



Killarney Cougar News

November 2024

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November 6, 2024

Dear Killarney Families:

Happy November!

As the admin team we are committed to be present and visible throughout the day and connecting with our students and staff. Overall, the school year has been going very smoothly and there is a calm, caring atmosphere in the hallways, classrooms, and cafeteria.

When we encounter a person or group of people encountering challenges or conflict, we seek to understand what is driving a person's behaviour and get them to a place where they can become aware of what's driving them and how it is impacting both themselves and others.

The wisest person I ever heard speak was Dr. Martin Brokenleg and he said the proper question is not "what's wrong with you," but rather "what happened to you."

The culture here is also built around the many opportunities that the students have to participate in activities that are meaningful (and mobile) to them. We are just coming to the end of the Fall sports season with Volleyball, soccer, and x-country teams participating in the playoffs. Next comes basketball season along with Girls' ice hockey.

Tonight is Killarney Night of Talent where you can come and see live performances including dancing, bands, singing, and other talents. With any concert tickets now over \$150 you can be incredibly entertained for only \$5!!!

Take good care of yourself,

Chris Parker
Principal

2024-2025

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 9)

Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 8/11)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: TBD

Grade 9: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 10: TBD

Grade 11: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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November Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Monday, November 11th – Remembrance Day, SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday, November 19th – PM Collaborative Day, early dismissal for students (1:45pm)
- Friday, November 22nd – District wide Professional Development Day. School will not be in session for students.

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.
- Student Core Competency Reflection #1 will be included at this time. Please view your child's reflection on SpacesEdu by accessing your child's account.

This report will be published on the MyEducation family portal on November 21st.

Semester One

- November 21st – Mid-semester Report
- January 30th – Final Semester Report

Killarney Night of Talent (KNoT)

On November 6th, Killarney's Student Government will, once again, be hosting the student talent extravaganza **Killarney Night of Talent (KNoT)**. Thirteen different acts will be vying for first prize in a show that will be epic. Tickets are only \$5 (two toonies and a loonie!) for an amazing display of young talent.

When: Wednesday, November 6th, 2024

Time: 7pm (doors open at 6:30, festival seating)

Tickets: \$5 from any Student Government member, or from any participant.

Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10/12 Assessments 2024-25

The first round of Numeracy/Literacy assessments started this week. Grade 10 students enrolled in Physical Health and Education 10 in the first semester will do the Numeracy assessment on October 30 and the Literacy assessment October 31. Students with Physical Health and Education 10 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 will do their Literacy 12 assessment on November 5th. Students with English Studies 12 and English First Peoples 12 in semester 2 will write the Literacy assessment in April. Finally, any student who is not enrolled in Physical Health and Education 10, English Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12 at Killarney will have an opportunity to complete the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments in April and June 2025.

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

Remembrance Day Holiday

School will be closed on Monday, November 11th for the national Remembrance Day holiday. Remembrance Day assemblies will be held on Friday, November 8th.



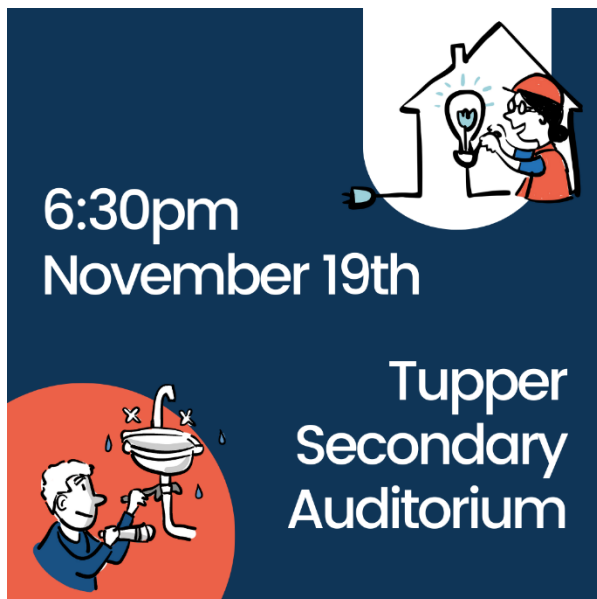
Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

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 2024-2025. The vaccination clinic for our school will be on November 20th. 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.

Construction Trades Info Night

Students and families interested in learning more about how training and apprenticeship in a construction trade could be part of a graduation pathway are invited to join us and a number of employers and training providers on November 19th at 6:30pm in the Tupper Auditorium.

Students who pre-register will get a BONUS entry in the draw for door prizes. Please pre-register using this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/0cc6kb02xD> (student's must be logged in to MS365 with their school account to pre-register).



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 13 to 18, 2024.

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](#)

Poinsettia Fundraiser

KAFT is selling Poinsettias this year. Get ready for the holidays with these beautiful plants- they make great gifts. 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 **Monday November 25th at 3:15pm**. Please place your order by having your child see either Mr. Rocchetta/Mr. Zotter or Ms. Tuson. You can also call the school. **The delivery / pick up date will be on Monday, December 2nd 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!!!



Yearbook 2024-2025

Each year the school produces an outstanding, award-winning yearbook which documents the life of the school for the year. The deadline to purchase the 2024-2025 book at a discounted early-bird price of \$45 is October 31st. After this date, the price rises to \$55. So, save some money and order your book now!

Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

Fall sports teams have been very busy and working hard to polish their skills, league play is coming to an end, and playoffs are about to begin.

Winter season basketball teams are in the process of completing try-outs (all grades boys/girls).

Fall sports currently competing include:

Soccer Teams – grades 8/9 and 10-12

Girls Volleyball – grades 8, 9, 10, 11/12

Boys Volleyball - grades 10, 11,12.

Aquatics team

Cross country



For the latest schedules and standings visit the website below.

https://www.vancooverschoolsports.ca/leagues/custom_page.cfm?leagueID=0&clientID=223&pageID=21514&link=Pro&xx=4

Aquatics

Congratulations to our Killarney Swimmers who competed in the Zones Swimming Championships this past Friday. Our swimmers performed exceptionally with multiple best times, provincial berths and nail-biting medal performances. Ysabelle Guzman (Grade 9) won a bronze medal in the 100 Breaststroke qualifying her for provincials while the Boys Relay Team of Jayden Chung (Grade 11), Freddy Ding (Grade 10), Issac Yip (Grade 10) and Jaden Leung (Grade 10) finished 6th in the 200 Medley Relay and Silver in the 200 Freestyle relay mere hundredths of a second from Gold. Jaden Leung went on to also place 3rd in the 50 freestyle and 2nd in the 100 freestyle. Good Luck at Provincials on November 15th.

Cross Country

Congratulations goes out to Killarney's Cross-Country team for another successful season. Twenty-four athletes trained daily and competed over a series of league races, a zone championship, and a provincial championship. At zone championships, the **senior boys** (*Jacob Amos, Dixon Klassen, Luka Juric, Josh Chiu, Kamil Piesek, Ben DiGiuseppe and Josh Nguyen*) **claimed their third zone championship banner** in four years and earned their entry into provincial championships. While *Gabriel Ma and Livia Fatovic-Spurr* also earned individual berths into provincial championships. **At the BCSS Provincial Championships held at Jericho Beach, the senior boys ran spectacularly and placed second in the AAA team category.** This is the third time in four years the senior boys have earned a podium finish at provincial championships. The team would like to thank Mr. Solmes, Mr. Pat Brand and Ms. Godwin for all their work and support.





Bantam Girls Volleyball

So far in this season we have made a great improvement in our team's skills, in the seven games we've played, we haven't lost a single game or set. Our team has lots of energy and dedication to the team and the sport. This attitude contributed to our success. They all plan on playing hard and doing their best to make it to the top.

Boys Juvenile Soccer:

My name is Daniel Petkovic and I'm the Soccer coach for the juvenile boys soccer team.

Our season is almost over and we are waiting for the final games to be played in the last week of October. I am pleased to say we clinched a playoff spot in the East Side division. I believe our boys haven't played their full potential yet and will be tested against Kitsilano in the quarter finals or if Templeton loses next week then we play University Hill at home field.

I believe our boys have the talent and skills to win it all. We just need to support one another and have fun playing the game that they so enjoy. Go COUGARS

Juvenile Girls Volleyball:

The Juvenile Girls Volleyball team had some tough early matchups in league play, starting the season 0-2. Fortunately, the team has worked very hard and is currently riding a 3-game win streak! They recently attended the Cake tournament to at Prince of Whales to get more experience and hone their skills.

Junior Girls Volleyball:

The Junior Girls Volleyball team has been performing exceptionally well this season, showcasing their skills and teamwork in every match. The players' dedication to rigorous training and their ability to adapt to different opponents have been key factors in their success. The team's chemistry on and off the court is evident, as they support each other and celebrate every win together. Congratulations to a wonderful start to the season. Best of luck in the Playoffs!

Junior Boys Volleyball

The junior boys have worked hard all season to improve their volleyball skills. They are nearing the end of their season with a record of 5-2 in the regular season. They're working hard as they prepare to head into playoffs in the first week of November."

School Fees

Please visit our [website](#) for school fees information. School fees can be paid on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

KPAC

Next Meeting

All Killarney families are invited to the next KPAC meeting, which will be in person on Wednesday, November 20th at 7pm in the Killarney Secondary Library. We look forward to seeing you there!

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

Your KPAC is having a Purdys fundraiser! Please follow this link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1744379-119246>, enter your email address, click "Join Campaign," and place your order! Our campaign number is 67711 if prompted. The deadline for orders is November 30th, and the estimated pick up will be December 9th from Killarney. Thanks for supporting the PAC!



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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. This newsletter and my previous newsletters are posted under the Student Bulletin section of the Killarney website.