September 1, 2026 stəywətɛ:ɬ Point Grey Secondary School OUR VSB

Community Newsletter

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation).

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school next week. A special warm welcome to all students and families who are new to our stəywətɛ:ɬ Point Grey community. We are also pleased to welcome the following new staff members to our school:

- Angela Li, Office Administrative Assistant
- Shelley Sullivan, Counsellor (Grade 12s)
- Farah Slaihi, Counsellor (Grade 11s and Grade 8s with last names Q-Z)
- Amanda MacLeod, Inclusive Education Teacher – Life Skills
- Valentyna Matiushenko, Education Assistant – Life Skills
- Emi Saito, Education Assistant – Life Skills
- Satoko Fieldwalker, Education Assistant – Life Skills
- Caron Folk, Education Assistant – Life Skills
- Joanne Clark, Education Assistant – Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Helen Eng, Education Assistant – Inclusive Education
- Janie Groombridge, Physical and Health Education Teacher

In this newsletter, you will find important information for the beginning of the school year, including the first day of school, MyEd BC login information, course change request process, PAC information, and key dates for the 2026-2027 school year. We also invite you to look on our school website for the weekly class schedule, monthly calendar, student agenda, and other information. We are deeply grateful to our engineering, custodial, office, counselling, and international education teams for their outstanding work in preparing our school for opening day.

Our school's Indigenous name, stəywətɛ:ɬ (pronounced *sty-wa-tan*), was gifted to our school by the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) community in a naming ceremony on May 20th, 1998. stəywətɛ:ɬ means "the strength of the west wind," which brings storms, cleansings, and new beginnings. As we get ready to start a new school year, we invite you to embrace the strength of the west wind.

With Appreciation,

Michelle Wood
Principal

Mission Statement

We are committed to supporting and teaching a diverse group of students to learn, to critically reflect, and to care for themselves and others as they prepare to find their places in the world.

2026 - 2027 stəywəte:ń Point Grey WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Semester 1: Sept 8, 2026 – Feb 2, 2027 AM & PM classes flip: Nov 16, 2026 Turnaround Days: Feb 1 & 2			Semester 2: Feb 3 – June 29, 2027 AM & PM classes flip: April 26, 2027 Turnaround Days: June 28 & 29	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:40 - 10:00 (80 min) **Period 1**	8:40 - 9:40 (60 min) **Period 1**	8:40 - 10:00 (80 min) **Period 1**	8:40 - 10:00 (80 min) **Period 1**	8:40 - 9:20 **FIT**
	9:45 - 10:25 **FIT**			9:25 - 10:25 (60 min) **Period 1**
Break 10:00 - 10:10		Break 10:00 - 10:10	Break 10:00 - 10:10	
10:10-11:30 (80 min) **Period 2**	10:30-11:30 (60 min) **Period 2**	10:10-11:30 (80 min) **Period 2**	10:10- 11:30 (80 min) **Period 2**	10:30-11:30 (60 min) **Period 2**
11:30 - 12:15 Lunch	11:30 - 12:15 Lunch	11:30 - 12:15 Lunch	11:30 - 12:15 Lunch	11:30 - 12:15 Lunch
12:15 - 1:15 (60 min) **Period 3**	12:15 - 1:35 (80 min) **Period 3**	12:15 - 1:35 (80 min) **Period 3**	12:15 - 1:15 (60 min) **Period 3**	12:15 - 1:35 (80 min) **Period 3**
1:20 - 2:20 (60 min) **Period 4**	Break 1:35 - 1:45	Break 1:35 - 1:45	1:20 - 2:00 FIT	Break 1:35 - 1:45
2:25 - 3:05 **FIT**	1:45 - 3:05 (80 min) **Period 4**	1:45 - 3:05 (80 min) **Period 4**	2:05 - 3:05 (60 min) **Period 3**	1:45 - 3:05 (80 min) **Period 4**

HOUNDS

School Start Up Information

Please check our **school website** for class schedules, monthly calendar, student agenda, and other information as the school year progresses.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 8th** (except for students in the Life Skills and LALS programs).

- **Grades 9 – 12** students will attend at 9:30 – 10:00 am. Homeroom lists will be posted in the hallway outside the auditorium entrance. After checking the homeroom lists, students go directly to homeroom class. Please note that homeroom teachers and locations may change each year.
- **Grade 8** students will attend at 12:30 – 2:15 pm in the Auditorium for an assembly followed by a school tour lead by our Grade 12 Hounds Leaders as well as homeroom class.

The following will be handed out in homeroom class to students:

- Emergency Student(s) Reunification Authorization form
- Class schedules will only be handed out on paper to our **new** students in grades 8 to 12. All returning students will need to get their schedules online from MyEdBC, read information below.

MYED BC CLASS SCHEDULE - OPENS BEFORE 3:00pm, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

New students will receive their schedule in homeroom class (on paper).

Returning students will need to sign onto MyEd BC Student Family Portal to see their schedule for the year.

- If the MyEd password has been forgotten try to reset this on your own by clicking: "I forgot my password" on the MyEd sign on screen - **My Ed Help & Login Page.**
- If you are unsuccessful in getting a temporary password to sign-in you will have to get the account reset after homeroom class on Tuesday, September 8th in the school office.

REQUEST FOR COURSE CHANGE(S)

Requests for course changes will only be permitted from Tuesday, September 8th @ 10am until Thursday, September 10, 2026 @ 4:00 pm using our online Microsoft Form. Submit your change requests only **once.** Please read the information on making online course changes & see links here: **Online Course Change Requests 2026**

Students should only make requests for changes when necessary. Requests for specific teachers, for courses at specific times, or for specific semesters cannot be considered. After the on-line request is submitted, please continue to attend your classes (even if this course may be impacted by a change).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

The first full day of classes for all students will be **Wednesday, September 8th starting at 8:40 am.**

Our school will be operating on a semester schedule that includes Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) and staff Collaborative Planning Time. Students are enrolled in eight courses for the school year and take four courses from September to January (Semester 1) and another four courses from February to June (Semester 2). Classes will rotate halfway through each semester (November & April) – morning classes will only rotate with each other and only afternoon classes will rotate with each other. Please see the weekly schedule and alternate schedule here.

LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL PROCEDURE

If your child(ren) will be returning late to school, complete this **Notice of Late Return 2026** form and email it to **pointgrey@vsb.bc.ca**

If we cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Friday, September 11th, 2026, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

SCHOOL FEES

Standardized General school fees can be paid online through our website by clicking **Pay Fees** at the top of the website **Point Grey Pay Fees** or using the direct link **SchoolCash Online,** which will be available on Tuesday, September 8th**.**

Standardized General school fees and Supplemental Course fees can be found **here.** If paying by cash or cheque (payable to Point Grey Secondary), please come to the school office.

MYED BC STUDENT AND FAMILY PORTAL

MyED BC is where students, parents/guardians can check for attendance and where the Learning Updates (Report Cards) are posted. Please make sure to always save or print a copy as the reports do not stay in the portal once the next semester starts.

MyEd is a shared portal so it's best if one person is in charge of the password and share it with everyone or you will get locked out. Please bookmark this site for **My Ed Help & Login Page.**

After September 4th, new students will receive an email sent to parents/guardians with the temporary password and instructions on how to set up their MyEd account. Click here for a tour of MyEd.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

Student Information Verification Forms will be completed online this year. You will find the form at MyEd portal during the first week of school. Please review it and make sure that all information on the form is correct. If there are any incorrect information or any changes, please cross it out and print clearly on the form. Please sign the form and have your child returned it to the school office.

For address updates, please bring original copies of your proof of residency (current utility bill, BC vehicle registration, rental/home insurance and Property tax notice) to the office.

STUDENT FORMS ARE NOW ONLINE

The other VSB student forms are online for all student forms that need to be completed. Once this is done you will not need to do this again every school year unless you want to change your consent for any of the forms. Please visit: https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca

To log in you will need the student nine-digit PEN # (Personal Education Number). Please note this is different from the School Student #. The PEN # can be found:

- On any previous report card;
- Logging into MyEd, under top tab My Info; or
- Clicking "Request Student PEN" on the sign-in page at https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Daily attendance is sent by email through MyEd to advise parents/guardians of student attendance. Student absences may also be seen by signing into the MyEd Family Portal.

Parents/Guardians must email **pointgreyattendance@vsb.c.ca** if reporting absences.

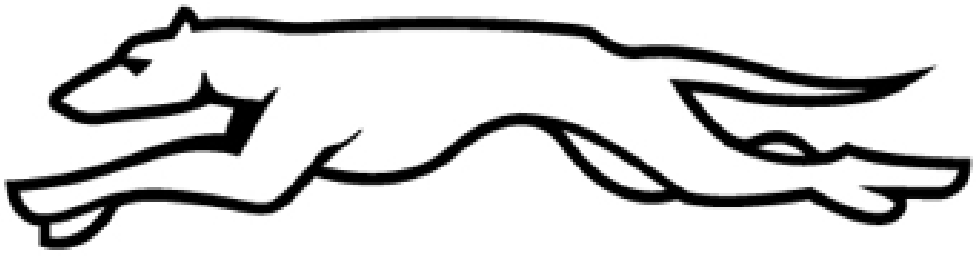
The email must contain the following information:

- Student Called First & Last Name
- Student #
- Grade
- Date(s) - specify full day, am/pm, or specific period(s) absent
- Reason for absence(s) / late(s)

Subject teachers may also be included in the email. Staff email addresses can be found on our school website under About Us > Our Staff or use this link **Staff Emails**

ARTONA PHOTO DAY FOR STUDENT IDS

Photo day is on Friday, September 18th in the cafeteria. A PA message will be announced when students should go down to the cafeteria. Artona will hand out a card with a QR code to be able to login and view the photo and purchase a package if you wish.



Welcome from our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Welcome to the new school year! As the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of stəywəte:ń Point Grey Secondary, we want to offer a warm welcome to our new incoming parents as well as to all parents. Let's make this a year to remember!

What exactly is the PAC?
A PAC is the Ministry of Education's officially recognized voice of parents at schools, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to advise on school programs, policies, plans and activities.

We are a group of parents who support our teens, teachers, staff and administrators in making stəywəte:ń Point Grey Secondary a great experience for all. As part of our annual activities, we support social events, teacher and staff appreciation, opportunities for parent learning and fundraising for our school amongst other things.

As a parent of a child at stəywəte:ń Point Grey Secondary, you are automatically part of the PAC and we invite you to attend our monthly meetings where you'll have a chance to share your thoughts and get involved!

Our first meeting will be held on **September 16th, 2026** at **7:30 pm** in the library. It's a great opportunity to come into the school, meet our principal and get to know other parents too. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Dates in September

Remember to check our school website main page under "Announcements" for daily schedules, monthly calendar, student agenda, and other information as the school year progresses.

- Tuesday, September 8.....Welcome Back!
  .....Grades 9-12 Homeroom @ 9:30 am – 10:00am
  .....Grade 8 Assembly, Tour & Homeroom @ 12:30pm – 2:15pm
- Wednesday, September 9 .....First Full Day of Classes
- Thursday, September 10 .....Grade 8 Parent Welcome, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
- Tuesday, September 15.....Mini Parents' Association Meeting, 7:00 pm, Virtual via Zoom
- Wednesday, September 16 .....Collaborative Planning Day, early dismissal for students @ 1:35 pm
- Wednesday, September 16 .....PAC Meeting, 7:30 pm, Library
- Friday, September 18.....Artona Photo Day, Cafeteria
- Monday, September 21.....School Based Pro D (school not in session for students)
- Wednesday, September 23 – 24.....Grade 8 Camp
- Monday, September 28.....Music Supporters' Society Meeting, 7:00 pm, Virtual via Zoom
- Tuesday, September 29.....Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday, September 30 .....National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (schools not in session)

Calendar 2026 -2027
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SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW	
Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

IMPORTANT DATES	
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)	
Monday, September 21, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School – not moveable)

COLLABORATION DATES	COLLABORATION TIMES
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, January 20, 2027	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, February 17, 2027	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, May 19, 2027	Late Start for Students @ 10:10am
Wednesday, June 9, 2027	Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:35pm

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES	EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES
Thursday, November 5, 2026	Early Dismissal for Students @ 2:05pm
Thursday, April 15, 2027	Early Dismissal for Students @ 2:05pm