)• Soccer (Boys)• Volleyball (Girls)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball• Curling• Ice Hockey (Girls)• Table Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Badminton• Golf• Ice Hockey (Boys)• Soccer (Girls)• Tennis• Track and Field• Ultimate• Volleyball (Boys)

- Please check the Van Tech website (EXTRACURRICULAR → ATHLETICS) for more details
- Instagram: @vantechatletics and TEAMS->VanTech Student Hub->Athletics
- Questions: e-mail Mr. Li (klli@vsb.bc.ca)



A WORD ABOUT BALANCE AS A STUDENT...





HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT...

*Who do I contact with
questions/concerns
about....?*





WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT?

...content, progress, learning in a course	Classroom Teacher
...registration for next year's courses	Counsellor
...graduation requirements	Counsellor
...support for my child with learning needs	Counsellor or School Based Resource Teacher (SBRT)
...support for my child with social emotional needs	Counsellor/Youth and Family Worker



WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT?

...support for family around food security	Counsellor/Youth and Family Worker
...support for Indigenous learners	Indigenous Education Team
...support with substance use/misuse	Counsellor & Supporting and Connecting Youth (SACY)
... inquires about Athletic Teams	Athletic Director
...support for language interpretation	Counsellor

THINKING ABOUT CELL PHONES

- 1. Understanding class, school, and district policy.**
- 2. Understanding the challenges of cell phone culture in school.**

**UPCOMING
TRANSITION EVENTS
FOR GRADE 7S**



Grade 8 Transition Events

Grade 7 Mixer (May 22)

- **All incoming 8s invited**
- **10 AM – 2 PM @ Van Tech**
- **Meet & Greet, presentation on school/classes, tour**
- **Led by Grade 10-12 students**
- **French Assessment @ 2PM for those leaving French Immersion**

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Grade 8 Transition Events

Gr 8 Orientation (Sept 2)

- **Similar to Mixer (tour, Q & A)**
- **Parents and caregivers
(presentation, tour, activities)**
- **Summit 12:45 - 1:45 pm**

**First Day of School Orientation
Sept 8**

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STAY CONNECTED!

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Vancouver Technical Secondary School

ABOUT US ▾ **FAMILIES ▾** GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT ▾ EXTRACURRICULAR ▾ TEACHING AND LEARNING ▾ DISTRICT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- My Education BC Family Portal
- Fees
- Forms
- How to Register
- Grade 8 Registration & Information**
- Volunteer
- Fundraisers and Donation
- Workshops
- Communicating Student Learning
- Parent Bulletin
- Parent Advisory Council
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Parent & Guardian Teacher Conferences

Announcements

Tech Day Information for Families - January 25, 2023

District Celebration of Music Festival - LIVE STREAM

Listening and learning on Na... Indigenous Peoples Day

Parent Bulletin



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Questions?



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