



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, MAY 1st, 2020

Hello Britannia Families,

We hope this email bulletin finds you well. We thank you for your patience as learning rolls out from teachers and for supporting your child and their teachers as everyone tries to make the best of a very challenging and complex situation.

We have the following updates and information for you:

Goals for this past week:

- To draw our attention to the wellness of our colleagues and community.
- To continue to support students without access to technology throughout the week.

Vancouver School District Priorities During the COVID – 19 Response:

1. Safety and wellbeing
2. Communication
3. Connection
4. Continuity of Learning

Student Belongings and Learning Materials Pick-up

- Today we have finished three days of students retrieving materials from their lockers.
- Next Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30 pm and 1:00 pm students can come to the school, **if they have been contacted by their teachers**, to pick up materials for learning at home.
 - Distribution of materials will be done **at the doors leading to the GYM.**
- Students who would like to retrieve materials from their lockers may also come at this time (Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30 and 1:00).
 - **Students must report to the doors leading to the Gym** where they will be escorted to their lockers.
 - Only students (not adults) will be permitted in the school.

Health and Safety

- Ensuring health and safety is our top priority as we all work to support our students.
- Should you have any pressing concerns or needs including food and groceries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's grade counsellor or program teacher.

Continuity of Learning

- Goals: The continuation of learning and assessment during the COVID-19 response will recognize and reflect the following learning goals:
 - Learning Together: A partnership between families and educators
 - Learning in a New Space: A journey with many pathways of curiosity and exploration
 - Learning for All: An opportunity for engagement and connections for all students
- Continuity of Learning Tips for Parents
 - The district has posted a new page on its website containing [Tips for Parents](#) for supporting your grade 8 to 12 teen. The site has many useful strategies and considerations for you during the COVID-19 pandemic and you are encouraged to have a look.

- Assessment and Reporting of Continuity of Learning
 - The district is creating a document for families to explain the guidelines for the assessment and reporting of the learning that will take place during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is not yet available, but we expect to be able to share it with you soon.
 - Some of the key understandings of the district guidelines are:
 - Each student will receive a report card in June with a final grade in each of their courses.
 - Final grades will take into consideration assessment of learning prior to spring break and evidence of learning in relation to essential learning standards during the learning at home period.
 - Every student eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate.
 - Schools will continue to support individual students who were not achieving a passing grade as of March 13.
- Continuity of Learning Resources
 - Ministry of Education
 - [Tips for Parents](#) (*New)
 - [Keep Learning](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [VSB COVID-19 Updates](#)

Staff Contact Information

- If you would like to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator, their emails may be found [here](#)

Additional Resources

- [Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 Information](#)
- Once again, we would like to pass on a link to an online resource, created by one of our teachers, that gathers info about supports for our students and their families <https://careerlifeclass.com/pandemic-support>

Message from our Marketing Class

Do you or your children like snacks? Then this is for you!

A bulk order for the Cave was made before spring break in order to receive discounted pricing. Now this discounted pricing is being passed on to you! It's an offer you can't give up!

Cases of **20** shrimp chips (75 gram bags) OR crab chips (50 gram bags) for the low price of \$15.

London Drugs sells for these chips for \$1.49 each: <https://www.londondrugs.com/paldo-shrimp-snack---75g/L3270055.html>

Pick up at the school....email Ms. Tatomir (ktatomir@vsb.bc.ca) with questions.

To conclude, it is important to note that online and remote learning will not replace face-to-face instruction, but it is the reality we face at this time and we are all trying to manage the best we can. So once again, please be patient, please communicate and please know that together we will figure this out and get to the finish line in June.

Take care,

The Brit Admin

Britannia Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/britannia-secondary/Pages/default.aspx>