



Fall 2011

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in our District Alternative programs (Mini Schools). Parents are encouraged to attend several Information Nights to select the most appropriate program for their child. Information Nights begin on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and run to Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

From November 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup> the **online registration** for the **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011** large group assessment will be open.

Please note:

You can register online only for the **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011** large group assessment. The link will be on the VSB website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

Before you register online you must obtain your **STUDENT PEN number**. This is a nine digit number you can get from your Elementary School office.

You can only register online from November 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>. **NO LATE** registrations will be accepted.

The **December 12<sup>th</sup>** assessment is a test of cognitive abilities and English proficiency.

The test is approximately 2.5 hours long and students are assigned to a local Secondary school to take the test.

No sample questions or information on the content are available to parents or students.

The test is used for the purpose of program selection only. No test results are given out to students or parents. Not all programs use the test results for recruiting students.

You must also **apply to each program** for which you want to be considered. Registering for the test does not mean you are automatically registered in a program. Apply for each program **at the school** where the program resides. The **Deadline** for Registration for each Program is **DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

First offers are made on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Acceptances are to be made by noon on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Second offers are made on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

Second offer acceptances are to be made by noon on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Please refer to the Options brochure available through your Elementary school or on the website in PDF format.

Each year approximately 1400 students apply for 650 available spots in the Grade 8 intake. Every Vancouver School District classroom offers a variety of exciting and challenging learning opportunities for our students. Thank you again, for your interest our programs.

**MINI SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011 / 2012**
**INFORMATION NIGHTS**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>OCT</b>						1
2	3	4 UBC Transition	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Gladstone Mini	26 Killarney Mini	27 Hamber Challenge	28	29
30	31					
<b>NOV</b>		1 Templeton	2 Odyssey	3 PW Mini	4	5
6	7 Synergy Trek PW	8 Point Grey Mini Trek Gladstone	9 Summit Byng Arts	10	11	12
13	14	15 Tupper	16 Flex Humanities	17 Ideal Mini	18	19
20	21 King George Tech	22 Britannia Venture <b>Online Registration Opens</b>	23 Windermere Leadership & Athena	24 Britannia Hockey / John Oliver	25	26
27	<b>28</b> UBC Transition	29	30			
<b>DEC</b>				1	2	3
<b>4 Online Registration Deadline</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	<b>12 TEST</b>	13	14	<b>15 Application Deadline</b>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>JAN</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 IB Churchill	17 City School	18 IB Britannia	19	20	21
22	23 Byng Auditions	24 Byng Auditions	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
<b>FEB</b>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	<b>16 First Offers</b>	17	18
19	<b>20 First Acceptances by Noon</b>	21	22 Second Offers	23	<b>24 Acceptances</b>	25
26	27	28	29			