



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 2020

Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

5 ITEMS IN THIS E-BULLETIN

1. **Preparing for Quarter 2 Classes**
2. **Students Council News**
3. **Parent Resources and Webinars**
4. **COVID-19 Family and School Resources**
5. **School Calendar of Events**

1. **Preparing for Quarter 2 Classes**

Quarter 2 is starting on **Wednesday, November 18**. Students will still have their 1.4 class face to face and their 1.1 class remote on Monday and Tuesday, November 16 and 17.

Teachers have been contacting students this week letting them know if they will be in the A (morning) or B (afternoon) sections of their Q2 courses starting next week. If students haven't heard from their teachers by today, they should contact their counsellor who can help them to understand their Q2 schedule. Students and families can also see this information on the Portal. Information for how to access the portal can be found [here](#).

Counsellors and the transitions teacher have been meeting with grade 8 students to help them understand their schedule for Quarter 2.

Quarter 2 will involve weekly class rotations as outlined on this [schedule](#).

2. **Students Council News**

Student Council is running a campaign to encourage all students to take care of each other and to wear masks. Here is their [information poster](#) that they will be printing and sharing throughout the school.

3. **Parent Resources and Webinars**

a) **Parent Resource:** With our youth spending more time on social media - much of that occurring in the home or on their own, this can sometimes lead to interesting conversations at the dinner table. To support those conversations please have a look at the [SaferSchools Together "Parent Guide"](#).

b) Please find information regarding a **webinar series for parents** that looks at possible challenges with school attendance on [this flyer](#) and on the [Kelty Mental Health Website](#). This 3-part series is aimed to give parents some practical strategies to support their children. Several VSB counsellors and staff have collaborated with Dr Catchpole, Dr Anderson and Dr DiGiacomo from BC Children's Hospital.

- Part 1: November 16th, 2020, 12-1pm: Challenges with School Attendance: **Introduction for Caregivers**
- Part 2a: November 19th, 2020, 12-1pm: Practical Strategies to Support **Elementary School-Aged Children** with School Attendance
- Part 2b: November 23rd, 2020, 12-1pm: Practical Strategies to Support **High School-Aged Youth** with School Attendance

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](#)

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.

5. School Calendar of Events

Nov. 13 - Photo Retake Day

Nov. 17 - Quarter 1 Ends

Nov. 18 - Quarter 2 Begins

Nov. 24 - Quarter 1 Final Reports posted on MyEd Portal

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