



Killarney Cougar News

September 2025

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August 29, 2025

Dear Killarney Families:

We are back and better than ever! Wishing you a great and successful school year ahead.

Below my message you will find important technical and process-related information for this school year.

Here are a few thoughts I'd like to share regarding working through these years as a parent of a teenager:

1. I'm not sure what perfect looks like and I am not a perfect parent of two teenagers. Life is full of mistakes and hardship and I don't know why but we often learn the most from these mistakes and hardship. Be there as a loving support for yourself and your child when these things happen. Please know that we are here to support you and your child as well.
2. While teenagers are becoming increasingly independent during these years, they are also still in need of help and guidance to make their goals real. This often includes some basics like help getting to sleep, help going for some exercise, and help setting a routine before they are able to stick with it.
3. Here are 4 basic questions I ask students (and adults too) as they attempt to work through something that is difficult or where their behaviour has been unacceptable or inappropriate.
Are you aware of why you are doing this?
Is it serving you?
Is it serving others?
Does it match with the person that you want to be?

Again, I wish you a great year! Welcome back to those returning and welcome to those who are new!

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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Student Attendance Week of Sept. 1st

Monday, September 1st – Labour Day, School Closed

Tuesday, September 2nd – Orientation Day, students to report to the Auditorium at the following times:

9am	Grade 9s
10am	Grade 10s
11am	Grade 11s
12pm	Grade 12s
12:45pm	Grade 8s (and leadership students)

*grade 9 to 12 students will be at school for approximately 45 minutes, grade 8 students will be at school for approximately 2 hours.

Wednesday, September 3rd – Regular bell schedule

Thursday, September 4th – No FIT, Wednesday bell schedule

Friday, September 5th - No FIT, Wednesday bell schedule

If your student is going to be absent please report it to klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca. Please use this process during the entire year.

- Please include the following information:

FULL STUDENT NAME (First and Last Name)

STUDENT # & GRADE

DAYS OF ABSENCE

REASON OF ABSENCE

Grade 8 Parent Night

Thursday, September 11th from 6-7pm in the Auditorium

Parents of grade 8 students are invited to attend the Info Night to hear about their child's classes, how to access and use MyEd, social media use, cell phone use, work/study habits and supports available at Killarney. We will also review how to contact teachers and how to report absences. We hope to see you!

School Fees

Please visit our [website](#) for school fees information. School fees can be paid on [SchoolCashOnline](#) starting on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Notice of Late Return

Please complete the following [Notice of Late Return Form](#) if your student will not be returning to school before noon on Friday, September 6th. The form can be emailed to killarney@vsb.bc.ca. By noon on Friday, September 5, 2025, if the school cannot verify your child's intent to attend school on, or before, September 30th, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. If you are not planning on returning to Killarney please notify the school as soon as possible.



Counselling Department Update

This week is going to be a busy one for everyone as we all adjust to being back to school. We know your timetable is important to you and we want to make sure that you are taking all the classes you need and want. In order to ensure that everyone is in right classes, we need your cooperation with the process of changing courses.

Priority order:

1. New students
2. Students missing graduation requirements
3. Students with empty blocks
4. Students requesting a change for another reason

You may come see your counsellor before school, break, lunch and after school **NOT** during class time **unless you have an empty block on your timetable.**

Beginning first thing Tuesday morning, please check your MyED account to view your schedule. Please print or take a screenshot of your schedule as you may not be able to log in to MyEdBC while at the school.

Grade 8 – Mr. Walter sswalter@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 9 – Mr. Goncalves & Mr. Tanabe ogoncalves@vsb.bc.ca & rtanabe@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 10 – Mr. Nerling lnerling@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 11 – Mr. Leung eleung@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 12 – Ms. Glynianyi sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca

2025/26 Killarney Calendars & Bell Schedules

Our calendar and bell schedule can be found on our website.

[Bell schedule](#)

[Calendar at a Glance](#)

[Important dates](#)

Communication

Students

Important information and reminders will be sent to students through TEAMS. Students are also strongly encouraged to listen to the daily announcements to keep up to date on what is happening in the school.

Parents/Guardians

To keep parents up to date on what is happening in the school we will be sending a monthly newsletter. Please also visit our website and calendar to stay up to date.

Killarney Student Government

Please follow the Killarney Student Government on Instagram @Killarneysg



Microsoft Office 365

VSB accounts in Microsoft Office 365 are provided to all students. Your account will be linked to your student email which will be your student number with @learn.vsb.bc.ca. For example, 123456@learn.vsb.bc.ca would be the email. Teachers will be available to help you when you return to school on Sept. 3rd. You may also go to the website <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> for assistance. You must know your Personal Education Number (P.E.N. – 9 digit number provided by the BC Ministry of Education) which can be found on a previous report card) and your birth date.

MyEdBC

This portal is now open for students and families to access class schedules, attendance and report cards. Please note the account is shared between the student and those with parental authority to access their child's educational information. With the current limitations of the system, this means that the **log in ID, password, and email associated with the account need to be shared.**

Please visit this link for support: [Account Management \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://vsb.bc.ca/AccountManagement)

If you are still unable to access your account, email killarney@vsb.bc.ca. After Sept. 5th, students can drop by our office for support.

Tips For Getting Ready for School

We look forward to welcoming in the new school year with you! In order to get off to a great start, consider the following tips:

1. Get your sleep schedule adjusted for school! Adolescents need a lot of sleep. That is, a minimum of 8 hours. Yes, that is correct! Start your pre-bedtime routine so that you can be ASLEEP for 8 hours until it is time to wake up. Uninterrupted sleep is key! It may be really hard to do, but screens (mobile phone, tablets, laptops) should be turned off at least one hour bedtime. Blue light and the activity stimulates your brain instead of getting it ready for rest. Consider leaving your device outside of your bedroom at bedtime so you control the urge to check it or hear those annoying middle-of-the-night notifications (or you can set your Do Not Disturb function).
2. Get into a physical activity routine.
3. Create a schedule and follow it. Discipline beats motivation over time.

Forms

Online forms

Please go to the following website, <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>, to complete the forms listed below 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.

- [Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use](#) (for students)
- [Adobe CC Consent Form](#) (for parents/guardians)
- [Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent](#) (for parents and guardians)
- [External Media Consent](#)
- [Gr. 4-12 Student AUP](#)
- [Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent](#)
- [VSB Media Consent](#)



Paper forms

Students will receive 1 paper form in their first block on September 3rd. Please ensure this form is returned to their Semester 1 Period 1 teacher as soon as possible.

- Student Emergency Reunification

Student Information Verification Forms will be published (much like report cards are published) on MyEdBC next week for parents to verify. More information will be sent once they are published.

Students with Medical Conditions

Parents & Guardians, please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school i.e.: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures and severe asthma, serious heart conditions. This information will be kept in the office and shared with appropriate school staff. You are responsible for ensuring that the school is informed of any changes to medical information or emergency contact information throughout the year.

Please assist us in keeping our records current by completing our [MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM](#). Forms are also available from the main office for pick up.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or backpack which travels to class and on field trips with them. Emergency supplies/medications stored in lockers will delay access to the medication during an emergency. Some parents choose to keep an extra epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid room. If this option is chosen, parents are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed. Please see and speak with the First Aid Attendants to make arrangements.

Also, a “Medication Administration” form completed by a physician is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available from the office.

Additionally, if there are specific concerns about a student’s health in a particular class, for example, P.E. for a student who has seizures or Foods class for a student with anaphylaxis to peanuts, please communicate this information directly to the appropriate teacher and grade counselor. A Community Health Nurse is available to discuss health concerns upon request from school staff, parents or students. A Community Health Nurse can be reached by calling South Community Health Office at 604-321-6151 (ext. 3332).

Lockers

Lockers are property of Killarney School and will be assigned to students for use during the school year on the following conditions:

- Students must register their locker and combination online. Instructions will be shared in the first week.
- DO NOT SHARE LOCKERS OR COMBINATIONS.
- ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VALUABLES.
- WHEN LOCKING, SPIN THE DIAL AND PULL DOWN TO ENSURE YOUR LOCK IS SECURE.
- DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES OR VALUABLES TO P.E. CLASS.
- Students are reminded to always lock their belongings in a changeroom locker during their PE class. However, students may not lock a changeroom locker before or after their P.E. class or the lock will be removed.
- Heavy duty locks should be used and can be purchased from the office.
- Students are responsible for the care, cleanliness and contents of the locker that is assigned to them.



- Report thefts to the office immediately.

Neither the school nor the Vancouver Board of Education has insurance to cover the loss by theft or damage of personal property of students or teachers. Although supervision by staff and the cooperation of students decreases the possibility of theft, students are advised to leave valuables at home and to ensure that personal property left in the school is covered by their own insurance.

Cafeteria Service and the Lunch Program

The cafeteria will be open this year and return to providing tasty and nutritious hot and cold food options for our students. A subsidized lunch is available **for students requiring financial assistance** with nutrition services at school. To register for the lunch program and/or apply for a subsidy, please complete the enrolment form available from the office.

The cafeteria will open for limited service starting on Thursday Sept. 4th.
All students requiring lunchsmart should have the application in ASAP.

School Photos

Artona Studios will be at the school on Wednesday, September 10th to take student photos. All students are required to take a photo in order to receive their student ID card. Student photos can be ordered at

<https://artona.com/schools/KILN> using the access code your child will be given after their photo is taken.

Retake day is Tuesday, October 14th in the morning.

Attendance/Reporting an absence

September is "Attendance Awareness Month"!

A crucial priority for us this year is **consistent school attendance and on-time arrival**, as part of our commitment to helping every student achieve their full potential. When students are in school regularly and arrive on time, they're better positioned to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As we begin a new school year, we're excited to share that **September is Attendance Awareness Month**—a time to highlight the importance of students being present, on time, and ready to learn each day.

To kick off this initiative, we will be **sharing our attendance and punctuality goals with all students during their grade assemblies on the first day back**. We will outline expectations, the importance of daily attendance, and the supports available to help students meet these goals. We'll also be reinforcing how **every minute of instructional time counts—starting with the very first bell**.

Did you know that **missing just two days a month** can add up to nearly **10% of the school year**? Studies show that this level of absenteeism can drastically affect comprehension, participation, and grades. Every day matters, and even small absences can have a big impact.


Here's why attendance and punctuality are so important:


🕒 **Consistency Builds Confidence:** Being on time and present helps students feel prepared and confident in their learning.




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 **Learning Is Cumulative:** Each day's lesson builds on the last. Missing even one day can disrupt understanding and progress.

 **Social Connections Matter:** School is not just about academics—it's also where friendships grow and teamwork skills develop.

 **Habits for Life:** Developing good attendance habits now sets the foundation for success in future education and the workplace.

If your family is facing **barriers to regular attendance and/or on-time arrival**, please reach out to us. Our **teachers, counselors, and administrators are here to help**. We're committed to working with you to ensure every student has the support they need to succeed.

Let's work together to make this school year one of growth, connection, and success. Thank you for helping us make attendance a priority!

Absence Notification

If students are marked absent for one class or more, the "School Messenger" Computer system will 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
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 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.



Lost/Stolen Items

Students must make a concerted effort to watch over their own belongings AT ALL TIMES.

- Ensure that you have your valuables locked or secured with you at all times OR don't bring them to school.
- Do not expect your friends to watch over your things.
- Do not share lockers or combinations.

In the event of theft or loss, students are asked to report to the office and fill out a form for the lost item in case it is returned. Please be aware that there is no guarantee that your item will be found and returned. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Killarney Mainstage Theatre Auditions- Actors and Backstage Leaders

Come one, come all.

Attention all students enrolled in our theatre/drama/photo/theatre crit/media arts classes.

This is your chance to shine! Come AUDITION for this year's Mainstage theatre show.

Auditions will be taking place on Tuesday September 23rd @3pm in C105. Last year we had over 160 students involved in our program- don't miss out to be part of our Mainstage family this year.

Information and sign up will happen outside C105 or you can see Ms. Mattock, Ms. Tuson or Mr. Rocchetta. Our classroom is C104, C105 and C106. Please pick up an information sheet and see information on bulletin board outside the room.

Come be part of the theatre family and be involved as an actor for this year's play. Auditions are open to students in grade 8-12. Bring a friend and be part of our theatre company.

If you want to help backstage- more information regarding the crew will come out soon.





Athletics

Link: [Killarney Athletics Master Schedule](#)

Welcome back to another great year of athletics at Killarney!

Please help us get off to a good start by reading the information that follows.

Students: please use the [Fall](#), [Winter](#), and [Spring](#) links to register for sports teams offered for those times. The links will work for students logged into their VSB accounts. We will run a team if there is enough student interest, an eligible coach/sponsor, and enough teams in the VSSAA to compete against. Students please check Microsoft Teams, your VSB email, and the Athletics Board (main gym entrance) for the most up to date information.

Parents/guardians of athletes: If you have a child participating in Killarney Athletics, please ensure that the paper form titled "KILLARNEY ATHLETICS CONSENT AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT" is completed and turned in for each sport/season of play. Student athletes can get this from their coach or at the Athletics Board. Also look to pay Athletic fees in a timely manner through vsb.schoolcashionline.com. Financial help is available, but requires an additional form to be filled out. Lastly, if you would like to join the coaching community at Killarney, please contact the Athletic Director.

Fall Sports Teams commonly offered

Aquatics

Cross Country

Soccer - Boys Juvenile/Senior

Volleyball - Girls all levels and Boys Junior/Senior

Some Exciting news to share...

Caine Fahrni (gr 12) was chosen again for Team BC and participated in Canada Cup in Newfoundland in August. He was also selected as the first 50 players out of thousands who tried out across Canada to play at Toronto Blue Jays Showcase in Rogers Centre in September. More and more colleges are contacting and recruiting him with some of them offering scholarships. Best wishes on your continued success Caine! Log into X to see Caine making the final play for BC to win Gold! <https://x.com/baseballcanada/status/1956892993790595553?s=46&t=FYXCMFg3dGO4Gv1whkaukw>

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.



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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.

Prom

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

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

All parents will be notified of the first PAC meeting via email.

September Days with Changes to the Regular School Schedule

- Monday, September 1st – Labour Day, school closed
- Tuesday, September 2nd – Orientation Day, modified schedule
- Thursday, September 11th – PM Collaborative Day, early dismissal for students
- Friday, September 19th – Professional Development Day, no school for students
- Tuesday, September 30th – Truth & Reconciliation Day, school closed

Killarney Community Centre Pop Up Recycling Event

When: Saturday, September 13, 2025 10 am – 1 pm

Where: Killarney Community Centre, 6260 Killarney Street (in parking lot)

For accepted items and event details, scan the QR code above or visit: vancouver.ca/recycling-pop-up



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.