



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2020

Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

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1. **Report Cards**

The district has moved to two formal reports per year. If Covid weren't a reality, we'd have one formal report in January and another in June, with a November interim. Full-year courses (Skills, ELL, Hockey) will follow this timeline, so students will not receive a comment or grade for any full-year courses on this October report card.

In the Quarter system, we will maintain two formal reports per course. Students will receive a mid-quarter mark half-way through each quarter, and a final grade at the end of each quarter. So they will receive eight report cards (two reports per quarter), but only two subjects per report card (unless they're taking a full-year course).

Another reporting shift for 2020-21 is that grade 8s will be assessed using proficiency scales: Beginning, Developing, Applying, Extending. Next year, grade 9s will also be assessed using proficiency scales, but this year grade 9s will continue to receive letter grades. Grade 10-12 students will receive a % and a letter grade this year and for the foreseeable future. The change from letter grades to proficiency scales for grade 8 and 9 is in line with the Ministry's reporting order and the redesigned curriculum.

As we move to a proficiency scale report card for our grade 8 students, you'll notice there is no longer a column for a Work Habit. Our grade 9-12 students receive N, S, G, or E for Work Habits: Needs Improvement, Satisfactory, Good, Excellent. Our grade 8s will all receive a comment about their work habits within the comment section of their report card.

The October report card with the mid-quarter marks for students' 1.1 and 1.4 classes will be posted to the Portal on Friday, October 16th before 4pm. Instructions to access the Portal are listed are found [here](#).

2. Free Tutoring Service for Britannia Students

The Homework Club is offering a Free Tutoring Service for any Britannia student needing tutoring Mondays to Thursdays from 3 to 6pm. The tutors are students attending UBC, recruited through RISE Tutoring and trained by Frontier College. Many have several year's experience tutoring students at homework club. We have tutors for English, Socials Studies, Math, Science, and Modern Languages.

How it works:

- Student or parent self refer using [this form](#) or any Britannia staff can also refer on the students' behalf (with the students' permission of course).
- Ms. Wai will contact the student to find out their needs.
- Ms. Wai will add them to the Britannia Homework Club teams
- On the day of tutoring, the student will enter teams via a laptop or their own device and they will be matched up with a tutor.
- Students who need to access a computer or a place can come to room 221 and 222 where snacks are also available.

3. Grad Photos - Another Reminder

Grads: It's time to book your grad photo session with the photographer. Use [this link](#) to book your photo session. October 20-21 are the dates set aside for Britannia, so please book a time soon.

4. COVID-19 Family and School Resources

[Student Daily Health Assessment form](#)

[Health and Safety Reminders](#)

VSB [COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 Information](#)

5. School Calendar of Events

Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving Day - No School

Oct. 15 - Earthquake Drill with Evacuation - Shake Out BC

Oct. 16 - Quarter 1 Mid Term Report Cards posted on Myed

Oct. 20 - 21 Grad Portrait Sessions at Artona Studios

Oct. 23 - Non-instructional Day - Classes not in session

Britannia Full Year Calendar is found here: <http://britannia.vsb.bc.ca/homepage/Yearly%20Calendar.pdf>

Take care,

The Brit Admin