



# University Hill Secondary Parent Newsletter

## School Start Up September 2020



### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

September 4, 2020

Dear Students and Families,

"The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings." —Kakuzō Okakura, The Book of Tea

We are so happy to welcome back all of our returning students as well as students and parents new to our community. We hope that you have all had a restful summer holiday and a chance to re-energize and connect with family and friends.

We very much look forward to seeing all of our students back in school. U-Hill Secondary continues to be deeply committed to providing a safe learning environment while inspiring academic excellence and a deep passion for learning in all of our students.

We understand that many families and students may be feeling some anxiety about returning to school. Without doubt, we have all faced many challenges and much uncertainty over the last number of months. Please know that the well-being, health and safety of the of the entire U-Hill community is our highest priority. Classes have been split to allow for safe social distancing in every classroom, and all sanctioned public health guidelines will be rigorously followed on a daily basis to allow for a safe return to school.

At this point, it so important that students return to school so that they may begin developing and nurturing the human relationships so integral to their growth and learning. We feel confident that we will be able to provide them with the safe and structured learning environment necessary for them to flourish and grow.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Harris on the birth of her baby son, and welcome Dave Mathews, who will be assuming her teaching year and Tara Basran who will be teaching in the Social Studies department. We would also like to welcome Brian Armstrong and Dominic Gray who will be assigned as SSA'S to the U-Hill staff.

University Hill Secondary is a wonderful school that offers so many opportunities for its students. I look forward to continuing to see our learning community thrive and know that the 2020/2021 school year, in spite of the challenges that lie ahead, is full of wonderful, safe, and positive experiences for all.

Stay healthy and Safe.

Sincerely,

Tim McGeer

Principal

University Hill Secondary School

## FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL 2020-2021(STUDENT ORIENTATION)

On September 10th and 11th, the school will be having two student orientation days. During the two days, students will meet with their two first quarter teachers and receive information about the daily health and safety protocols, the new school schedule and calendar, as well as important information about the hybrid learning model.

It is very essential that all students access their first quarter class schedule in the MYED account portal prior to attending the sessions. **The MYED accounts will be available on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020. Student timetables will not be available until this time.**

Instructions for first time users are available in the IMPORTANT INFORMATION section of this newsletter. For the two orientation days we ask that you follow the schedule below:

### Thursday, September 10

**1-1A: 9:00am – 10:00am**

**1-1B: 10:30am – 11:30am**

### Friday, September 11

**1-2A: 9:00am – 10:00am**

**1-2B: 10:30am – 11:30am**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### MYED ACCOUNTS

MyEducationBC accounts will be available on available on the morning of September 9, 2020. MyEducationBC is the student information system for the Vancouver School Board. An account known as a Student Family Portal Account has been created by the district for all students at University Hill Secondary School. This account is a shared account where students and parents can access student schedules, daily/class attendance, course grades and report cards. It is imperative that you share the account information (password) as a family (with your child). Your login for this account is your child's student number. For returning students, carry on with your existing Student Number, Login ID, and password. For new students to U-Hill, your first password is Dist\$2021. Once you have entered MYED for the first time, follow the prompts to create a new password.

Please use the website to login: [MyEducationBC Account](#)

Please see the attached instructions for set up of account: [First Time Logging In](#)

### MICROSOFT TEAMS

In preparation, we ask that students update their Microsoft Office 365 (TEAMS) accounts prior to the start of the school year – reset passwords at <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/>. Students will use TEAMS account as their remote learning platform and for class and teacher communication. You will need to know your student PEN, which is 9 digits long. This can be found on your BC report card.

### LOCKERS

Lockers will not be issued to students at this time. Students are expected to bring their materials to and from school each day. Accommodations can be made in special circumstances. Please contact your child's resource teacher or counsellor.

### LUNCH

Our schedule is designed to reduce contacts between students so there will be no common lunch period. At this time, our cafeteria will not serve lunch and students are expected to leave the school after their scheduled session and flex time.

## DAILY SCHEDULE – BEGINNING SEPT. 14, 2020

STUDENT TIMETABLE:

New Daily Schedule:

\*Flex times A & B will be for courses that need to run outside of the quarterly schedule for educational and student support purposes. Flex time will be included in each student's timetable:

Daily Schedule	
<b>Session One</b>	08:40 – 10:25
<b>Flex Time A</b>	10:30 – 11:30
<b>Flex Time B</b>	12:15 – 01:15
<b>Session Two</b>	01:18 – 03:03

## QUARTERLY SCHEDULE

Quarterly Schedule	
<b>Quarter One</b>	Sept 14, 2020-Nov 17, 2020
<b>Quarter Two</b>	Nov 18, 2020-Feb 3, 2021
<b>Quarter Three</b>	Feb 04, 2020-Apr 23, 2021
<b>Quarter Four</b>	Apr 27, 2021-Jun 29, 2021

## COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TIME DAYS (CPT)

Ten days have been designated to include collaborative planning time. Teachers use this time to meet and plan teaching strategies and goals. On these days' Flex Time A will be used for AM CPT days, Flex Time B will be used for PM CPT days.

CPT Dates		CPT in the AM		CPT in the PM	
AM	PM				
Sept 17 (D1)	Oct 15 (D2)	Session 1	08:40 – 10:25	Session 1	08:40 – 10:25
Dec 14 (D1)	Nov 13 (D1)	CPT (AM)	10:30 – 11:30	Flex Time	10:30 – 11:30
Jan 14 (D2)	Feb 17 (D2)	Flex Time	12:15 – 01:15	CPT (PM)	12:15 – 01:15
Mar 09 (D2)	Apr 15 (D1)	Session 2	01:18 – 03:03	Session 2	01:18 – 03:03
May 12 (D1)	Jun 03 (D2)				

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### DAILY HEALTH CHECKS – PARENT & CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Ask these questions:

- Does your child have the symptoms of a common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease?
- Has your child been outside Canada in the last 14 days?
- Has your child been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak?

If the answer is **yes** to any of these questions, you must keep your child at home, self-isolate, and seek care from a health-care provider.

#### What if someone in my household or bubble is sick?

- Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household has symptoms of illness, provided the student/staff is not sick
- It is expected the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a health-care provider

#### Students and Staff Who Become Sick at School:

If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school, protocols are in place.

- If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school, they will be given a non-medical mask and will be separated from their classmates or colleagues. Children will be supervised and cared for, if separated
- The students' parent or guardian will be contacted to discuss next steps, with a request to have their child picked up as soon as possible. Staff will be asked to go home as soon as possible
- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect the areas the person used
- The student or staff will be assessed by a health care provider
- The student or staff cannot return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and symptoms have improved

Schools will contact public health if absenteeism is more than 10% of regular attendance, to help with the early identification of clusters or outbreaks.

#### Safety Protocols in School:

The ability to have people follow effective personal practices will reduce the risk of the spread of Covid 19

- Wear a mask in all common areas of the school and we kindly ask you wear a mask in the classroom if possible
- Wash or sanitize your hands at stations and sinks
- Practice physical distancing when possible
- Do not share items with your friends (sanitize your water bottle, phone, pens, etc.)
- Obey the physical barriers in the building and adhere to traffic flow

**"BE CALM, BE KIND, BE SAFE" – DR. BONNIE HENRY**

## STANDARDIZED GENERAL SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE

School Fees are to be paid online in SchoolCashOnline through the link on the University Hill Secondary School's website or go to [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) and click 'Register'. It will be available for parent use starting September 10, 2020.

Further information on all General and Supplemental Fees and payment instructions will be sent home with students during the first week of homeroom classes and posted on the school website.

Under school legislation only prescribed expenses are allowable as standard, optional or supplemental fees.

<b>UNIVERSITY HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL</b>			
<b>SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021</b>			
Fee Type		Grade 8 - 11	Grade 12
<i>Student Fees: Includes agenda &amp; activities</i>		\$30.00	\$30.00
<i>Graduation Fees: Venue, gown, tickets, decorations, photographer, and reception</i>  <i>Dinner &amp; Dance: Venue, dancing, and dinner</i>			\$100.00
			\$150.00
<b>Total</b>		\$30.00	\$280.00
Optional Fees		Grade 8 - 11	Grade 12
<i>Yearbook</i>		\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Lock</i>		\$11.00	\$11.00
<b>Financial Hardship Policy</b>			
<p>The Board of Education Trustees is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class, or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all of school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.</p>			
<b>Important Information – Please Translate</b>			
這是一份重要資訊 — 請找人為您翻譯			
这是一份重要信息 — 请找人为您翻译			
Thông tin quan trọng - Xin phiên dịch			
Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki sali sa sariling wika			
Información importante - Por favor traducir			

## COUNSELLING

Our aim is to provide guidance and information to students/parents/guardians in order to help support our students. We strongly encourage students/parents/guardians to visit our counselling website for important upcoming events, deadlines, and resources for well-being. <https://U-Hillcounselling.weebly.com/> .

Ms. Emily Chen (Grade 8 – 11, Last Name A-L, LSP) [ehchen@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ehchen@vsb.bc.ca)

Ms. Susan Hornby (Grade 8 – 11, Last Name M-Z, Transitions) [shornby@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:shornby@vsb.bc.ca)

Ms. Elizabeth Watanabe (Grade 12, Whitecaps) [ewatanabe@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ewatanabe@vsb.bc.ca)

## ADMINISTRATION

### Administrative Team:

Mr. Tim McGeer – Principal

Mr. Bernie Soong – Vice Principal

### Office Staff:

Ms. Christine Chen – Records Clerk

Ms. Janet Griffiths – Office Administrator

Ms. Holly Low – Accounting Clerk

Ms. Mandana Shojaat – Reception

### Counselling Team:

Ms. Emily Chen

Ms. Susan Hornby

Ms. Elizabeth Watanabe

Multicultural Workers: (604)713-5958

### School Trustee:

Ms. Jennifer Reddy

Vancouver School Board: (604)713-5000

## SCHOOL ADDRESS

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**Website: [U-Hill Secondary School Website](#)**

**Full Comprehensive School Calendar:**

**[U-Hill Secondary School Calendar](#)**

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

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