



FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear Prince of Wales School Community,

As we approach the end of 2023, we wanted to provide a brief update on our school community- it has been a busy place! Students across various fields have been making commendable progress, be it academics, sports, or the arts.

We would like to extend a special note of gratitude to our teacher candidates who have completed their practicum this month,



Ms. Janice Ma (Fine Arts) and Mr. Adam Lipsky (Counselling). They have been an invaluable part of our educational community this fall and their commitment to shaping the learning experiences of our students has not gone unnoticed, and their contributions to our school community are truly appreciated. We wish them all the best on their next journey!

We enjoyed seeing and connecting with many families at Parent Teacher conferences last week. As a reminder, mid semester Learning Updates were published on November 25. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact their classroom teacher or grade-based counsellor.

In January, we are starting the course planning process for the 2024-25 academic year. We have outlined important information on course planning in this bulletin, so please review this with your child.

As we look ahead to the new year, there's a sense of optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead for our school. Your continued support is instrumental in the success of our endeavors, and we value your ongoing commitment to the Prince of Wales community.

We would like to wish you a restful holiday season and look forward to more shared successes in the coming year. Your involvement and support are integral to our collective success, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share. Happy Holidays! 🎄 ~Prince of Wales



Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her),
Principal (Grades 8,10,11)



David Cacchioni (he/him),
Vice Principal (Grades TREK, 9,12)

Administration

Important Information - Please Translate

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Fri Dec 22	Student Holiday Variety Show Last day of classes before Winter Break
Mon Jan 8	School reopens, Classes resume
Mon Jan 8- Fri Jan12	Elective Information Sessions (During FIT- FIT FLIP)
Fri Jan 12	Collab Day AM – students arrive at 10:00 AM
Mon Jan 15	PAC Meeting, 7pm- Library
Mon Jan 15- Fri Jan19	Student Course Information Sessions (During FIT)
Tues Jan 23	Parent Information Session, 6:00-7:00 PM
Fri Jan 26	Literacy 12 Assessment- Grade 12 classes not in session
Wed Jan 31	Last Day of Semester 1

PAC INFORMATION

We invite all parents/caregivers of PW students to join us for PAC meetings!



Parent advisory Council (PAC) meetings are an opportunity for folks to hear from, and ask questions of, the school administration, plan workshops for parents to support their high school aged children and support school events and clubs. We welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings. More information can be found on the [PAC webpage](#) along with notes from previous meetings. To sign up for PAC newsletters please visit <https://www.pwpac.org/contact/>

We encourage all parents to get involved either in attending PAC meetings or volunteering or contributing to events. Please mark these dates in your calendar:

PAC Meetings, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM (Library & Online)
Monday January 15, 2024
Monday March 11, 2024
Monday June 10, 2024 (AGM)

PAC Events	
Tuesday January 23, 2024	PAC Info Booth (Course Planning Night)
Friday February 9, 2024	Multicultural Event
Friday May 10, 2024	Teacher Appreciation Lunch

We need your SUPPORT! We are hoping to achieve our goal of raising \$50,000 for PW! These funds will support student learning through technology resources, community learning opportunities and field studies and upgrading equipment across subject matter areas and extracurricular areas (clubs, athletics, outdoor learning spaces, etc.). A tax receipt can be issued for donations of \$20 or more. You can donate through "SchoolCashOnline". [LINK](#)



CELEBRATING PW IN THE COMMUNITY!

We have been doing several things in and for our community! A couple of highlights this month:



Congratulations to our students for a successful Kwantlen Science Challenge competition!



The Junior Boys Basketball team came in 2nd place at the Jokers Classic Tournament.



Leadership created and delivered Holiday cards to the Arbutus Care Centre.



Foods students collaborating with Ms. Miller's Grade 5/6 class from Queen Elizabeth Elementary.



We wish Ms. Guraliuk GOOD LUCK as she competes in the Pan America Continental Cup Masters in Women's field hockey. Hosted in Buenos Aires, Argentina

HOLIDAY WEEK



Student Council and Leadership classes are planning a variety of activities for the last week of school before the break including a spirit week, lunch activities and the annual Holiday Variety Show with student performances.

MON JAN 18	TUES JAN 19	WED JAN 20	THURS JAN 21	FRI JAN 22												
UGLY SWEATER DAY	PJ DAY			Holiday Variety Show												
LUNCH: Holiday Movie Marathon- Part I (Auditorium)	LUNCH: Holiday Movie Marathon Part II (Auditorium)	8:00-8:30 AM: Hot Chocolate – Bring a mug! (Cafeteria) LUNCH: Photos with Santa! (Cafeteria)	LUNCH: Cookie Decorating (C103)	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Period 1</td><td>8:40-9:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Period 2</td><td>9:35-10:20</td></tr> <tr><td>Period 3</td><td>10:30-11:15</td></tr> <tr><td>Lunch</td><td>11:15-12:00</td></tr> <tr><td>Period 4</td><td>12:00-12:45</td></tr> <tr><td>HVS</td><td>1:00-2:15</td></tr> </table>	Period 1	8:40-9:25	Period 2	9:35-10:20	Period 3	10:30-11:15	Lunch	11:15-12:00	Period 4	12:00-12:45	HVS	1:00-2:15
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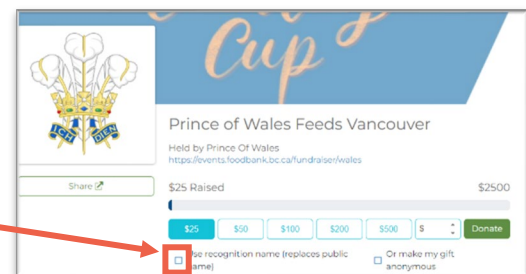
VANCOUVER DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL CANLEY CUP



Join us in spreading holiday cheer! From **Nov 27th to Dec 15th**, Student Council is accepting monetary donations to make a direct impact to the Vancouver Food Bank. For every \$1 donated, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank can **double** the value. This is a great opportunity to bring joy to families in need and make a difference in your community. There is a friendly competition between classes at our school. Check out the Leader Board set up

in the main foyer or the PW Student Council Instagram to find out which class is in the lead!

If you are donating online, please use the link <https://events.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/wales>. Select "Use recognition Name" enter your 1-2 block teacher's name with your name. Example if you are in Ms Lau's block 1-2 (First block in the morning) you would put "Lau-John's Family" or "Lau" if you want to remain anonymous.



A big THANK YOU to our Student Council for all the great work they have done to organize and run this fundraising event. Look for an announcement in the next bulletin for the winning class and the total amount donated.

TREK 2023 TREE LOT FUNDRAISER



Come visit Prince of Wales for a great selection of trees and great service! All proceeds go to the TREK Outdoor Education Program. Payment is by debit or credit. (Deliveries are not available)

Dates: Fri., Dec. 1, 2023 - Wed., Dec. 20, 2023
Hours: Weekday hours: 12:15 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: [MAP](#)
Weekend hours: 9:30 AM- 8:30 PM

PW LIBRARY NEWS

PW Library is holding its third annual Bookmas Contest. It is now in full swing! Each day of the contest, students are asked a trivia question related to a book or popular media. Students receive a mini book covered chocolate or candy cane for each daily entry. At the end of each day, a random winner is drawn from correct entries and the winner receives a prize. At the end of the contest, two winners will be drawn from correct entries of each day of the

twelve days of Bookmas. Two lovely grand prizes are available to be won. Contest ends Wednesday, Dec. 20th. The two Grand Prize winners will be announced on Thursday Dec. 21st. Many thanks to PAC and student council for their support in this very popular and fun winter activity! We encourage all students to take out a book (or two) over the break! Lots of new titles are added to our collection each month! Please see Ms. Brett with any requests.





COURSE PLANNING

Course Planning will begin with students right after the winter break. An overview is as follows:

Date	Event
January 8-12	Elective Information Sessions
January 15-18	Student Course Information Sessions (During FIT)
January 23	Parent Information Session, 6:30- 7:30 pm
February 5- 15	Students Course Requests Input OPENS (Sessions during FIT)
February 15	Course Request CLOSED for student input

January 8- 12: Elective Information Sessions

Departments will share information with students in the auditorium about all the options for electives. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions. All Grades 8-11 will be expected to attend.

Note: FIT will be flipped this week to accommodate presentations, M/W- PM FIT, T/TH- AM FIT.

MONDAY JANUARY 8	TUESDAY JANUARY 9	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10	THURSDAY JANUARY 11
FIT PM: 1:22- 2:02 PM	FIT AM: 8:40- 9:20 AM	FIT PM: 1:22- 2:02 PM	FIT AM: 8:40- 9:20 AM
Fine & Performing Arts	ADST (Home Ec, Tech Ed, Business Ed)	Math, Science, PE	Eng, SS & Modern Languages

January 15-18: Course Information Sessions

Counsellors will be meeting with grade groups during extended FIT sessions. The purpose of this presentation is to learn about course offerings, graduation requirements and an opportunity to ask questions. All students are expected to attend their grade presentation in the auditorium.

MONDAY JANUARY 15	TUESDAY JANUARY 16	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17	THURSDAY JANUARY 18
FIT AM: 8:40- 9:40 AM	FIT PM: 1:10- 2:10 PM	FIT AM: 8:40- 9:40 AM	FIT PM: 1:10- 2:10 PM
Grade 8 (Grads of 2028 with Mr. Tse)	Grade 10 (Grads of 2026 with Ms. Baerg)	Grade 9 (Grads of 2027 with Mr. Tse)	Grade 11 (Grads of 2025 with Mr. Morgan)

January 23: Parent Information Session

The PW Counselling Department will be hosting one-hour sessions for students, parents and families to learn more about the course offerings for the 2024-25 school year and the course selection process. This is a great opportunity to learn about available classes, grade requirements, and post-secondary information (particularly for current grade 10 and 11 students) and to ask questions.

Grade 8 (Grads of 2028)	Grade 9 (Grads of 2027)	Grade10 (Grads of 2026)	Grade11 (Grads of 2025)
6:30- 7:30 pm	6:30- 7:30 pm	6:30- 7:30 pm	6:30- 7:30 pm
Auditorium with Mr. Tse	Library with Ms. Baerg	Room D101 (TREK Room) with Mr. Morgan	

February 5- 15: Course Request Input

Grades 8-11 will be scheduled alphabetically during FIT to input their course requests into MyEd. They will meet their counsellor in one of the computer labs. A detailed schedule will be provided to families in the new year.

Please contact your child's grade- based counsellor with any questions:

Counsellor Name	Grade	E-mail
Julie Baerg	8/9 (A-H) and 10	jbaerg@vsb.bc.ca
Chris Tse	8/9 (I-S) and 12	ctse@vsb.bc.ca
Scott Morgan	8/9 (T-Z) and 11	samorgan@vsb.bc.ca



GRADUATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

On **Friday January 26th**, all Grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment. This is a mandatory assessment required for graduation. On this day, classes for grade 12 students will NOT be in session to allow for the writing by students and invigilation of the assessment. Please visit the [Ministry of Education website](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/ministry_of_education) for more information on the assessment and practice assessments. Exact schedule with rooms and times will be posted in December to the PW Student Hub and emailed to all grade 12 families.

On November 2nd and 3rd, all of our grade 10 students (and any gr 11 or 12 who missed writing previously) wrote the Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessment. Results will be posted in mid-January. Please see [the instruction document](#) for accessing your child's results.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

If your child receives an Incomplete/In Progress Report (also known as an "I" Report) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to complete the missed work. Please note, that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for the semester 1 Final Report unless specified by the teacher. The end of the semester is the end of the course and teachers are unable to accept and assess work after the semester ends. If you have any questions about your child's progress, you are welcome to email the teacher or grade counsellor directly. Click [HERE](#) for our staff directory.

All students will be receiving a Final Semester 1 Learning Update on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**. These reports will include a final mark and comment for each Semester 1 class. Please note that your child's report card is **electronic** and will be published to their MyEducation BC account. Semester 1 final reports will be available until March 4th, 2024. **It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.** Detailed information on how to access this report will be sent to families closer to the reporting date.

SEMESTER TURNAROUND DAYS

Thursday February 1 and Friday February 2, 2024 are our "Semester Turnaround Days". Although these are days of instruction, no new material will be taught by your child's semester 1 teachers. Students are welcome to attend classes (during their regular semester 1 schedule class times), but attendance will not be taken on MyEd. **Teachers will request specific students to attend their class for academic recovery.**

As well, the Counselling Team will be available for course changes by appointment.

Note: Last day for course changes for Semester 2 is Tuesday February 13th, 2024 @ 3 pm

GENERAL REMINDERS

Student Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8974

Information required:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name
- Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment)

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Student Fees

As a friendly reminder, School Cash Online will now be offered as the preferred method of payment for all school fees. Please double check if your child owes any outstanding fees. You can register by following the steps on:

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Student & Family Affordability Fund

If your child and family could benefit from support, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan how to meet the needs of our school community. All requests for support will be treated as private information and will only be shared with staff who need to know. **Please let us know if your family would benefit from support by contacting your child's counsellor.**

Extended Absences

Any students who will be away for an extended period (travel, medical etc.) should contact their grade counsellor to complete an extended absence form.

Daily Health Checks

Although there are no formal protocols, we encourage all students and staff to complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home. Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

Student Pick-up/Drop-off

A kind reminder students can be dropped off on Eddington Drive. Thank you for being compliant with city bylaws. Students *should not* be dropped off in staff parking lots.

