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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

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February 1, 2024

Hello and welcome Everyone,

Semester two begins on Monday with four **brand new** courses that will take us through spring and into the beginning of summer. We are in the middle of the school year, but also at a very beginning.

So as we begin a new semester with new courses and new club and performing opportunities...

Are your habits, actions, and thoughts serving you? How do you know?

Do you have awareness of them e.g. I am acting this way because...

Did you get the results that you wanted?

Are you being the person that you want to be?

What do you want to become?

How will you get there?

We all must learn – from ourselves (who knows you better than you? Answer: no one) and from others.

Who will help you on your learning journey? Are there others that you might try to gain expertise and wisdom from?

Use the courage inside you to ask for help – from a peer, a friend, an adult in the building. Do not shut down because you are afraid. Your fears will probably show you where you can grow if you choose to explore them.

One of the benefits of being in a bigger school (1600 students) is that there are so many diverse opportunities.

Yesterday, was the opening night of the school drama production that has over 100 positions for students who are not acting including hair and makeup, props, and costumes. Our sports programs offer teams at all grades and soon the spring season will be here with track and field, ultimate, soccer and volleyball available. Many unique opportunities will arise as well such as our school dances – one for juniors on Mon Feb 12 and one for seniors on Tues Feb 13. Use your courage. Give it a try.

As a parent or a student please also take the time to express your gratitude for these opportunities to the many staff who provide them and make the school a great place to be – it's always uplifting to receive a note, email, or pat on the back of appreciation for the gift they give of their time, energy, and expertise.

Wishing you the best for your growth in Semester Two.

Take care,

Chris Parker

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. Glynianyi

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

Grade 12: Mr. H. Clark



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## February Changes to the regular schedule

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – PM Collaborative Day, early dismissal for students

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – District Wide Professional Development Day, no school for students

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – BC Family Day, school closed

## Semester Turnaround

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are semester turnaround days. On these days classes will not be scheduled but students are able to come to school to finish off and submit work as needed. Semester 2 starts on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Report Cards

As we are approaching the end of semester 1 here is some information related to Student Progress Reports. Reports are published 3 times each semester. The interim provides comments on a learning standard where students are showing a strength, an area of growth, and the next steps (often tied to the learning standard where the student can grow). The Mid-semester and Final reports will contain a proficiency scale indicator (EMG, DEV, PRF, EXT) for Grades 8 and 9 and a percentage % for students in Grades 10 to 12. All students will receive a strength-based comment that describes their progress in relation to the learning standards.

Students in full-year courses will be assessed on the first-semester Mid-Year report, the first-semester Final report, and the second-semester Final report.

All reports will be published and are accessible on the MyEdBC website. Emails will be sent home as a reminder on the days the reports are published. Please remember to download the reports and save them onto your computer. The table below shows this year’s publishing dates.

Final Report Cards for semester 1 will be published on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to retrieve them on [MyEducationBC](https://myeducationbc.ca) by 4pm.

2023-24 School Year		
Report	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Reports Published	Reports Published
Interim	13-Oct	7-Mar
Mid Semester	20-Nov	25-Apr
Final	8-Feb	27-Jun

Additionally, students are required to complete 3 self-reflections of core competencies:

- mid-semester 1 report
- mid-semester 2 report
- final report

To view your child's core competency self-reflection, please have your child show you their uploaded reflection which can be found as an assignment in their grade-wide MS TEAM.

## Graduation Status

Starting in the 2023-24 school year, students in Grades 10-12 will receive a Graduation Status Update with their February and June report card. [This is a brochure](#) from the BC government with more information. If you have questions about your child’s Graduation Status Update, please contact the school counsellor. Additionally, please refer to [Information for Families-Graduation Status Update](#) bulletin from the VSB.



## Semester 2 Schedule

Students are reminded to check MyEdBC for your Semester 2 schedule and to double check the room number.

## Course Planning

Course Planning has begun for students for the 2024/2025 school year. While it may seem early to begin thinking about the next school year in February, we start the planning process early to ensure we are able to run as many courses as possible for students.

It is important that you make sure you and your child can log into MyEducation BC. In addition to viewing marks, report cards and attendance data, your child and you will be using MyEducation BC to enter, edit, and view course requests. Every student has access to their MyEd account. Please have them open their account for you to view this important information with them.

**[MyEducationBC](#) will be open for course selection from now until February 23th.**

It is also important to note that course requests are not guaranteed. Your child may not get the courses they requested if there is insufficient enrollment or conflicts with other classes. We always do our very best, but sometimes we cannot fulfill first choices. Given that the classes we run are based on student requests, it is important that these course choices are thoughtfully considered for September.

Should you have any questions please email your child's counsellor directly.

[Course Planning Guide](#)

[Shortcut to Course Code list](#)

## VSB Career Programs

Do you know a grade 10, 11, or 12 student considering a career in the **skilled trades, technology, or health care**? Then you need to know more about what VSB Career Programs has to offer! Grade 10 or 11 students who apply could get a head start on career training and the school district pays the tuition. That's right, **free tuition** and a chance to get started early on training or an apprenticeship while still graduating on-time.

Grade 12 students interested in an apprenticeship in a construction trade could start early, earn credits towards graduation, and start earning a paycheque as early as Semester 2 of this school year.

For more information about what [VSB Career Programs](#) has to offer, visit their website, or speak to a school counsellor.

## Grad

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 12, 2024 at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre**. More information will be sent in the spring.

Grad fees are \$100 and can be paid on [SchoolCashOnline](#) or by cash or cheque in the school office. If there are any extenuating circumstances which prevent your family from paying these fees you must communicate with the grade 12 counsellor, Mr. Clark. Fees are due by the end of February 2024.

Grad Fees include: facility rental, awards/trophy engraving, 2 tickets, gown, hat/ tassel, misc. ceremony costs, photographer & ceremony photo(s).



## Killarney Theatre

### *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!

## 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.

## Killarney Athletics

### *Bantam Girls Basketball*

35-12 win versus Templeton

35-18 loss versus Charles Tupper

6 League games remaining before playoffs.

Good luck the rest of the way!

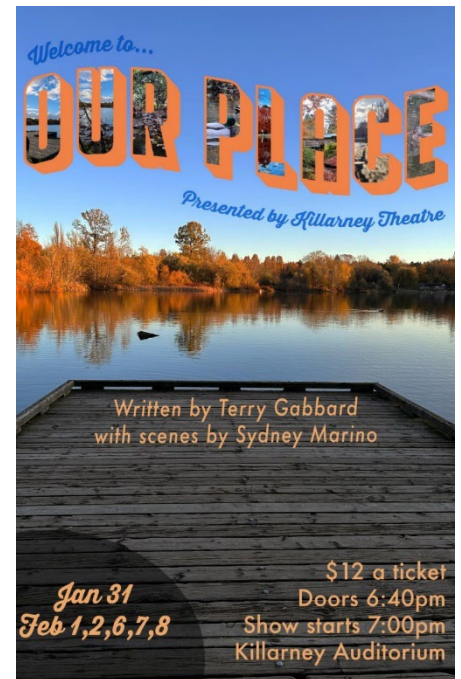
### *Junior Girls Basketball*

The team has been incredibly competitive despite their losing record.

A 37-36 loss to David Thompson, 36-33 loss to Van Tech and a 47-42 loss to Gladstone show how close the team is to winning. Keep up the good work girls!

### *Senior Girls Basketball*

League record is 5 wins and 0 losses. First place in the VSSAA Senior Girls Tier 2 Basketball League. Congratulations to Bridgette who was named BC High School Girls Player of the week. The playoffs are February 13-15 at Eric Hamber Secondary School. Good luck girls!





## *Bantam Boys Basketball*

With three regular season games to go, our Bantam Boys' team is currently undefeated (6-0) in league play. The team has made some good improvements since the Winter break and hopes to carry this momentum into the city playoffs, scheduled for late February. Highlights include finishing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams at a tournament hosted by Langara College and, a come from behind victory over local rival David Thompson in league play. The team thanks everyone for their continued support as they head into the final stretch of league play and into the city playoffs!

## *Juvenile Boys Basketball*

This may be the busiest team in the school with a very heavy Tournament/Exhibition schedule and 12 league games. The team is currently undefeated in league play and in first place. Important games remaining against strong teams from Kitsilano, Tupper and Churchill will determine their final playoff seeding. Good luck boys!

## *Junior Boys Basketball*

Junior boys continued their play as they finished the regular season 4-1. While they await their seeding for playoffs, they will cap off exhibition games by hosting the Cougar Classic January 31st - February 2nd. At the recent "Beyond Mars Invitational" hosted by North Delta, the Cougars won third with Caine Fahrni selected as a 1st Team All-Star and Rey awarded 2nd Team All-Star.

## *Senior Boys Basketball*

The Senior boys wrapped up their regular season with a significant win over Eric Hamber in a must-win game backed by a fantastic group of parents, fans, and alumni. Although they finished 2-3, the Seniors must wait for the conclusion of league play to see if they will advance to the VSSAA city championships Feb 8/9th at Lord Byng. Last week the Cougars hosted their annual Cougar Classic and took home third place with Mitchell being selected as a 1st Team All-Star. The Cougars will graduate their entire starting lineup: Dominic, Matthew, Mitchell, George, and Sheridan.

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

### *Next Meeting*

Please join us **ONLINE** for your next meeting on February 28th, 2024 at 7pm.

### *Direct Donation Campaign*

We are reaching out to all parents and families of students attending Killarney Secondary to ask you to consider a financial contribution towards the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to be used for student activities throughout the year. As you know, the education budgets do not cover a lot of the activities that enrich our students' experience at the school. The PAC is approached for assistance with items such as extracurricular clubs and sports teams, conference days, Fine Arts, and Dry Grad.

While the PAC applies for money from BC Gaming each year, we received more requests than we can fund with the grant money. So, we need your help to continue supporting the extracurricular activities that enrich our children's lives and education.

The PAC welcomes and encourages all parents to get involved in whatever way you can throughout the school year. For those parents who are unable to volunteer their time, a financial contribution is a great way to support our students. Your contribution will help create the best possible learning environment and experience for all students at our school.

Official tax receipts will be issued for a minimum of \$20 donations.

### **HOW TO DONATE**

You can now donate online and receive your tax receipt immediately.

Go to your School Cash Online account at <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



# Killarney Cougar News

February 2024

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Log in and look for the [MAKE A DONATION](#) button at the top of the page:

- 1) Choose from the list of donation amounts, or enter a specific amount.
- 2) Choose S-Killarney PAC from the dropdown list.
- 3) Click on "Add To Cart"
- 4) Click on Continue and follow the instructions to pay

## **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.