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February 6, 2025

Principal's message

Good February!

We are finishing the first full week of semester two! It's invigorating to have the opportunity to start from the beginning in anything and to start again with a new commitment and mindset taking forward what you learned about what challenged you and also what made you successful and perhaps most of all what made you feel good. Having grown up in a competitive environment I spent a lot of my life measuring myself against others and one of the major changes to this was encountering the notion of **Personal Best** (in marathoning). I didn't need to care about what others were doing, I just needed to work with my own goals. What are your child's personal goals and what are they hoping for as a personal best?

The theatre staff and students are just finishing their major production this week of their high school Musical – Maplewood High...written by a former Killarney student...and a staggering percentage of the students get involved in some way – around 10%!!! Also, basketball for girls and boys teams will enter the playoffs this month marking the end of a four month season. Both the theatre program and the basketball program **run on the time, energy, and caring of superstar volunteers** – both adults and children. If your child was involved and you were able to see them doing something that they have made a commitment to please share your appreciation with them of watching them perform and also please take the time to **express your appreciation** – through an in-person word, email, or other – to the volunteer coach, teacher, scorekeeper etc....who make these fantastic experiences possible. As Fred Rogers said, "**the greatest gift we can give someone is our attention.**"

Chris Parker
Principal

2024-2025

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

Vice Principal: Ms. B. Dowle (gr. 8/11)

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 9)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Mr. O. Goncalves

Grade 9: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 10: Mr. R. Tanabe

Grade 11: Ms. S. Glyniany

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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February Days with Changes to the Schedule

Tuesday, February 11th – PM Collaborative Day, early dismissal for students

Friday, February 14th – District Wide Professional Development Day, no school for students

Monday, February 17th – BC Family Day, school closed

Communicating Student Learning

Final Report Cards for Semester 1 were published on Thursday, January 30th. You can retrieve them on [MyEducationBC](#) by logging into your child’s account.

Report Publication Schedule:

- Reports are published three times each semester.
 - **Interim Report:** Provides comments on a learning standard where students show a strength, an area for growth, and next steps (often tied to the learning standard where the student can grow).
 - **Mid-Semester and Final Reports:** 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 receive a strength-based comment describing their progress in relation to the learning standards.

Full-Year Courses:

- Students in full-year courses will be assessed on:
 - First-semester Mid-Year report
 - First-semester Final report
 - Second-semester Final report

Accessing Reports:

- All reports are published and accessible on the MyEdBC website.
- Reminder emails will be sent home on the days the reports are published.
- Please remember to download and save the reports onto your computer.

The table below shows this year’s publishing dates.

2024-25 School Year		
Report	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Reports Published	Reports Published
Interim	10-Oct	13-Mar
Mid Semester	21-Nov	25-Apr
Final	30-Jan	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 in their portfolio on SpacesEdu.



Course Planning

Course Planning has begun for students for the 2025/2026 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 19th.

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.

Killarney Theatre

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMPANY!

A HUGE congratulations to the Cast and Crew of "Maplewood High the Musical"! The cast and crew performed to sold out audiences for 6 magical nights receiving rave reviews from audience members. We are so proud of all the hard work the students put into this production behind the scenes and on stage- you all truly showed what it is like to reach for the stars! BRAVO! Many memories were made, and connections were formed. A big thank you to all the students, leaders, adult mentors, alumni students, parents, teachers and volunteers who helped bring this wonderful production to life!

UPCOMING THEATRE KILLARNEY OPPORTUNITY:

Audition for Spring Fever our Spring One Act Festival! Come one, come all, this is an opportunity open to any Killarney Secondary School Student interested in being involved in theatre. This is a student directed one act festival, and much fun will be had.



AUDITIONS: Feb 27th after school in C105

Look for the sign up and information about the audition across from C105 on the bulletin board! See any of the Drama teachers, Ms. Mattock, Mr. Rocchetta or Taylor Tuson with any questions!

Robotics Team

The Killarney Robotics Team, KNOTbot, has worked hard since the beginning of the school year and have made excellent progress. They previously competed in a competition in December but unfortunately faced many technical issues, resulting in poor performance. That did not stop them, however. They have worked tirelessly for a month to improve their robot to endure the challenges of the game, all in preparation for the next competition.

Saturday, January 18th was last opportunity to advance to provincials, the competition was very intense, competing against 20 teams from across the lower mainland. In qualification matches, the team won just over half of their matches, putting them in 5th place. During alliance selection, they were selected by the team from Prince of Wales Secondary, and they competed together in the playoff matches. Unfortunately, the team did not perform as well as they hoped. In the first match, they lost by a huge margin, but the second match ended in a narrow victory. In their final match, they performed much better than all their previous matches but still lost the game. This resulted in a ranking of 3rd place. The competition was not over, however. At the awards ceremony, the team was elated to hear their team's name announced for the winner of the Think Award. This award would advance them to the provincial competition, the BC Championship, on February 22nd and 23rd. This competition was in Victoria, so they will have to go on a trip to compete.

Competing in these competitions, especially overnight ones across a ferry ride, are not easy. Expenses include buying parts, competition fees, transportation, hotels, and much more. The team has done many fundraising events to raise the necessary money. Some include a cookies sale at the school, and donuts sales at nearby stores. They have also received support from KPAC and would like to thank them for their gracious support.

The Killarney Robotics Club is open to all students to join. If this sounds interesting and you would like to take part in something similar, or just to experiment with robotics, join the club! Meetings are held each Thursday afterschool until 4pm in room A335.

Good luck to the Killarney Robotics Team!





Graduation

Ceremony

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 3, 2025 at 7pm 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, Ms. Sum. Fees are due by the end of February 2025.

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

Students have been asked to complete a grad ceremony participation survey. The survey can be found in MS TEAMS in the grade 12 team. Please ensure the survey is completed by February 7th.

Prom

Prom has been scheduled for June 19th at the Pan Pacific. More information to follow.

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 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](#)

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)



Killarney Cougar News

February 2025

- 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

Since last update Killarney has hosted three more Cougar Classic Tournaments!

Our **juvenile boys** lost a nail biter to claim fourth at their Cougar Classic. They followed that up with a 7th place finish at the 12-team Burnaby South Tournament, which had a very strong field. The team will be fighting for a playoff spot on Feb 3rd. Our **senior boys** and **junior boys** teams were next to host. The senior boys took home the gold trophy with a close victory over Vancouver Technical School. The junior boys also took gold with a dominant victory of Seaquam. Congratulations teams, well deserved!

All teams are headed to playoffs and teams are preparing to play their best basketball. We have a few more home games and will be hosting City Finals for the Junior Boys Basketball Teams. If you would like to catch some of the action, see the following game dates being played at Killarney Secondary School.

Mon Feb 3	Juv Boys BB vs Temp 3:45pm
Tue Feb 4	Bant Girls BB vs Kits 3:45pm
Wed Feb 5	Bant Boys BB vs Brit 3:45pm
Tue Feb 11	Jr Boys City Championship 3pm-9pm
Wed Feb 12	Jr Boys City Championship 3pm-9pm
Thu Feb 13	Jr Boys City Championship 3pm-9pm

A friendly reminder:

If you are the parent/guardian of a Killarney Student-Athlete, please ensure your child's athletic fees have been paid through <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>