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February 9, 2026

Dear Killarney School Community,

February is a short month but there is lots going on at the school that gives a good sense of the opportunities for students to feel part of a connected community. This Thursday we will have a Valentine's dance that is open to all students and follows a very fun and successful grad dance at the end of January. Sign up for Spring Athletics is open to students on their Teams channel and starting February 17 there will be over a week of shows for the major school play that close to 200 students are involved with from actors to set design. There are also math contests and the Canadian Computing Challenge. Schools continue to be the most valuable place for young people to connect so encourage your child to participate!

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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## February Days with Changes to the Schedule

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – PM Collaborative Day, early dismissal for students

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – District Wide Professional Development Day, no school for students

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – BC Family Day, school closed

## Course Planning

Course Planning has begun for students for the 2026/2027 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 20th.**

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.

## "Big Idea" Student Grant

Congratulations to Jarshitha, Holly, and Mim in Grade 8 for receiving the Big O Tires BC "Big Idea" Student Grant! This grant supports students in bringing creative, community-focused initiatives to life.

Their project, **Killarney Voices**, is a student-led news and podcast team that will spotlight school events, clubs, and voices from across the Killarney community. Using a portable recording setup, students will create short podcasts and video news segments to share on the school website, during advisory, and online.



## Killarney Theatre

### **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. Both Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are SOLD OUT.** 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. We can't for you to share in the joy of this story. We look forward to seeing you on show nights!

### **Looking ahead- Student directed and written one act festival!! Spring Fever.**

This is open to all students to come out an audition as our Senior students write, produce and direct their one act plays. Auditions for Spring Fever will happen **Thursday March 5th at 3pm**. Look out for information and sign up. Don't miss out taking part of this awesome festival.

**KILLARNEY THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS**

**THE HEART OF HARTLEY MALL**

**WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY SYDNEY MARINO**

**TICKETS \$12**  
**DOORS @ 6:10PM**  
**SHOW @ 6:30PM**  
**FEB 18,19,20 & 24,25,26**  
**KILLARNEY SECONDARY IN C105**



## **South Vancouver Neighbourhood House presents: FRIDAY DROP-IN SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT SINGLE PARENTS**

**Where:** in person at South Vancouver Neighbourhood House or on line via MS Teams

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**When:** every other Friday

**Contact info:** [kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org](mailto:kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org) | 604-324-6212 ext. 117

Are you a single parent looking for support? Join our Friday Drop-in support for Immigrant Single Parents 🧑👤

 Drop-In Schedule

In-person (6470 Victoria Drive) or on MS Teams | Fridays bi-weekly | 10:00am – 2:00pm

Join us online or in-person for

- 🌱 Direct settlement and family support
- 🌱 Community resources
- 🌱 Referrals for single parents to access appropriate services and programs

This drop-in program is easy access and flexible for participants and does not require ongoing attendance. Our services are confidential, and we are here to provide you with direct support for your needs.

Register at: [Friday Drop-in Support for Immigrant Single Parents](#)



**SVNH** SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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## Vancouver Coastal Health: HPV Cancer Prevention Vaccine Available for Grade 10-12 Students



- The HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine helps protect against several types of cancer, including throat and genital cancers.
- HPV is very common, and vaccination during the teen years provides long-term protection.
- The vaccine has been safely used for many years and is recommended by public health experts in Canada.
- In British Columbia, the HPV vaccine is provided free to students usually in grades 6 and only one dose is needed.
- Students who have not previously received this vaccine can receive it at the next immunization clinic at the school: Wednesday, May 27/26
- If you wish for your child to receive one dose of HPV vaccine, please contact your school's Public Health Nurse before May 1st to consent for the vaccine: [asifa.kassam@vch.ca](mailto:asifa.kassam@vch.ca)
- Can't remember whether you received HPV vaccination before? Please check your records at [Health Gateway](#).
- Need more information about HPV vaccine. Please check here: [HealthLink BC – HPV Vaccine](#)
- On the day of the clinic, eligible students interested in receiving HPV vaccine can attend the clinic.
- We encourage families to review trusted information and discuss whether the HPV vaccine is right for their teen.

**CANCER PREVENTION STARTS EARLY**

Vancouver Coastal Health

HPV is common and can cause cancer later in life.

Getting the HPV vaccine when you're young can protect against several cancers later in life.

**Grades 10, 11, 12:**  
If you haven't had the HPV vaccine yet, this one's for you!

**The clinic will be at the school on**  
**May 27, 2026**

**with a free HPV vaccine available**

Please contact your school nurse BEFORE the clinic if interested

[asifa.kassam@vch.ca](mailto:asifa.kassam@vch.ca)  
Scan to learn more about HPV and the vaccine

<https://www.vch.ca/en/health-topics/hpv>



## 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 Survey*

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 6<sup>th</sup>. Students must be logged into MS 365 with their school account to complete the survey.

### *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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *Prom*

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



# Killarney Cougar News

February 2026

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## 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.