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January 14, 2025

Dear Killarney Families:

Welcome to 2025!

Happy Lunar New Year as of January 29th which coincides with the student's new year of courses which also starts on January 29.

The final day for Semester one classes is January 24.

January 27 and 28th there will be no instruction /no classes. However, teachers will be available for students who have received an IE report from their teachers earlier in the year or who have outstanding work to finish.

Students will also be choosing their courses for next year this month. Counsellors will meet with students to go over these choices. As parents it is especially important for grade 10 and 11 students to consider post-secondary choices and visit the potential school websites to see what courses are necessary for entrance.

Monthly words of wisdom

Your problem today will not be your problem in 5 years...this is good...However, you will have a different problem. One of the keys to enjoying life is learning how to gracefully deal with your problems rather than wishing for the absence of them.

Honouring your child's unique journey

It is important to provide guidance and support to your child (when doing something like considering their future and what they will do after high school). At times we may experience that our child wants to change something they have been doing and strike a new path, or change what had been a goal that we liked to a goal that we are uncertain of. Patience and ample time to reflect are sensible, but when our children tell us that they need to try a new thing/way that we do not want, it is prudent to honour their unique journey and continue to provide support and belief in their ability to succeed in their new chosen path.

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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January Days with Changes to the Schedule

Friday, January 17th – AM Collaborative Day, late start for students (10:05am)

Monday, January 27th – Semester Turnaround Day, no scheduled classes

Tuesday, January 28th - Semester Turnaround Day, no scheduled classes

Semester Turnaround

January 27th and 28th 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 January 29th.

Killarney Theatre

Mainstage:

Killarney Theatre is presently producing its most ambitious Mainstage production ever: **Maplewood High: The Musical**. We are presenting an original musical this year! Set at Maplewood high, our story follows the trials and tribulations of new student Madison. Our very own alumni Sydney Marino has written and directed this singing and dancing extravaganza. Tina Do and Nikki Hammond (also previous Killarney students!) are providing musical direction and choreography. Our cast is huge and the excitement and fun in rehearsals has been contagious.

Performances are January 29th, 30th and 31st and February 4th, 5th and 6th, all starting at 6:30pm. Tickets are only \$12 and will sell out fast. Tickets can be purchased from any cast and crew member or from Mr. Rocchetta, Mr. Zotter 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. **Our Theatre Co Club this year has over 160 students involved creating, developing, and collaborating on this production- WE are SO PROUD OF THEM ALL!** What with all the support from our school community, we are sure to create an unforgettable production. Coming back in the new year has recharged us. We can't wait to have you share in the joy of this story. We look forward to seeing you on show nights.

Killarney Theatre Company Presents
MAPLEWOOD HIGH The Musical

Choreography by Nikki Rei
Musical Direction by Tina Do
Written and Directed by Sydney Marino

Tickets \$12
January 29, 30, 31
February 4, 5, 6

Doors Open @ 6:10 pm
Show Starts @ 6:30 pm
@ Killarney Auditorium

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://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

Hello and Happy New Year from Killarney Athletics!

If you would like to come watch some of the Basketball action at Killarney, click the link below to see the home game schedule.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fvSPIRt-xVjz7N1z_2WaGE8w6eJJ-2kFtQVvmQbTIPo/edit?usp=sharing

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

Updates:

We had a busy schedule in December with our **Junior and Senior Girls** each hosting a three-day Cougar Classic Tournament. A big shout out is necessary for the Junior Girls team who, after playing hard in their own tournament, played up in the Senior tournament for two games. They lost by 2 points in their first game and won their next game by 1 point in a high intensity nail-biter. The Senior Girls team also performed well, winning the bronze medal in their tournament. Congratulations athletes.

This year's **Juvenile Boys'** basketball team has made some great steps in terms of improvement this year. The team is still in the playoff hunt with three league games remaining but, important lessons have been learnt along the way as all our games this season were either won or lost by single digits. Early highlights include finishing 2nd at MacNeil's tournament and, hosting our annual Cougar Classic. The team is hoping to qualify for the city playoff tournament in early February and, we thank everyone for their support as we continue our quest. (Ryan Tanabe – Coach)

Sr Boys Basketball - Although they faced an up and down first half to the season, the Senior Boys went into the winter break having won the Pinetree Christmas Classic. They look forward to making a strong playoff run in the second half. (Coach – Yash Z.)

Sr Girl's basketball - The team has started off with strong start, considering with some roster changes at the beginning.

Our girl's lead by coach D.Knight has already played in two tourneys (Richmond Colts classic , and Killarney Cougar classic)

Both tourney's the team has competed together along with great sportsmanship as well. In both tourneys the Sr girls finished 3rd place in both and came home with some hardware too. Also the sr. girls basketball team had a couple of league games. First game before the winter break was vs Prince of Wales. The girls came out roaring from start to finish. Some fire outside shooting from Bailey Merrideth-Hooper (grade 10) , and Latasha Ross (grade 12) as well some aggressive defense and strong finishes to the hoop by Alexis Mak (grade 11). The girls won that game final score 70-55 for Killarney. Their second game after the break our girls faced John Oliver. Our lead most of the game by 15pts but J.O starting hitting some tough shots in the 4th quarter. Although again with some strong defense from all of our girls and some strong rebounding by forward Tiana Hicks(grade 11). Killarney was able to hold on to win by a score of 36-32 for Killarney.

So our girls are 2-0 so far for league play and are gearing up for the final push this month to get into the play offs. Also the team has two more tourneys as well to complete (Burnaby South Rebels classic Jan 15-17, and Hamber midtown classic Jan 23-25) All Killarney students are welcome to come out and support our team.

GO Cougars!