



Killarney Cougar News

October 2025

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중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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October 3, 2025

Dear Killarney Families:

I hope your child’s school year has started well! Interim reports will be published by the end of the day on October 10 so you can get a sense of your child’s engagement with their courses. Parent-Teacher conferences will occur on October 16th (we will have more info to come as we are using a new scheduling software). Recently we had our Clubs afternoon that allowed students to come and see all of the choices they have at the school for clubs, Athletics started their first games, and the theatre department has started to put together the main play for the year.

Recently we have learned that the vice-principal for grades 8 and 10, Mr. Nakada, will be leaving us to join Britannia Secondary. Mr. Nakada will be deeply missed and was known for being a deeply caring and connected person who made Killarney a caring place. We wish him the best and welcome in Mr. Steven Cameron as his replacement.

Take care,

Chris Parker
Principal

2025-2026

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker (gr. 12)
Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (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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Semester One Timeline

- September 2, 2025 – January 23, 2026
- October 10th – Interim Report
- October 16th – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 20th – Mid-semester Report
- Semester Turnaround Days – January 26 & 27, 2026
- January 30th – Final Semester 1 Report

October Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Monday, October 13th – Thanksgiving
- Thursday, October 16th – Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences (2:05pm)
- Friday, October 17th – AM Collaborative Day, late start for students
- Friday, October 24th - 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 16th 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.

2026 Graduation

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 2-6 2025**.

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 15th at **11am** at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.



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Prom

Save the Date! Prom will be on Wednesday, June 17th at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

School Photos and Retakes

Student photos were taken on September 10th. 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 14th.

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

Please go to <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> to complete the forms for the 2025/26 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.

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 16th as part of the province-wide Shakeout BC drill.

Yearbook 2025-2026

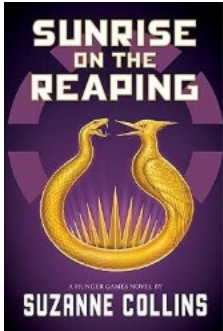
Each year the school produces an outstanding, award-winning yearbook which documents the life of the school for the year. The deadline to purchase the 2025-2026 book at a discounted early-bird price of \$50 is October 31st. After this date, the price rises to \$60. So, save some money and order your book now!



What's up at the Library?

Ms. North and Ms. Reddy love seeing students from all grades in the library: studying, planning, strategizing, doing group projects, designing, playing Lego or board games, and especially reading!

Killarney Library's Book of the Month, *chosen by our wonderful Reader's Advisory Club*:

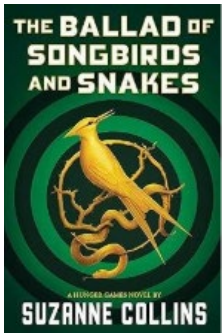


[Good Reads preview](#)

[More about the prequels](#)

The Hunger Games series

Killarney has 3 copies of each book shown



BOOK CLUB BOOK

Ballad of the Songbirds and Snakes

Meet Thursdays at lunch in

Ms. Dermott's Room (A236)

Killarney's Library Club is thriving! We are thrilled that many students, especially new Grade 8's, have joined the Library Club.

Members are gaining valuable employability skills: Customer Service skills, problem solving and organizational skills, computer, design and marketing skills, peer-to-peer interactions, and mentoring, while having fun. *New members are always welcome! See Ms. North or Ms. Reddy*

***** TOP 5 READERS of 2025 *****

Congratulations to Killarney Secondary's TOP Library users from Sept. 2024 – Sept. 2025

Please come to the library to choose a NEW BOOK 😊 Keep on reading!

Gihansa Walpita Hewage	10 KLRN ELL	273 books!
Lakira Lokubogahawatta	08 KLRN MINI	234 books!
Bei Lan	08 KLRN	127 books!
Amani Riyas	11 KLRN	100 books!
Zindean Nguyen	LAC JR	91 books!

Read more, know more, be more!



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Killarney's Bike Club

GO BY BIKE WEEK

Monday, October 6th to Friday, October 10th

Ride to school next week – feel better – enter to win some cool swag!

New bike helmets, cool bike socks, water bottles, bike bells or bike lights.

Volunteers will hand out granola bars after school, at the bike racks.

[Sign up here \(online\) for GO BY BIKE WEEK](#)

Enter to have a chance to win a brand-new bike!

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Killarney's Bike Club hosted a BIKE MAINTENANCE CLINIC Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Great turnout! Students, and some staff, got a FREE minor bike tune up.

Lots of healthy goodies, new bike maps, cycle safety and advocacy info. was given out

Thanks Mr. Tam, and HUB volunteers, for making this happen

Special thanks to the Key Club volunteers! 😊

*Life's a Journey– Cycling just makes it go faster!* 😊



## Clubs

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

### Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

**Bantam Girls Volleyball** is coached by Mr. Westereng. League games are about to start, but we already placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a pre-season tournament at Windermere. Game days are Tuesday and Thursday After School.

**Juvenile Girls Volleyball** team is ready to begin competition. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Dephanie Brillantes, Genevieve Lee, and sponsored by Mr. Sangha

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





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**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. Team is coached by Mr. Ken Lee.

**Senior Boys Volleyball** The senior boys have already competed in the UBC and UFV tournaments, as well as a home game win against Van Tech. The team is coached by Ms. Kat Itakura and Ms. Genesse Pagunsan

**Cross Country** team is preparing for their upcoming season and will be having their third meet on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. The team is coached by Mr. Tam and Ms. Godwin.

**Juvenile Boys Soccer** is once again up and running. The team is a mixture of talented grade 8 and 9 boys. All games will be off campus due to the lack of a feasible field. The team is coached by Mr. Danny Petkovic.

**Senior Boys Soccer** Games will be off campus due to the lack of a feasible field. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The team is coached again this year by Mr. Denny Hui.

**Swimming (formerly known as Aquatics)** Our swift swimmers will represent Killarney but swim and train with the decorated and talented coach from Van Tech, Mr. Mark Johnston.

Schedules and results for all VSSAA Teams can be found at [Vancouver Secondary Schools' Athletic Association - Powered By esportsdesk.com \(vancouver.schoolsports.ca\)](http://Vancouver Secondary Schools' Athletic Association - Powered By esportsdesk.com (vancouver.schoolsports.ca))

If you would like to see just Killarney use this link: [Master Schedule](#)

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](mailto: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.
- **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 email message**—You will receive an automated 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 (check MyEd to see what class they were marked absent for).

## 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.