



# BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

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### 1. **Crowd Sourced Yearbook and Connection**

Hello Britannia Community. I am Ariel Boulet, the yearbook class advisor at Britannia. The yearbook this year is going to look a little bit different. The class has been working hard to come up with some ideas around content and have come up with a plan to do a photo contest. Each F2F cohort will be involved in a competition to 1. take the most photos and 2. take the best photo. We will be giving prizes to the top cohort each rotation who submits the most photos and to the individual who takes the best picture. These photos will also be printed and displayed in the skywalk so students can find themselves and friends engaged in activities around Britannia. I am hoping this will spark some community connection and some fun between classes that don't always see each other. I realize that consent is an issue for some students. As such, we will be looking closely at the media consent forms and will be respecting anyone who chooses not to be photographed. Be well, Ms. Boulet

### 2. **Britannia Lunch and Breakfast Program**

Lunch has been available as of September 21<sup>st</sup> for all students who signed up for the lunch program. Students are asked to pick up their lunch at the outside doors of the cafeteria from 10:25-10:40, 11:30-12:00 or 1:00-1:15. We have three times so that students whose classes are in the morning or afternoon can pick up their lunch just before or just after their class. If your child would like to join the lunch program but lost the form, we have more in the office.

Breakfast supported by the Vancouver Sun Adopt a School fund is also available for students from 8:00 am to 8:30 am before the morning classes start.

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. Halloween

**Costumes:** [Culture is not a costume](#) - how not to culturally appropriate Halloween, **everyone please read.** With spooky season in full swing, it's a good time to remember that cultural appropriation is never in style - questions to ask:

- Does the costume make fun of human traits, identities, cultures, or race?
- Does the costume represent a culture that is not my own?
- Does the costume reduce cultural or identity differences to stereotypes?
- How would someone feel if they saw someone wearing their identity as a costume?
- From UBC: <https://equity.ubc.ca/resources/inclusive-halloween/> \*sent to A/R leads

In addition to the above

- NO weapons of any kind should be brought to school. This includes replica weapons of any type.
- Firecrackers - Students are not to bring fireworks to school, nor should they be used anywhere on school property at any time.

### 4. Attendance Calls

On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will resume the automatic calls for students who have been recorded absent unexcused for their face to face classes. We have not yet started this as we have been working through the scheduling and logistics of our new quarter timetable. Calls will be made for students who are absent and have not been excused.

To inform the school about your child's absence, please email [britabsences@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:britabsences@vsb.bc.ca). You may also send a written note with your child although the email method is encouraged. Please also include the following information in the email (or note):

- your child's first and last name
- student number
- grade
- date(s) of absence
- reason for absence
- your name

### 5. Graduation Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

All students on the new 2018 Graduation Program, are required to complete provincial assessments that will focus on the demonstration and application of their numeracy and literacy skills. For the 2020/21 school year, there are four sessions for students to complete the required graduation assessments.

November 2-6 We will be offering the Numeracy assessment for Gr 11 and 12 students who have not yet completed the assessment or who have chosen to re-write, as well as one Gr 10 class. Students registered for this session have been notified by email or by their Math teacher. For more information on the Numeracy assessment, please refer to the document found

here: [https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation\\_Numeracy\\_Brochure.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation_Numeracy_Brochure.pdf)

January 2021      Grade 11 students Literacy 10 assessment as it was postponed from last spring  
April 2021        Grade 10 students Numeracy 10 assessment  
June 2021        Grade 10 students Literacy 10 assessment

## 6. Britannia Code of Conduct Revised

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) is committed to a District code of conduct that upholds safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, nurturing and healthy school environments. To this end, the District code of conduct promotes clear behavioural expectations of respectful and responsible citizenship that lead to a culture of safety, caring and respect amongst everyone in our schools and programs and at all school-events and activities (p.1, [AP 350](#)). Effective September 2020, all school codes of conduct will include the following statement: **"racism will not be tolerated in our school."**

The revised Britannia Code of Conduct may be found [here](#).

## 7. Parent Workshops

- **Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints and Cyberbullying in the age of COVID-19 - Student Presentation:**

This 60-minute student presentation, by the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with Safer Schools Together, will focus on lessons and content most applicable to today's new world of online remote learning. This presentation will cover all things digital, from digital citizenship to fake news and to the growing anxiety of the unknown with the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding a student's use of social networking sites and smartphones will be discussed including suggestions for reporting worrisome behaviors. The event runs from 4 - 5pm on October 29, 2020.

<https://event-wizard.com/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentOctober2020/0/register/>

- FREE monthly "In the Know" webinar and discussion session for Vancouver. - Monday Oct 26

**Topic: Parenting When Our Kids Can't Go To School Because of their Mental Health**

<https://familysmart.ca/program/itk/>

Parenting when our kids won't (or can't) go to school due to their mental health is hard for everyone.

We will talk about the pieces we have some control over, remembering how much relationships matter and who we can look to for support.

**Optional Discussion directly following the 30 min. video.**

**Date: Monday, October 26 @ 5:30pm-7:00pm**

**Registration:** <https://www.gotostage.com/channel/intheknow>

## 8. 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](#)

## 9. School Calendar of Events

Nov. 2 - Venture 8 Information Night, 6:00PM, Auditorium

Nov. 2 - Hockey Academy Information Night, 7:00PM, Library #304

Nov. 5 - PAC Meeting, 6:00PM

Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assemblies,

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - Classes not in session

Nov. 13 - Photo Retake Day

Nov. 17 - Quarter 1 Ends

Nov. 18 - Quarter 2 Begins

Nov. 27 - 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**