



# BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

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Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

As we break for our Winter holiday, we would like to wish all of our families peace and joy. Enjoy your time with your children!

The Brit admin

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### 1. **Literacy 10 Provincial Assessment - Grade 11 students**

All students on the new 2018 Graduation Program, are required to complete three provincial assessments (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 & 12) that will focus on the demonstration and application of their numeracy and literacy skills. Grade 11's will be writing the Literacy 10 Assessment the week of January 25 - 29, 2021. This assessment was postponed from last April due to the pandemic.

Please visit the Ministry of Education website for more detailed information on the assessment. <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

From the website:

"The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment assesses student ability to use critical thinking and analysis to make meaning from a diverse array of texts. It also assesses the ability of students to communicate their ideas. The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment is not based on a particular course, but on learning across multiple subjects, from kindergarten to Grade 10."

Scoring for this assessment: A number from 1-4, representing four proficiency categories [Emerging (1), Developing (2), Proficient (3) and Extending (4)] will appear as a standalone item on student transcripts as a 2018 Graduation Program requirement. Students may write the an assessment up to three times should they wish to improve their proficiency score. The best proficiency score is on their final transcript.

Students will be assigned a specific date and time for the January assessment session and this information will be shared through MyEd student email as well as posted to the Grade 11 School Team.

## 2. School Photo Retakes

There will be another School Photo (not grad) retake day on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Information may be found at the following link: <https://www.blog.artona.com/post/instudioretakeday>

## 3. Parent Resources and Webinars

- SACY Workshop: Building Bridges with your Teen

SACY offers a workshop at schools across the district every year for parents called "Building Bridges with your Teen."

The in-person workshop is highly regarded by parents, who regularly say they gain new ideas to reduce tension and improve communication with their kids, and discover they are not alone in finding some of the change of the teen years unexpected.

We hope to make the online version of the workshop just as helpful. Please join us on our first session.

**Building Bridges your Teen - ONLINE!**

**DATE: JAN 12, 2021**

**Time: 6:30-8:30**

**Location: Zoom**

Join SACY facilitators for a friendly and relaxed evening from the comfort of your own home.

Bring a cup of tea, close the door on the outside world and join us to explore ways to support and communicate with our teenagers.

- Do you want to have more fun with your teen again?
- Maybe look at new strategies for guiding them as they mature?

The challenges of the pandemic and the changing school environment impacts the whole family. Our teens, especially, cannot put the developmental needs of this time of life on hold. Our teens continue to change in all kinds of ways: social, emotional and intellectual. We'll explore some of the science behind teen development and the changes we might see at home. We'll look at the adolescent development in a pandemic context, and practical ways to support healthy decision-making and keep family relationships strong in the teen years.

**Please note this is a workshop for caregivers—do not invite your teen to attend.**

Please send an email [skrai@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:skrai@vsb.bc.ca) to Sandie Rai to register either December 15 or January 12.

Include your name, your child's school and grade.

Sandie will send out a zoom link to registered participants.

- **Challenges with School Attendance Webinar Series**

Getting to school or managing a whole day at school can be really hard for some children and teens, and it can be challenging for parents and caregivers to know how best to move forward. In this 2-part webinar series, our team of experts talk about anxiety and related challenges that can be a barrier to attending school, as well as practical strategies to help things go more smoothly. These webinars were designed to complement each other so it is recommended to watch both Part 1 and Part 2 (a or b).

Part 1: Challenges with School Attendance: Introduction for Parents and Caregivers

Part 2(a): Practical Strategies to Support Elementary School-Aged Children with School

Part 2(b): Practical Strategies to Support High School-Aged Youth with School Attendance

This webinar series was held in November 202 and was a collaboration between BC Children's Hospital, the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Child and Youth Mental Health and Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre. Recordings can be viewed on the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLERqxY\\_UqhB47QdxL6SCbHMMfRRc8YmbD](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLERqxY_UqhB47QdxL6SCbHMMfRRc8YmbD).

- 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"](#).

#### **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**

Jan 4 - School reopens after Winter Vacation

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

Take care,

The Brit Admin