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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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January 10, 2024

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back and into the **best year ever!** Hopefully you have come back fresh, well-rested, and with a sense of where you are on your journey.

Well, regardless of where you think you might be, let me tell you that there are now **16 days left** in this semester – at that time half of your courses for the year will be over! If you are missing something, **now** is the time to get it done! ‘Work will work when nothing else will work’ is an old expression. Our minds were made to get caught up in thinking and wishing and rationalizing things and that’s all fine and well, but it is fulfilling to just get started on work and worry about the rest later...getting work done makes us feel better!

The concept of a New Year’s resolution is very well known, but the truth is that every day brings us the opportunity to make small changes for the better, fix a mistake, be kind to ourselves, work hard, and know when we just need a rest. A lot of the time it’s about getting out of our own way...that things have to be a certain way or nothing.

If you have been setback or not gotten what you wanted expected, use it as a teaching tool and see what it has to offer you to commit, re-commit, or change something that you have been doing.

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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January Late Start

Friday, January 19 – Late start for Collaborative time (10:05am)

Semester Turnaround

February 1st and 2nd 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 5th.

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).

Grad Photos

Students that have not yet had their grad photo taken at Artona Studios can still do so by calling 604-872-7272 to schedule an appointment. If you would like your grad photo in the yearbook and on the grad composite, please make sure you book an appointment.

Details:

- Photo sessions are at Artona - 353 W 7th Ave
- Each appointment takes ~20 minutes and you will get a variety of grad and personal photos taken. A 5 person family pose is included as part of your session.
- All graduation regalia (gowns, school colours, hats) and props are supplied by the photographer. You are encouraged to bring your own props :)
- A 100% fully refundable \$60 deposit is required at the time of your photo session and is a store credit. If you wish to purchase photos after viewing your previews, the \$60 deposit is applied to your order online. If you choose not to order, simply return the print previews within 30 days and have your \$60 deposit fully refunded.
- Deposit tickets are available for students who demonstrate financial need. Artona financial aid enables students to get their grad photos taken and a digital package. Please talk to your Counsellor well in advance.
- You do not need to purchase anything for your photo to be on the composite and in the yearbook

Staff Parking Lot

Students and parents are reminded that the inner parking lot is reserved for staff. There is lots of parking near the tennis courts and the field. Also, parents are **not allowed** to drop off or pick up their children by entering the inner parking lot.

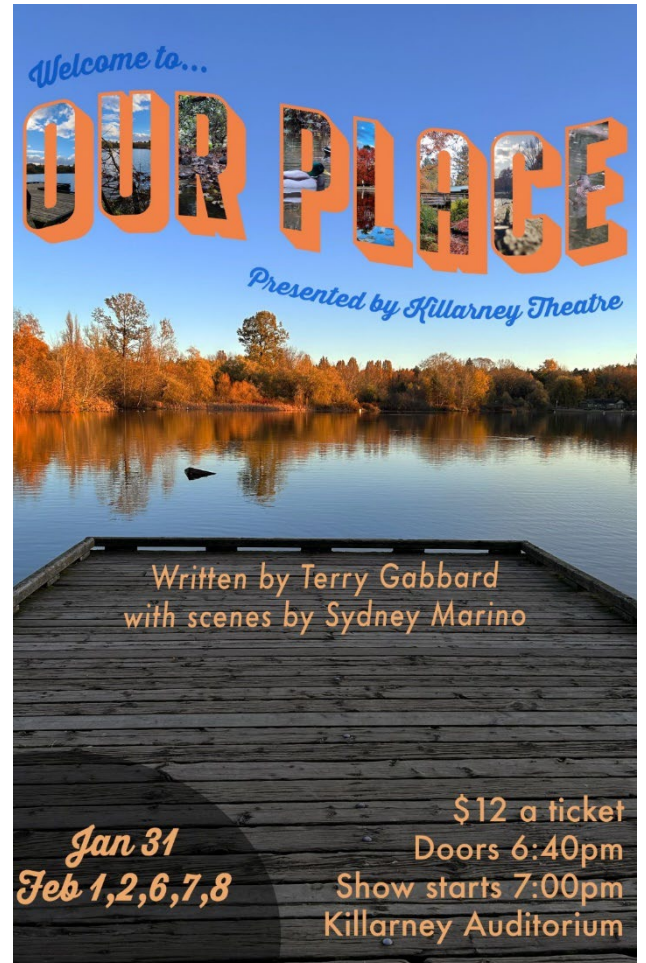
The area around the school (especially Killarney Street and 48th Avenue) gets very congested for drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Please consider dropping off students a block away from the school and meeting them at a designated spot after school.



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 31st to February 2nd and February 6-February 8th. 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! We wish everyone involved a very relaxing holiday season and know that they will come back REFRESHED for the New Year when the show begins. We look forward to seeing you all and applauding the work of our Theatre family.



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://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

Fall Sports Season

Congratulations on a very successful season of volleyball to the Killarney Juvenile Girls Volleyball team. The team qualified for city championships at Tupper Secondary with a regular season record of 4-2. After dropping their first match at playoffs to a very tall Kitsilano group, the team rallied back and dug deep to win their next two matches. They beat last year's champions in the second round and won their next match making them the consolation champions. Well done girls, and very impressive progress from all throughout the season!



Winter Sports Season

The Main Gym at Killarney Secondary will likely be the busiest gym in the City over the next few months. Killarney teams will be hosting over 90 exhibition, tournament and league games for boys and girls basketball at all levels.





Bantam Girls Basketball

The Bantam Girls Basketball has been training for the past couple of months. Their hard work has paid off with a very strong start to the season. The team has won its first 3 games defeating Lord Byng, Prince of Wales and Eric Hamber. The team is coached by former Killarney students Heindrick Teves and John Gonzalez. Congratulations on a good start!

Bantam Boys Basketball

The Bantam boys' basketball team is made up of 19 committed and hardworking individuals who are growing and improving after each practice and game. Currently, the team is undefeated (3 – 0) in league play and 3 – 3 in exhibition play. After the break, the team has two tournaments, including a 16-team tournament hosted by Langara College along with a handful of league games. The team is hoping to carry the momentum into January and then City Playoffs! Early season highlights include finishing 4th in our own Killarney Cougar Classic Tournament and remaining undefeated in league play. The team thanks everyone for their continued support! Team is coached by Mr. Tanabe and Mr. Jones.



Juvenile Boys Basketball Team

The Killarney Juvenile Boys basketball team is a team on the rise. The team won 2 tournaments in December and is a fast, competitive and hard-working team to watch out for. Led by star guard Lucas Lam, who received MVP honours at the T-Town Classic, after the team finished first place in that tournament. The combination of Jarett, Lucas & Matt are a strong supporting cast that has helped the team go undefeated in December league games. Congratulations on a great start. Keep up the good work boys! The team is coached by Killarney grads, Ethan Lam and John Easton.



Junior Girls Basketball Team

The Junior Girls Basketball Team hosted a very successful tournament with teams from all over the Lower Mainland participating. League play has begun with a couple of very close games with Britannia and David Thompson. Although the results did not go in favour of the Cougars the team is steadily improving and looking forward to upcoming league games versus Van Tech, Gladstone and John Oliver. Team is coached by Keno Magano and Aliyah Baraquio. Good luck with the rest of your season!

Senior Girls Basketball Team

The Senior Girls Basketball Team also hosted a very successful tournament with Provincially ranked teams from Pacific Academy and Maple Ridge participating. Highlight of the tournament for the Cougars was a hard fought consolation game versus Burnaby North Secondary. Bridgette Hansen scored a career high 44 points and was named to the First All Star Team.

League play continues in January with games against Van Tech, Gladstone, Windermere, Lord Byng and Eric Hamber. Team is coached by David Knight and Keno Magano. Good luck girls!

Junior & Senior Boys Basketball Teams

Both Teams are coached by the tireless Mr. Yash Zandiyeh. The teams have had a heavy exhibition and tournament schedule with some successful results. The boys are looking forward to the start of League play in January. Schedules can be found at vancouverchoolsports.ca.

Junior and Senior Boys will host an 8 team tournaments January 24-26 and January 31-February 2. Good luck to both teams with the rest of their seasons!





Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

Next Meeting

Please join us **ONLINE** for your next meeting on January 31st, 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/>

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.