



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2021

Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

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1. Liz Holmes is Retiring!!

The Britannia community would like to congratulate Liz Holmes, Britannia's Office Administrative Assistant, on her retirement. Liz retires today after 24 years running the office. She has been the school's biggest cheerleader and been such a support to so many Britannia students over the years. We are all going to miss her and wish her a wonderful retirement! Once a Bruin always a Bruin!

2. Student Clothing Available in the Cave

Come to The Cave for winter jackets, sweaters, jeans, socks, shoes and toiletries! Items are all brand new with some gently used donations.

The Cave will be open next week during these dates and times:

Tuesday Jan 19th

Wednesday Jan 20th

Thursday Jan 21st

10:15-11:00am (45 mins after AM block)

12:30-1:15pm (45 mins before PM block)

Please adhere to our COVID policies. Hand sanitizers will be provided upon entry and masks must be worn at all times.

3. Youth Empowering Youth Program

This free program starting on January 24th. is available for youth between the ages of 13 - 18.

About the Program

Youth Empowering Youth (YEY) goal is to inspire the next generation of youth leaders. YEY creates a safe environment for youth to cultivate a sense of confidence, compassion and self-assurance. The program provides guidance to youth to be accountable for their own thoughts, feelings, and actions;

helping them to become responsible citizens in this world. We believe that everyone has a unique gift and value to offer to make our world a better and more engaged place and our program will serve as a catalyst to help youth explore their talents and contribute to the community in a powerful, positive and meaningful way.

Where: The sessions are delivered once a week for 90 minutes in an online class setting via Zoom

When: Monthly start dates - next one starts January 24th

Who: Youth between the ages of 13 -18

Cost: Free

Register for an upcoming program at <https://lowentropy.org/youth-empowering-youth/>

4. 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 who are registered to write the assessment have been emailed details to the date and time of their assessment.

5. Parent Resources and Webinars

- 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"](#).

6. COVID-19 Family and School Resources

[VCH reports on COVID-19 transmission in schools across its region - New!](#)

[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.

7. School Calendar of Events

January 25-29 - Literacy Assessment Gr. 11-12, P. 1.4

January 21 - Numeracy Assessment Gr. 9-12, P. 1.4

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

Take care,

The Brit Admin