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October 3, 2024

Dear Killarney Families:

Happy October! The preparation for many major extracurricular activities for the Fall Season have been done and there are a wide number of Athletic teams starting their seasonal play this week. The major theatre production “Mainstage” is doing callbacks and last year’s production had 150 students participate in it in some form – stagecraft, lighting, setting, ushers - to accompany the actors and directors. Parents you are always welcome to come to see the performances and athletic competitions at the school.

Many smaller and wonderful clubs are operating with our Clubs Day scheduled for next Wednesday – students come to the caf to look at the tables of all the clubs that they can join.

The great journey of life is made richer by trying and exploring new things and making new connections and friendships. Yes we want comfort – and we are often driven to find comfort in the familiar and routine but our growth comes from finding what is just outside what we already know and can do well.

Hope this newsletter finds you well...

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. Glyniany

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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Semester One Timeline

- September 3, 2024 – January 24, 2025
- October 10th – Interim Report
- October 17th – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 21st – Mid-semester Report
- Semester Turnaround Days – January 27 & 28, 2025
- January 30th – Final Semester 1 Report

October Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Monday, October 14th – Thanksgiving
- Thursday, October 17th – Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences (2:05pm)
- Friday, October 18th – AM Collaborative Day, late start for students
- Friday, October 25th - Provincial Professional Development Day. On this day specialty teaching associations put on workshops that will be attended or viewed by many Killarney staff. School will not be in session for students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

School will be dismissed early on October 17th 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.

KPAC Workshop

Are you confused or concerned about the false news and half-truths circulating on the world wide web and social media sites? Do you worry about falling into the Fake News trap?

All parents are invited to ***AVOID FALLING INTO THE FAKE NEWS TRAP! Tips to help identify 'Falsified Facts' and 'Twisted Truths'***; a KPAC (Killarney Parent Advisory Council) sponsored workshop and discussion.

- DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 30th
- TIME: 7 – 8:15 pm in the library computer lab

Denise North, Killarney teacher-librarian, will share this interactive, hands-on workshop that she gives to the majority of Science 9 students. Learn handy tips like how to: verify the source (the *Wikipedia trick*), double check the claim, and reverse image search.

This workshop is a timely topic, given the upcoming BC provincial election, and the US presidential election. Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to <https://forms.office.com/r/HF3ZvszSTn> by Monday, Oct. 28th. Space is limited to 30. If you are unable to log in to the form it is because we have reached capacity.

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.

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](#)

School Photos and Retakes

Student photos were taken on September 11th. This free photo is used for student identification cards and appears in the yearbook. Photo packages for purchase are also available on the [Artona](#) website. Retakes of photos will be on the morning of October 15th.

Student Information Verification Forms

The **Student Information Verification Form** has been published on the MyEdBC Portal (the same way report cards are published).

Please carefully look at the information that we have for your child. **If changes are needed, please email them to killarney@vsb.bc.ca, and we will update our records.** If everything is correct, there is no need to take any action.

We also ask that you complete the following forms **online** if you have not already done so:

- [Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use](#) (for students) **if you are taking a Graphics, Yearbook or Photography class this year.**
- [Adobe CC Consent Form](#) (for parents/guardians) **if your students is taking a Graphics, Yearbook or Photography class this year.**
- [Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent](#) (for parents and guardians)
- [External Media Consent](#)
- [Gr. 4-12 Student AUP](#)



Killarney Cougar News

October 2024

- [Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent](#)
- [VSB Media Consent](#)
- [Yearbook Media Consent](#)

Please go to <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> to complete the forms for the 2024/25 school year. For each student in your care, you will log in using their credentials, either a PEN number and date of birth, or, if available, the students VSB email credentials. Click [here](#) for Instructions on how to use MyForms.

The Student Emergency Reunification Form was sent home with your child the first week of school. If you did not receive the form from your child please ask them to pick it up in the office and return it to the office once complete.

Adolescents Online

Thank you for your interest in the presentation “Adolescents Online at Killarney” that took. The slide deck presented by Dr. Shapka from UBC, Mr. Schleyer from VSB Safer Schools and Mr. Soong can be viewed at: [Killarney Adolescents Online - Slidedeck \(vsb.bc.ca\)](#)

World Teacher Appreciation Day

October 5th is World Teacher Appreciation Day. Thank you to Killarney’s dedicated, professional teaching staff who are providing outstanding learning opportunities for our students!

Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill

The school will practice its emergency readiness plan for an earthquake on October 17th as part of the province-wide Shakeout BC drill.

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!

Clubs

Clubs Day will be Wednesday, October 8th during 4th block. Students will be brought down to the cafeteria by grade for an opportunity to see what clubs are offered at Killarney.

Killarney clubs are up and running for the year. Please see our [website](#) for a list of clubs that are already in operation:

University Fair at Killarney

Grades 10-12 students are welcome to attend the BC-based post-secondary institution day. Get all the information you need—admissions and programs, deadlines, financial aid and housing. For more information, please visit <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/>.

When: Tuesday, October 29 (9am to 11am)

Grade 10 – 9:00-9:30, Grade 12 – 9:30-10:00, Grade 11 – 10:10-11:00

Where: Killarney Secondary School Cafeteria

Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

Bantam Girls Volleyball welcomes new coach and Killarney alum Ms. Dephanie Brillantes. Game days are Tue/Thurs 4pm. Have a great season!



Juvenile Girls Volleyball team is ready to begin competition. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Mr. Westereng.

Junior Girls Volleyball is coached by veteran coach Mr. Koo. The team has already put in a lot of time refining their skills.

Senior Girls Volleyball is a group of grade 11 and 12 students with a lot of enthusiasm. The team has moved up to the top Tier this year. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Team is coached by Ms. Emily Hoang.

Junior Boys Volleyball team has completed their tryouts and will begin league play at the beginning of October. Game days are Monday and Wednesday after school. The boys have already competed in the UBC tournament, Sept 20/21. The team is coached by Ms. Kat Itakura

Senior Boys Volleyball team game days are Monday and Wednesday at 6pm. The senior boys have also competed in the UBC tournament, Sept 20/21. The team is coached by Ms. Genesse Pagunsan and Mr. Eric Zhang.

Cross Country team is preparing for their upcoming season and will be having their second meet on Oct 2nd. The team is coached by Mr. Solmes and Ms. Godwin.

Juvenile Boys Soccer is once again up and running all over the Oval field. The team is a mixture of talented grade 8 and 9 boys. The games are Monday and Wednesday at 3:45pm. Team is coached by Mr. Danny Petkovic.

Senior Boys Soccer team is competing in Tier 2 and has their first game scheduled for Oct 1st, 3:45pm on the Killarney Oval against Kitsilano. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached again this year by Mr. Denny Hui.

Aquatics This is something new to Killarney. Our swift swimmers will represent Killarney but swim and train with the decorated and talented coach from Van Tech, Mr. Mark Johnston.

Schedules for all Teams can be found at [Vancouver Secondary Schools' Athletic Association - Powered By esportsdesk.com \(vancouverchoolsports.ca\)](https://vancouversecondaryschoolsathleticassociation.com)

Good Luck to all Teams!!

School Fees

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

Attendance/Reporting an absence

Regular attendance is required of all students. If students are marked absent for one class or more, the "School Messenger" Computer system will call/email home.

Students who become ill during the school day must report to the medical room in the office. The first aid attendant may need to contact the parent and advise the parent of the student's condition. Please provide correct contact numbers for this purpose in the event of an emergency.

All students leaving the school during the day MUST sign out at the office.

Parents/guardians can check a student's attendance record by logging into MyEdBC.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE



Please report student absences as follows:

- **By email (PREFERRED METHOD)**—Please email klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca with your student's absence from the parent email address that is on file with the school. Please include the following information:

FULL STUDENT NAME (First and Last Name)

STUDENT # & GRADE

DAYS OF ABSENCE (If more than 3, please use the "[Extended Vacation Request Form](#)")

REASON OF ABSENCE

- **By phone (604-713-8950)** - Absences taken by phone are adjusted on the computer system usually within the same day unless data entry is delayed for any reason.
- **By note**—Please use the paper note that is available to print from our [website](#). Students may pick up an absence note from the office as well. These notes provide more detailed and accurate data for us to input. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Signing out**—If a student is ill during school hours, they must come to the office to sign out. Prior to them leaving, the office staff will contact their parent for permission.
- **Field Trips**—The teacher is asked to compile a list of attendees for field trips based on forms returned to them. These lists are then forwarded to the office for data entry. If no list was received, you may get a call through our automated system.
- **Automated message**—You will receive an automated message/email if your son/daughter has missed a class at any time of the school day. To correct any errors, you must contact the teacher who marked them absent.

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.