



# Killarney Cougar News

October 2026

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October 8, 2026

Hello everyone!

Hope you are doing well. As we move forward in an increasingly tech-led world, schools continue to be crucial places of [connection](#) and social learning. Since I last wrote, we have had a grade 8 mixer run by our senior leadership students, a clubs' day that saw 48 different clubs available for students to join, and the auditions for the Main school play that involves over 200 students from set design, to lighting, seating, and acting. These are great places for your child to find like-interested people and form important friendships.

Please see the information below for upcoming events and information.

Chris Parker

Principal

2026-2027

### COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker (gr. 10)

Vice Principal: Mr. S. Cameron (gr. 9 & 11)

Vice Principal: Ms. B. Dowle (gr. 8 & 12)

#### Counsellors

Grade 8: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 9: Mr. S. Walter

Grade 10: Ms. F. Chung

Grade 11: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 12: Mr. E. Leung



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## Semester One Timeline

- September 8, 2026 – January 29, 2027
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – Interim Report
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 27<sup>th</sup> – Mid-semester Report
- Semester Turnaround Days – February 1 & 2, 2027
- February 5<sup>th</sup> – Final Semester 1 Report

## October Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences (2:05pm)
- Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – AM Collaborative Day, late start for students
- Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 2027 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 6-10, 2026**.

### **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 2027 graduation ceremony will be on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.



## *Prom*

Save the Date! Prom will be on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

## Student Information Verification Forms

The **Student Information Verification Form** were published on the MyEdBC Portal on October 2<sup>nd</sup> (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](mailto: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 2026/27 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15th as part of the province-wide Shakeout BC drill.

## Yearbook 2026-2027

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 2026-2027 book at a discounted early-bird price of \$55 is October 31st. After this date, the price rises to \$65. So, save some money and order your book now!

## School Photos & Retakes

Student photos were taken on September 16th. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Clubs

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

## 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**  
**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).

## Killarney PAC

Killarney Parent Advisory Council invites you to the next PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 28th at 7pm in the school library.

The KPAC Meridian Farm Market fundraiser runs until Oct 27th. When you purchase a digital gift card through our dedicated [fundraising link](#), the PAC receives 30%. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family. Thank you for your support!

The Vancouver School District Parent Advisory Council is looking for your input! Please take this short [Priorities Survey](#) by October 31 to help inform the DPAC's advocacy priorities for the coming year.



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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.