



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

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Hello Britannia Families,

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1. Goals for this past week:

- Indigenous Education – Allyship and Collective Responsibility. Five R's – Responsibility, Relationships, Relevancy, Respect, Reciprocity. "Teachings come from everywhere when you open yourself to them" – Richard Wagamese.
- To continue to support students without access to technology throughout the week.

2. Vancouver School District Priorities During the COVID – 19 Response:

- Safety and wellbeing
- Communication
- Connection
- Continuity of Learning

3. 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.

4. BC Ministry of Education Shifting COVID-19 Restrictions

The Ministry of Education announced today changes to the COVID-19 restrictions for BC schools. Please refer to [this news release](#) for further information. The Vancouver School District and Britannia Secondary are working on plans for how these changes will be implemented at Britannia. We will share Britannia's plans with our community in the next two weeks.

5. Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) is administered every year in B.C. public schools to students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 and provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. It is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents/guardians, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goalsetting, and to provide individual students personalized support.

Prior to the suspension of in-class instruction, Grades 10 and 12 students were scheduled to complete the survey in class the week of March 30th. While the in-classroom instruction is suspended due to the COVID-19, we are now asking that Gr 10 and 12 students complete the survey at home. The survey can be completed online **any time before midnight June 30th, 2020**.

[This letter](#) details instructions for students to complete the survey at home.

Parents/Guardians – some of you may have completed the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys back in February. If not, you are most welcome to complete the survey now.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - o District: the name of your child's district
 - o School: the name of your child's school
 - o Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

We would appreciate your participation in the survey.

6. School Fees 2020-2021

The General, Supplemental and Mini School Fee Schedules for Britannia for the 2020-2021 school year have been approved by the Vancouver School Board and have been published on the schools website at [this link](#).

7. Student Belongings and Learning Materials Pick-up and drop off!!

- We continue to permit access to the school by students to visit their lockers and pick up learning materials.
- This will continue next week as well on Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30 pm and 1:00 pm.
- Students may come to the school, **if they have been contacted by their teachers**, to pick up materials for learning at home.
 - o 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).
 - o **Students must report to the doors leading to the Gym** where they will be escorted to their lockers.
 - o Only students (not adults) will be permitted in the school.
- Students may **return school materials and library books** during this time. There is a non-contact drop box available.
- Class assignments are not to be dropped off; these must be shared electronically with teachers.

8. Online Parenting Courses for Families During The Covid-19 Pandemic

Please find information on online parenting courses for families from the BC Council for Families at the following link: <https://www.bccf.ca/bccf/blog/online-parenting-courses-for-covid-19/>

9. Resources during COVID-19

- [VSB Guidelines for the Assessment and Reporting of the Learning](#)
- [VSB Resource Hub](#)
- VSB [Tips for Parents](#)
- VSB [COVID-19 Updates](#)
- BC Ministry of Education [Keep Learning](#)
- BC Ministry of Education [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [VSB Summer School Information](#)
- [Vancouver Learning Network.](#)
- [BC's Restart Plan](#)
- [Measured approach to phasing in a return to learning in classrooms.](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Strategy](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Checklist.](#)
- [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>

10. Staff Contact Information

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

Take care,

The Brit Admin

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