



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th, 2020

Hello Britannia Families,

June 5, 2020

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1. Racism

As principal of Britannia, I want to acknowledge protests taking place across North America which put the spotlight on racism, not only in the United States but here in Canada and around the world.

These events highlight the importance of ongoing work and intentional focus on the issues of racism and discrimination within our schools and our broader communities. At the Board level, several important actions have been taken to further racial awareness and redress issues of colonialism and systemic racism that exist within our larger society.

As a District, we have an intentional focus on equity within our work. As a District we are committed to:

- Creating a culture of care and shared social responsibility.
- Fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect and safe, inclusive, equitable and welcoming school environments.
- Explicitly addressing racism and teaching about anti-racism.

Earlier this week, Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman, recorded a [video message](#) that specifically speaks to racism, discrimination, and hate. This message is posted to all school websites as well as the District's homepage. In this message, our Superintendent acknowledges our collective responsibility to stand together against racism.

At Britannia we work to ensure all staff and students feel safe, valued and included. As a school community we strive to embrace and celebrate our diversity.

Sincerely,

Alec MacInnes

2. 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.

3. Continuity of Learning

We have completed the first week of face to face classes and it has been great to have our students back in the building.

Classes will continue next week with our day 2 classes meeting. Teachers have been contacting their students and informing them of the times the classes are meeting. If your child is unsure of when their class meets, please contact the teacher.

Families choosing to have their student(s) attend in-class instruction are asked to complete a health check before the student arrives at the school. The following outlines the [Daily Health Check for Students Attending In-Class Instruction](#)

4. Graduation 2020

Our plans are beginning to take shape!

The Class of 2020 Walkthrough will take place on **June 23, 2020**. Times will be confirmed in the next two weeks although the graduates will be given specific times when they need to be at the school.

Students will enter the school through one entrance, put on their cap and gown, and walk through the school to the auditorium where they will receive their Graduation Certificate and any awards they may be receiving. Students will have their picture taken with their certificate and then they will walk to the designated exit. Plans are in the works to decorate the halls the students will be travelling through to help make this a memorable event.

More details will sent out next week – stay tuned!

5. Year End Procedures for Students

Textbooks / Library materials: Students are reminded to return their textbook and library books during the weeks of June 8-12 and June 15-19 to their teacher's classroom. There is also a drop box available outside the main office from 8:30am – 2:45pm. Please put a note inside the book with the book with your name and student number.

Lockers: All lockers are to be cleared out and locks removed by Friday, June 19th. Students are encouraged to clean out their locker during scheduled class times. After June 19, locks and contents will be removed.

Laptops: Students may keep the loaned laptops until June 19th. Laptop returns will take place June 17-19 from 1:00 to 1:30pm in the main hall. Students wishing to return the laptop prior to June 17 may do so at the main office.

If you are unable to come into the school to return items and clean out your locker, please try to arrange for a classmate who would be able to help out.

6. Report Card Pick-up

Report cards will be available for pick up from the school on Thursday, June 25. Students will be invited to pick up according to a schedule which will be communicated next week. Students will only be able to pick up their report cards at certain times due to physical distancing protocols. Stay tuned for the schedule.

Report cards will also be available on the [MyEd Family Portal](#)

7. Britannia PAC Update

The Britannia Secondary PAC has concluded their meetings for the year and would like to share their [PAC Year in Review](#) with all families.

Thank you PAC for all you efforts this year!

8. Marketing Ecommerce Class Updates

Marketing 11/E-Commerce 12 students have been working hard on creating business ideas with the UN Sustainable Development Goals in mind. Students presented in-class through Microsoft Teams to a panel of local business volunteers and three student groups moved on to compete in the JA Be Entrepreneurial Discover your Pitch Competition. This provincial competition challenges students to create an innovative business idea and it culminates with student company groups pitching to judges. Students had the opportunity to participate in an Entrepreneurship workshop to further develop their research and presentation skills. After working with a local business mentor, students presented to a second panel of judges. Congratulations to all students for their efforts! Student company, NutriCustom (Colton Baker, Jerry Deng, Lynn Nguyen, and Maya Young) place 2nd out of their 5-team cohort so they will be moving on the finals. Good luck to NutriCustom as they compete against the top teams in the province on June 9th. RSVP to watch live and vote for NutriCustom's 30 second elevator pitch! <https://jabc.ca/discoveryourpitch/>

9. 2020-2021 Britannia School Calendar

The link sent out with this announcement last week was not correct. The link has been corrected:

The [Britannia Secondary Calendar 2020-21](#) has been approved by the Vancouver School Board and may be found at this link. The calendar indicates non-instructional and early dismissal days.

10. Food Distribution Event

LOTUS LIGHT CHARITY SOCIETY EMERGENCY FOOD MOBILE TEAM

PURPOSE: Distribute FREE fresh produce + FREE masks to families

ADDRESS: BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING LOT, 1661 Napier St, Vancouver

DATE: Thursday, June. 5, 2020

TIME: 1pm

***** Please note:

- No ID check. No registration.

recommend families to bring a trolley cart for easy carry items back home

- cooperation to line up in a orderly fashion with 2 metres apart (respect social-distancing)

- if you are sick, please stay home

11. 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/>

12. 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](#)

- VSB [SACY Program: Community, Connection & Support for Students and Families](#)
- VSB SACY Program: Resources for Families of Teens
- 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>

13. 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>