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March 5, 2024

Well, last weekend I saw the first apple and cherry blossoms appear, and that is a sure sign that spring is coming (despite the snow and hail that followed on Sunday).

The annual March break is also coming in just under two weeks that will take us into April. Encourage your child (or yourself if you are the child) to finish the time before the break in a strong way with self-discipline.

Also, consider as a parent – particularly a grade 11 or 12 parent - working alongside your child at this point in their life. This means listening to them and supporting them in what they are curious about and find valuable in their life, including what they are thinking of doing for post-secondary and ‘out in the real world’. The fastest path to a goal is a straight line, but few of us get to walk it. Often there are curves and disappointments that at the time can produce tears and frustration but from a positive perspective can allow us to find out more about ourselves and re-calibrate from previously held ideas.

While we are underway in the second semester, it is a changeover time for some major extracurricular sports and the Killarney theatre as well. This could be the moment you have been waiting for to find your edge! While the auditions and casts have recently been chosen for our spring theatre performance, there are many behind the scenes roles available for willing hands – this is a great place to connect and belong! Also, the Spring sports teams are emerging out of the chill winds – a giant Track and Field Team, the very popular jr and sr Ultimate teams, Girls’ soccer, Boys Volleyball at the grade 8 and 9 level, Golf, Badminton at the jr and sr level.

Begin where you are, not where someone else is. Find your edge. This is where growth occurs.

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. Glyniani

Grade 11: Ms. A. Sum/Mr. R. Ferguson

Grade 12: Mr. H. Clark



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March Changes to the regular schedule

Spring break is Monday, March 18th to Friday, March 29th. The school will also be closed on Monday, April 1st for Easter Monday. We will re-open Tuesday, April 2nd.

Interim Reports for Semester 2

Interim reports, containing a work habit assessment and a comment, will be published in the MyEd Family portal by 3:00 pm on March 7th.

Student Absence Notification

Please note that effective March 1st our absence notification system has changed. Absence notifications will be sent to parents via email only from MyEdBC. The notification will indicate that your student had one or more absences but it will not indicate the name of your child. If you have multiple students that attend Killarney please log on to MyEdBC to check for absences.

Student Learning Survey 2023/2024

During the months of January to April, Vancouver School District #39 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province. See the attached letter for more information.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm May 3rd, 2024**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2024: Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 students complete the survey; students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 will complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a school will complete the survey. Schools may survey other grade levels after finishing the grades above.

Parents and Guardians/Caregivers please complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: the name of your child's district (Vancouver 39)
 - School: the name of your child's school (Killarney Secondary)
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished with the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.



Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day, the province's Anti-Bullying awareness effort, arrived with limited fanfare Wednesday, February 28th. Things may have started drearily (to match the day's weather), but Killarney's Anti-Bullying Club, with help from the Leadership class, raised spirits with a lunchtime fest in the cafeteria. The (extremely positive) music was bumping, those students in pink were rewarded with candy and prizes, and the Leadership class led students in a "Hands of Affirmation" session, allowing students to tape word of positivity to the cafeteria walls. Huzzah! And no student was bullied for not wearing pink, despite the obvious chance to teach irony. Special thanks to Ms. Zejad, Ms. Tuson, and Mr. Nakada for their work on this.



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 now past due.**

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

Graduate Information Survey

Students have been asked to complete a survey informing the school if they will be participating in the grad ceremony and choosing their gown length. If your student has not yet completed the survey they can do so here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6ZeNm3iRYR> (students must be logged into MS Office with their school account to complete the survey).

Student Pick-up/Drop off

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 Athletics

The Winter Sports season at Killarney has come to a conclusion. What a Season!

Over 100 boys and girls basketball games were played. Killarney hosted 6 tournaments and 3 VSSAA Championships (Bantam Boys, Juvenile Boys and Junior Boys).

A special thank you to our scorekeepers, timers and 30 sec shot clock people. This group was led by the incomparable Norwin who has volunteered for over 400 games during his 5 years at Killarney!!! Grace, Esme and Azriel are also deserving of some special recognition.

On the court 4 of our 7 teams were in the VSSAA Championship Games.

Senior Girls and Juvenile Boys are VSSAA Champions.

Bantam Girls Basketball

A successful season with a 6 win 3 loss record in league play. The team lost to a tough Tupper team in the first round of the playoffs. Congratulations on a great season!

Bantam Boys Basketball

This team had 7 wins and 2 losses in league play and were eliminated in the second round of the playoffs. A keen group of players with a promising future.

Juvenile Boys Basketball

This team probably played more games than any other team at Killarney and made it all the way to the City Championship Game versus the defending Champs from Tupper. The team played in front of a packed gymnasium and came from behind for a hard fought victory.





Junior Boys Basketball

Another outstanding year for this team. For the 3rd straight year the team made it to the City Championship Game and played in front of a raucous crowd in the Killarney Main Gym. Unfortunately, they were not victorious, losing to Van Tech in a hard fought and physical game. However, the team did still advance to the Provincial Invitational Tournament and got their revenge defeating Van Tech and finishing in 10th place out of 24 teams. Great job boys!



Senior Boys Basketball

The Senior Boys Team played in the VSSAA City Championship Game versus Winston Churchill. Game was tied with 21 seconds to go. Unfortunately, the boys were not able to finish with a victory, but it was a great effort! Congratulations to all the graduating players and good luck to the players continuing on next year.





Senior Girls Basketball

An outstanding season for this team.

VSSAA Senior Girls Tier 2 City Champions. Congratulations!

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

Next Meeting

Please join us **ONLINE** for your next meeting on April 24th, 2024 at 7pm.

Scentsy Fundraiser

Mar 1 – Apr 19

Scentsy Shopping spree “Fundraiser”

Hosted by the Killarney Parent Advisory Council Benefiting the Students of Killarney Secondary Scentsy, offers innovative and customizable products that warm the heart, enliven the senses, and inspire the soul. Scentsy features safe, fragrant alternatives to traditional wicked candles, on-the-go fragrances, laundry care, inventive cleaning solutions and luxurious personal care products for women, men, and kids.

Order Link: <https://monicajut.scentsy.ca/party/18196399/kpac-scentsy-shopping-spree>

Contact: Monica Jut (KPAC CHAIR)

Cell: 604-561-7737

Email: monicajut@gmail.com

Place an order with me via phone and save \$14 on shipping! (Shipping date 2 weeks after end date of fundraiser – unless you opt for direct shipping which ships 2 weeks after placing an order.)

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



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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.