



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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October 8, 2020

Dear Vancouver Technical Secondary Community:

It is difficult to believe that September is behind us, and we are already well in to the second month of the school year. Our students have adjusted remarkably well to their new routines. Our students have quickly transitioned to our new quarterly schedule and have completed one cycle of both rotations. In this cycle they have spent 2 weeks in both face-to-face and remote online classes. Students have been following social distancing guidelines, good hand hygiene and mask wearing in common areas. We have been impressed with their quick adaptation to all the new protocols.

Great Job Techies!

Student Reporting

Communicating Student Learning

The 2020-2021 school year was slated for a shift in reporting timelines, moving from three formal term reports to two formal reports produced in January (mid-year) and June (year-end) with an interim report in November. As we have moved from our traditional linear system to our current quarterly schedule, the requirement of two formal reports for each class remains. Teachers will report on student achievement twice per quarter: **mid-quarter** and **quarter final**.

Along with the shift in reporting timelines, the transition in Secondary School reporting for the 2020-2021 school year includes a shift to the four-point District standard proficiency scale for grade 8 students:

(Beginning > Developing > Applying > Extending)

The four-point District standard proficiency scale will be assigned to grade 8 students in place of traditional percentages and letter grades. Letter grades will be used for grade 9 courses and percentages will continue to be used for reporting achievement for all grade 10-12 courses. These reporting standards align with the current Provincial Interim Student Reporting Order and the redesigned curriculum.

In alignment with the District Communicating Student Learning planning, Student achievement reporting for all students, grades 8-12, in 2020-2021 will be based on cumulative grading practices.

For **Quarter 1**, the reporting timeline is as follows, accordingly report cards will be published on the following dates:

- Mid-Quarter Report: October 16, 2020
- Quarter Final Report: November 20, 2020

Linear Classes Reporting Timeline

Teachers of Linear classes will follow the previously communicated 2020-2021 Reporting Timeline adapted to align with quarterly reporting windows. Linear teachers will complete an Interim Report, Mid-Year Report and Final Report.

Interim Report	Mid-Year Report	Final Report
November 20, 2020	February 5, 2021	June 29, 2021
- Quarter 1 Final Report period - Work habits and comments	- Quarter 2 Final Report period - Marks (percentages), work habits and comments - Mark displayed in "Q1Grade" Column	- Quarter 4 Final Report period - Mark (percentages), work habits and comments - Mark displayed in "Final" column

Rotation Classes Reporting Timeline

Teachers of Rotation and Semester classes will report on their classes with a **Final Mark, Work Habit and Comment**. Upon completion of their rotation/semester, teachers will input a final mark, work habit and comment. The final marks for rotation classes will be reported **on the next published report**.

Reports

Reports will be available to families online. Student will need to access their MyEducation BC accounts.

To view report cards:

- Go to: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- Login ID: Child's Student #
- Password: The one you have created or the one your child has created
(Please share this password as this is a family account.)

If your account is disabled, please complete the MyEd Password Reset [form](#) on the Vancouver Technical website. Passwords are reset weekly on Fridays.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Due to current Health and Safety requirements, Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for, Wednesday December 02, 2020, have been **cancelled**.

Teachers will communicate any academic concerns with parent/guardians through email, phone conversations or pre-arranged face-to-face meetings. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 10 Numeracy & Literacy Assessments

General Information

Students that are of Grade 10 age are scheduled to write two Provincial Assessments to assess their proficiency in numeracy and literacy. These assessments are not associated with any course mark, but their completion is part of BC Graduation Requirements.

The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment focuses on the application of mathematical concepts learned across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 10. It requires students to solve problems by using five numeracy processes (different ways of thinking and working): interpret, apply, solve, analyze, and communicate. The numeracy processes are described in the [pre-assessment activities](#) and in the specifications.

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment assesses student ability to use critical thinking and analysis to make meaning from a diverse array of texts. It also assesses the ability of students to communicate their ideas. The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment is not based on a particular course, but on learning across multiple subjects, from kindergarten to Grade 10.

Students in Grade 11 who have not written the Numeracy and/or Literacy Assessment will be provided an opportunity to write these assessments. Students in Grade 12 who have not written the Numeracy Assessment will be provided an opportunity to write this assessment. Refer to the following document to determine Graduation Assessment Requirements as applicable to you - [Graduation Assessments Implementation](#)

Schedule of Assessments

Adherence to Provincial Health & Safety protocols will be maintained for students assigned to write Assessments. In order to maximize face-to-face instructional time, the assessments will be written during 10:30 am-1:30pm (Flex AM & PM and Lunch Time).

Assessment	Assessment Period
Numeracy (*Grade 12's who have not written the assessment previously)	November 2, 2020
Numeracy (*Grade 11's who have not written the assessment previously)	November 3, 2020
Literacy (*Grade 11's who have not written the assessment previously)	November 5, 2020
Numeracy (ALL Grade 10 students)	January 25 to January 29, 2021
Literacy (ALL Grade 10 students)	April 12 to April 16, 2021

Further Information

- Grade 11 and 12 students who have not written the assessment will be contacted by their counsellor in the upcoming week.
- Detailed information regarding implementation of the Assessments will be provided to students sitting these Assessments closer to the assessment dates
- Please see your School Counsellor should you have questions regarding your graduation requirements
- BC Ministry of Education Link for the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment:
 - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>
- BC Ministry of Education Link for the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment:
 - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

School Photos & Retake Day

School Photos took place on September 17 & 18 can be viewed online- <https://vando.imagequix.com/191XX9Q>



You will need an ONLINE CODE. This is unique to each student. It is your student number & your birth date number. For example, if my student number is 754689 and my birthday is November 5, my online code is: 75468905. Please follow ordering instructions on the website. Families can contact Artona with any questions: (604) 872-7272.

Photo Retakes will take place on **October 15, 2020**. As we need to follow our new Health & Safety guidelines, students who would like a retake need to sign-up by completing this [form](#) by Friday October 9.

We will create a student schedule after sign-up closes and post it for staff and students on Monday October 12.

Retakes will happen during your Q1R1 F2F CLASS on October 15.

- You will need to bring your Go Card to get a retake.
- You will also need to sign-up if you missed photo day.
- Please note, the retake photo will be used in the Yearbook

(This information has also been posted to the Student Hub via TEAMS)

Student Learning Hub

Does your child need extra help with school work?

The **Student Learning Hub** is a place for students to get extra face-to-face support with our excellent SSAs and resource team. The 10:30-11:30 AM Flex time is a drop-in time for ALL students. Students must practice good hand hygiene and wear a mask while in the Student Learning Hub.

Collaborative Time

The purpose of collaboration time is to bring school staff together to engage in activities and discussions that support and enhance student progress and achievement. The primary focus of collaboration time is the "Four Pillars" of education:

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Assessment
- Social/Emotional Learning.

Staff collaboration time has been accommodated by a late start in previous school years at 10:00am. This year, collaborative time will occur during FLEX AM time (10:30-11:30). This means there will not be synchronous remote classroom meetings, but teachers may continue to post items on Teams for students to access.

Athletics

Fall Season Athletics Info

(This has been posted on the Student Hub)



If students are interested in participating in a fall sport, registration started on Tuesday October 6th at noon. Unfortunately, given our "new normal," we will not be having any official teams this fall season. This means that there are no tryouts and that anybody can participate. The focus will be on socially distanced **skill and community building**, as competition against other schools has not been permitted by the school board. These skill clinics will begin Oct. 13 and end around Nov.17.

The following sports will be offered, (with sessions starting next week after Thanksgiving)

- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball (Monday/Thursday 3:30-5:30 Main Gym)
- Grade 9 Girls Volleyball (Wednesday 3:30-5:30 Main Gym)
- Grade 8-12 Boys Soccer (Tuesday/Thursday 3:15-5:00 Turf)
- Running Club (Cross Country/Track) (Tuesday/Thursday 3:15-5:00 Track)
- Badminton Club (Friday 3:30-5:00 Main Gym)

Should the school board start relaxing their rules and regulations regarding community coaches and volunteers (they are not allowed to be at school right now), we hope to be able to offer:

- Grade 10 Girls Volleyball
- Grade 11-12 Girls Volleyball
- Grade 10-12 Boys Volleyball

If students are interested, **sign up began Tuesday at noon, on the Student Hub via Teams or completing the following [form](#):**

There will be a \$20 athletic fee that will need to be paid to ensure commitment. Spots for indoor sports are limited, so make sure you register early. Registration will close Friday October 9 at 11:59PM. Please note that registration is not guaranteed. Limits to the number of participants will be enforced, due to school board health and safety rules and regulations due to COVID.

Students will receive an email this weekend about their registration (if you get a spot or not) and the next steps, which include making a payment online for athletic fees to confirm your participation.

Information regarding proper protocols (social distancing, hand washing, masks, etc...) will be communicated at a later date.

If you're wondering about other sports, please check out the Van Tech Athletics [Website](#) .

Van Tech Library/Learning Commons

The Van Tech Library is open to students during Flex AM & Flex PM to use technology, borrow books and to work on student assignments. Students must sanitize hands, socially distance & wear a mask when in the Library. ([Website](#))

School Events

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to Indigenous children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. We are proud of our staff and students who acknowledged this event by wearing an orange shirt.



Student Clubs

Student Council has invited potential clubs to submit their proposals for review. Student Council will be hosting a virtual 'Clubs Day' on the Student Hub via Teams- stay tuned!

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

It was great to see everyone online! A big thank you to our PAC and DPAC for setting up our Zoom PAC meeting. A few highlights that were discussed at the meeting in the Principal's Report are:

- School Start-Up
- The New Quarterly Schedule
- The New Health & Safety Guidelines
- New Students Transition into Van Tech

Next PAC Meeting- October 27, 2020 ([Website](#))

We would like to thank our Van Tech Community for all their hard work and support during these unprecedented times. We have been impressed with our students' ability to adapt to our new learning environment and are enjoying seeing the variety of mask designs each day.

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the work of our teachers, whom we celebrated World Teacher Appreciation Day on Monday October 5th. COVID-19 has caused unprecedented disruption to education, with a peak of more than 1.5 billion children in 190 countries out of school. Teachers have continued to provide learning opportunities to students- before, during and after COVID-19 school closures. During this time, teachers have gone to incredible lengths to help students reach their potential. At Van Tech, we know this is true of our teachers, and we are very fortunate to work with such an amazing group of educators!

Vancouver Technical Administration

Mr. Roberto Moro, Principal (Grade 12)

Ms. Sangeeta Kauldher, Vice-Principal (Grades 9,11)

Ms. Sonja Rondestvedt, Vice-Principal (Grades 8,10)

Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - [skwxwú7mesh](#) (Squamish), [sel̓l̓wítulh](#) (Tsleil-Waututh), and [xʷməθkʷəyəm](#) (Musqueam) nations

General Reminders

Parents are currently not allowed in the building **without** an appointment. Please contact the school office if you need to come in.

If possible, we encourage parents to book appointments (medical, dental etc) for their children during non face-to-face time. As the pace of classes are intensified in the quarter system, students may be missing valuable instructional time.

We are asking students to **not** congregate in the hallways and to not come into the building prior to 8:30am for F2F AM CLASSES and 1:05pm for F2F PM CLASSES, unless students are scheduled for an off-timetable class.

Students are asked to hand sanitize when entering, socially distance while in the building, wear masks in common areas, and remain on the right side of the hallways and stairwells while walking though the school.

Students should proceed directly to their classrooms and leave the building when their class has finished unless they are scheduled to attend a FLEX class. Also, students are not permitted to be in the building during lunch, unless they are attending an off-Timetable class.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2020- DECEMBER 2020

2020				
	OCT	7	W	Collaborative Time for Staff (FLEX AM)
		12	M	THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
		15	Th	Photo Retakes Grade 12 Family Information Night (7-8 pm, Student Hub via TEAMS)
		16	F	MidQuarter 1 Report published to MyEd (3pm)
		23	F	<i>Professional Development Day</i> (No classes)
	NOV	2-6	M-Th	Numeracy & Literacy Assessments <small>(Grade 11 &12 who have not written the assessment previously- students will be contacted by their counsellor)</small>
		10	T	Remembrance Day Assemblies
		11	W	REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY
		17	Tu	Quarter 1 Ends
		18	W	Quarter 2 Begins Collaborative Time for Staff (FLEX AM)
		20	F	Final Quarter 1 Report published to MyEd (3pm)
		27	F	<i>Professional Development Day</i> (No classes)
	DEC	3	Th	Collaborative Time for Staff (FLEX AM)
		20	F	Last day of classes before Winter Break

Resources, Links & Information

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[Intro to Teams](#) : Introduction to using Microsoft Teams

[Teams \(Student\)](#): Student Resource for using Microsoft Teams for remote learning

[Teams \(Parent\)](#): Guidance for Parents as their child uses Microsoft Teams remote learning

[Tech's Technology](#) Tools: An overview of MyEd, Office365 & Teams for Van Tech Students

[MyEd Help Page](#): Basic step by step instructions for setting up and using your MyEd Account



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We will continue to stay connected and update our community via:

