



# Killarney Cougar News

January 2026

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January 14, 2026

Hello and Happy New year to all.

In about a month it will be Lunar New Year and in just two weeks it will also be a new semester (starting January 28) with students beginning new courses. The students I talk to are very excited about this change and these last weeks will be filled with ensuring assignments have been completed and that final assessments have been done. Along these lines, Monday January 26 and Tuesday January 27 there will be no new instruction and no new assessment and attendance at school will be optional. This time can be available to students to complete missing work if necessary.

Next week will also see some grade 10 and 12 students writing provincial assessments – more information below.

Enjoy the sun and learn to dance in the rain,

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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## January Days with Changes to the Schedule

Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – AM Collaborative Day, late start for students (10:05am)

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Semester Turnaround Day, no scheduled classes

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Semester Turnaround Day, no scheduled classes

## IMPORTANT INFO: upcoming Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 & 12 Assessments for 2025-26

The first round of Numeracy/Literacy assessments at Killarney for the 2025-26 school year will occur between **January 19-23, 2026**.

### **GRADE 10 STUDENTS:**

- Grade 10 students enrolled in Science 10 in Semester 1 will do the **Literacy 10 assessment on Thursday, January 22nd**.
- Grade 10 students enrolled in Foundations Math 10 or Workplace Math 10 in Semester 1 will do the **Numeracy 10 assessment on Friday, January 23rd**.
- Grade 10 students enrolled in these courses in Semester 2 will do their assessments in April 2026.

### **GRADE 12 STUDENTS:**

- Grade 12 students must also do the Literacy 12 assessment. Those students with English Studies 12 in Semester 1 will do their **Literacy 12 assessment on Tuesday, January 20th**.
- Students with English Studies 12 and English First Peoples 12 in Semester 2 will write the Literacy 12 assessment in April.

\*\*\* Any student who is not enrolled in these courses at Killarney will have an opportunity to complete the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments in January, April and June 2026.

Information on how to prepare for the assessments will be posted on GRADE TEAMS with question examples and videos.

## Course Planning

Course Planning for the 2026/2027 school year begins this month.

The course planning assemblies are:

**Tuesday, Jan 13**

1:00-2:00 Gr 10

**Monday, Jan 19**

1-2 Grade 8

1-1 Grade 9

1-3 Grade 11

MyEducation BC will be open from **Monday, January 12 to Friday, February 20th** for students to input their course requests. Please be reminded that these are requests. We hope to be able to fulfill all students requests but there may be some times this may not be possible. For instance, courses may not run if there is not enough sign up for that particular class. It is important to make thoughtful choices about courses for next year because the timetable is built to meet these requests. Changes after February 20th may not be possible.



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**To input course students will need access to [MyEducation BC](#).** It would be very helpful if you could sign in with your child to make sure they have access. If they do not have access they can email [killarney@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:killarney@vsb.bc.ca) from their school email account and a reset link will be sent to their email.

If you plan on taking a Completion course or Online course this summer:

- Do not sign up for the same course at Killarney that you intend to complete in summer or online.
- Sign up for the next level of your summer course at Killarney (Example: if you take Chemistry 11 in summer, sign up for Chemistry 12 at Killarney)
- If you do not complete the summer school course as planned and wish to do take the course in September at Killarney, you may not get a seat in the course if it is full. (Committing to your plan is important!)
- Summer school schedules come out in April and the registration date will be posted when the schedule is released (usually end of April/early May)

For further information, please see:

[Killarney Course Planning Guide](#)

[Graduation Requirements Summary](#)

[Electives Information](#)

If you have questions, please reach out to your child's grade counsellor.

Walter, Mr. Scott	Grade 8	<a href="mailto:sswalter@vsb.bc.ca">sswalter@vsb.bc.ca</a>
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Leung, Mr. Ed	Grade 11	<a href="mailto:eleung@vsb.bc.ca">eleung@vsb.bc.ca</a>

## 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.** 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. This upcoming holiday season will create a necessary and refreshing break for all involved and we look forward to coming back refreshed and ready to put



on an amazing production. We can't for you to share in the joy of this story. We look forward to seeing you on show nights!

## **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)
- CJBV (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



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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.

## **KPAC**

All Killarney families are invited to the next KPAC meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 7pm in the Killarney school library.

## **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.