



BRITANNIA SECONDARY SCHOOL



November Newsletter 2022



SCHOOL/OFFICE INFORMATION

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| November 11 | Remembrance Day – School Closed |
| November 18 | Report Cards Published – 3pm |
| November 25 | Professional Development Day – No Classes in Session |
| December 16 | Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation |
| December 19 | Start of Winter Break |



FAMILY TEACHER CONFERENCES-BRITANNIA SCHOOL CAFETERIA

On November 24, 2022, Britannia Secondary will be hosting In Person Family Teacher conferences from 4:30-6:30pm.

School Appointments – Family/Guardian Instructions

1. Beginning Thursday, Nov 17 at 3:00pm until Tuesday, Nov 22 at 10:00am, go to our school appointments website: <https://britanniasecondary.schoolappointments.com/> You can also access this link from the Britannia Secondary School website: <http://britannia.vsb.bc.ca>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.

NOTE: You must know the Teacher's name in order to book appointments. Teacher names can be found on the Term 1 Interim, accessible online through the MyEducationBC Family Portal or under the Academics tab on the portal.

5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings. All appointments are in person in the Britannia School Cafeteria.
6. Translators will be available during the evening. If you require a translator, please select the teacher and time you wish to meet and then select a translator to join you in the conference if required: Michelle Mai - Cantonese/Mandarin Translator or Tom Lai - Vietnamese Translator, or Valia Flores de Puente – Spanish Translator. Please note: Translator spaces are limited, please have a trusted family member/friend interrupt for you.
7. If you require assistance booking appointments, please contact Britannia Secondary School Main Office at 604-713-8266.

HOMework CLUB

Homework Club meets Monday to Thursday from 3-6pm. We have volunteer tutors from UBC and SFU, who work with the kids on their academics. The club is sponsored by individual and business donors and further funding is made possible through grant applications. In September 2022, we welcomed 416 students through our door over a period of 11 days. There are always lots of snacks, socializing and good times to be had!

ATHLETICS



The Britannia Athletics fall season got off to a strong start in 2022, fielding our most student-athletes in recent memory. Britannia was able to add 4 volleyball teams, a boys soccer team and both junior and senior cross-country teams. Over 80 students committed to teams and sports across the fall season. Thanks to the community coaches, teacher coaches and senior students who volunteer their time to each team. Our Timers and Scorers club were also able to complete their officials training as well as referee training for our senior students. VSSAA's fall season is set to culminate and playoffs are around the corner. Our winter season is set to start in mid-November with basketball.

SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

At the end of September, our Senior Girls Volleyball scrimmaged with Moscrop Junior Girls! Lots of fun, thank you Coach Or!



CROSS

COUNTRY



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation Run

On Sunday October 16, 2022, the Students and Staff of Britannia Secondary volunteered, ran, and walked in The Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation Run. 100% of funds raised support the student athletes of StreetFront! A big thank you to everyone who participated.



STREETFRONT

StreetFront has had a busy start to the school year with numerous hikes and our first camp trip in three years - Manning Park.



DIVERSITY AT BRITANNIA



We are starting off the year strong at Britannia by welcoming old faces and new friends to the Sexuality and Gender Acceptance Alliance, SAGAA. Queer students and allies are gathering to make connections, swap book and film recommendations, and make plans for the coming year. We are also excited to have two students stepping into the brand new role of SOGI Rep on Student Council! These two young people will be liaising with SAGAA to represent the 2SLGBTQIA+ perspective in student government, and working towards fun, affirming, and educational activities for the entire student body.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

POST-SECONDARY DAY

On Nov 16th Britannia will be hosting Post-Secondary BC day (block 3 & 4). Grade 12 students will attend two college/university information sessions, followed by a mini fair where they can collect information and ask questions.

Schools in attendance:

Langara College, Simon Fraser University, Capilano University, British Columbia School of Technology, University of Victoria, Douglas College, Vancouver Community College, Thompson Rivers University, University of Northern BC, Quest University, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Trinity Western University, Vancouver Island University, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Corpus Cristy and St. Mark's Colleges, Canadian Armed Forces – Royal Military College, Fairleigh Dickenson University

Counselling Team:

Ms. Joann Liu – Gr. 8(A-H) & Gr 9

Ms. Kaitlee Simonson- Gr. 8(I-P) & Gr 10

Ms. Kaera Ross– Gr. 8(Q-Z) & Gr 11

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Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ilwílh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations

BRITANNIA BRUINS