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November 1, 2023

Hello Killarney families and welcome to November. We are more than 40% through the first 4 classes of the year. Hopefully, things are going well and your child is engaged in school life through their studies and extra-curricular activities. It is a good time to reflect on how the year has gone so far and commit to new growth and change – particularly when we are not seeing the desired results. Little changes, awareness, and attention make a big difference. Now is always the perfect and only moment to start.

Midterm reports for classes are coming November 20 with Parent Teacher conferences to follow later that week.

Club events, shows, and athletic events continue to happen...Last week we had choir students show their talents during old school vs. new school night, theatre company is in full rehearsal, and the Fall athletics seasons are coming to a regular season end...that means Winter sports are about to begin – mainly basketball. Last Friday we had a post-secondary and university fair at the school for grade 11 and 12 students, and also had an assembly for grades 10 and 11 students interested in a career in trades. Students can spend their last semester in grade 12 working towards trade certification. Coming soon is the Killarney Night of Talent – Tuesday, November 21 – why pay \$700 for Beyonce tickets when you can see the next Beyonce for \$3!

Some thoughts on working with adolescents:

I often work with students who are having difficulty with their behaviour. Young people struggle with the expression and management of big and difficult emotions –especially how to handle them. When working with a young person it is important to recognize or validate the emotion they are struggling with, like anger, despair, or sadness. It is important to be able to name it. Often as a parent/adult we want to steer our children away from these emotions because we are scared of them existing in our child or we do not know how to solve these feelings. So we try to divert them and move them off of the emotion - “hey, don’t be sad, let’s go for dinner and we can cheer up,” or we try to tell them to move on to something else, or we become angry and emotional in response to their emotions. Instead, we can begin by just trying to name their emotion...for example, “How are you feeling...what are you feeling”, “you seem sad today/lately...are you sad because?”. If you get it wrong, they will correct you and open into conversation. Once we can acknowledge what they are feeling, listen to them, and validate their emotion, we can then turn to offering guidance or direction on an action that can come next.

Chris Parker, Principal

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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November Non-Instructional Days & Early Dismissals

Monday, November 13th – School Closed - Day in lieu of Remembrance Day holiday
Tuesday, November 21st – Early dismissal for Collaborative time (1:45pm)
Thursday, November 23rd – Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences (2:05pm)
Friday, November 24th – Non-Instructional Day, no school for students

Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10/12 Assessments 2023-24

The first round of Numeracy/Literacy assessments started this week. Grade 10 students with Science in the first semester will do the Numeracy assessment on November 1st and the Literacy assessment on November 3rd. Students with Science in semester 2 will do their assessments in April. Grade 12 students also have to do the Literacy 12 assessment. Those students with English Studies 12 in the first semester wrote the literacy assessment on October 30th. Students with English Studies 12 in semester 2 will write the Literacy assessment in April.

Remembrance Day Holiday

School will be closed on Monday, November 13th for the day in lieu of the national Remembrance Day holiday. Remembrance Day assemblies will be held on Friday, November 10th.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

KAFT is selling Poinsettias this year. All students in the theatre/photo/film program were given the order forms at the beginning of November. These are amazing, large, and luscious plants that are perfect for the holiday season. Deadline to place your order for the KAFT's poinsettia fundraiser is Tuesday November 21st at 3:15pm. Please place your order by having your child see either Mr. Rocchetta/Ms. Mattock or Ms. Tuson. The delivery / pick up date will be on Monday, November 27th after school in room C105/C106/C104. Any questions feel free to call the school. Thanks for your support.

**They come in Red, pink or white colours.

Cost is \$11 each or 2 for \$20---

A GREAT DEAL!!!



Grad Photos

Grade 12's can book an appointment for grad photos at Artona Studios. The photo sessions for Killarney grads will be taking place from November 7 to 13, 2023.

<https://artona.com/schools/KILL/programs/graduation>



Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

Consent forms from Vancouver Coastal Health were given to students/parents. These individual forms detail the vaccination history for your child and list recommended vaccinations for 2023-2024. The vaccination clinic for our school will be on November 30th. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call your Public Health Nurse, Asifa Kassam at 604-321-6151 ext. 3332.

Mid Semester Reports

Each written Learning Update includes:

- Communication of student learning in relation to learning standards in all current areas of learning, using the Provincial Proficiency Scale (Grades 8 & 9) or letter grades and percentages (Grades 10 - 12).
- Feedback describing student strengths, areas for future growth, and opportunities for further development.
- Information about student attendance.
- Information about student work habits is possible.

This report will be published on the MyEducation family portal on November 20th.

Semester One

- November 20th – Mid-semester Report
- November 23rd – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 8th – Final Semester Report

Parent Teacher Conferences

School will be dismissed early on November 23rd at 2:05 pm to allow staff to prepare for Parent-Teacher conferences. Parents will use an appointment scheduling program to schedule online meetings with teachers regarding the progress of their child. More details on how to schedule meetings and how to get into the online meetings will be forthcoming.

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Fruit and Vegetable Program

Killarney participates in the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Fruit and Vegetable school program. BC growers provide nutritious fruits and vegetables, free of charge, for our students to enjoy. Students learn about the variety of foods grown in this province and healthy options for snacking. We have already sampled pears and apples this year! The school receives a delivery approximately every month. A special thanks to Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Matsuzaki and their students for organizing the deliveries and facilitating distribution to our students.

Killarney Night of Talent (KNOT)

Student Council is once again planning for the Killarney Night of Talent. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talent. The process began with auditions in October, the show will take place on Tuesday, November 21st. More details to come.

School Fees

If you have not done so already, please pay any outstanding school fees. Student fees are listed online on the School Cash Online site at <http://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>. Reminder notices have been emailed to the parents of students with outstanding fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all of school fee are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.



Students with Medical Conditions

Parents & Guardians, please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school i.e.: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures and severe asthma, serious heart conditions. This information will be kept in the office and shared with appropriate school staff. You are responsible for ensuring that the school is informed of any changes to medical information or emergency contact information throughout the year.

Please assist us in keeping our records current by completing our [MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM](#). Forms are also available from the main office for pick up.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or backpack which travels to class and on field trips with them. Emergency supplies/medications stored in lockers will delay access to the medication during an emergency. Some parents choose to keep an extra epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid room. If this option is chosen, parents are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed. Please see and speak with the First Aid Attendants to make arrangements.

Also, a “Medication Administration” form completed by a physician is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available from the office.

Additionally, if there are specific concerns about a student’s health in a particular class, for example, P.E. for a student who has seizures or Foods class for a student with anaphylaxis to peanuts, please communicate this information directly to the appropriate teacher and grade counselor. A Community Health Nurse is available to discuss health concerns upon request from school staff, parents or students. A Community Health Nurse can be reached by calling South Community Health Office at 604-321-6151 (ext. 3332).

Student Attendance

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to report their child’s absence by emailing klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca. Absences will only be recorded as excused if the email is received from the parent email. Please include the following information:

- Name:
- Student Number:
- Grade:
- Date of Absence:
- Reason for Absence:

Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

The Senior Boys Volleyball Team had a slow start to the season. There were injuries and team cohesion that the team had to deal with early on. As the season progressed, led by our Senior Team Captain Ryder, the team played extremely well and finished the regular season with a respectable record of 4-3. Notable mention to our 4 Grade 12 team members graduating this year: Norwin, Earl, Anson and Ryder! Best of luck with your future Journey. Great Job TEAM!

Coach: Brandon Nguyen and Jacky Koo





The Senior Boys Soccer Team had a great season. The League record was 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. They advanced to the playoffs but lost in the first round to a strong team from Lord Byng. Down 2-0 in the first half the team came out on fire in the second half. The boys pressured Lord Byng resulting in a goal and 3 crossbars. Luck was not on the Cougars side, but everyone played hard and left everything on the field. Most Valuable Players were Owen and Nicholas. Congratulations on a successful season! Many thanks to Coach Henny Hui of his commitment to the team for the past 3 years.

The Junior Boys Volleyball Team started the seasons off slowly, but with hard work, motivation and lots of practice the boys are now fighting for a berth in the Vancouver City Championships. The team has had a busy schedule attending the Burnaby North Tournament and the New Westminster Tournament, placing in the top 10. Best of luck to the boys for the rest of the season! A special thank you to Coach Genesse Pagunsan for her dedication to the team.



The Juvenile Boys Soccer Team is a combination of talented grade 8 and 9 boys. They have been very successful this season and have advanced to the City Championship Semi Final game after defeating University Hill 3-0. Next game is against the first place Winston Churchill Bulldogs on Wednesday November 1st at 3pm at Kitsilano Secondary School. Good luck to the boys and Coach Daniel Petkovic!

The Bantam Girls Volleyball Team is in the middle of their season and has shown real improvement. The team has had some very competitive matches and is looking forward to the City Championship Tournament in late November. Next home game is Thursday November 2 at 345pm versus David Thompson. The team is coached by Mr. Jones and Ms. Veness Kehler. Special thank you to Student Assistant Coaches Yvette, Lucas and Tasmia.

The Juvenile Girls Volleyball Team has had an amazing season so far. With only a couple of games left in league play, the team remains undefeated. This team of 15 passionate players are dedicated toward improving every practice and are working hard to understand playing the game through all its complexities. Good luck in the last couple of games and playoffs. Team is Coached by Mr. Westereng.



The Cross-Country Team is on the verge of concluding yet another successful season. The boys' and girls' teams competed in a series of League races culminating in their defence of the Killarney Invitational Team Championship for the fourth year in a row. The team followed that win with great performances at last week's Sea to Sky Zone Championships. Ava and Grace had spectacular races finishing 8th and 12th respectively and qualifying for Provincial Championships this weekend at Crescent Park in Surrey. The Boys' team, led by Lowell (3rd), Dixon (8th), Jacob (11th) and Jeffery (36th) finished second at Zone Championships and look to defend their Provincial Championship title from 2022 on Saturday in Surrey.

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

Next Meeting

All parents with children attending Killarney are invited to participate in meetings of the Killarney Parents Advisory Council. The next meeting is on November 29th at 7:00 pm.

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

We're teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier to fundraise for your Killarney PAC in hopes of raising \$3000!

Stock up on your favourite Purdys treats (did someone say Hedgehogs??) AND support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds. All fundraising profit raised will directly support Killarney PAC (which supports *your* children!), so every order makes a great difference to us. Now's the time to buy holiday gifts for all those special people in your life.

Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate. Just follow this link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1744379-109473>, put in your email address, click "Join Campaign", enter campaign number **67711**, and order to your heart's content!

The order deadline is Wednesday, November 29th, so get shopping! You'll be able to pick up your order at Killarney Secondary on December 14th.

Thank you for your support!

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.