



# BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year Everyone!

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### 1. **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 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

Thursday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

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.

### 2. **Britannia Athletic News**

Congratulations to Britannia's grade 8 KATIE MARCH as she has been awarded the top place from BC SCHOOL SPORTS HOLIDAY CHALLENGE which took place in DEC before the Christmas Break. The holiday challenge consisted of participating in a different physical activity each day and post it to social media and tag # BCSCHOOLSPO RTS CHALLENGE, with each entry that will go into a draw for top 3 prizes. Britannia as a group completed the Push up, Plank, Mountain Climbers, Wall sit, Volleyball Specific and sprint challenge. BC school Sports had over 700 plus entries into the competition and our own Katie was awarded the top prize of a APPLE EAR POD.

Congratulation to all the Britannia athletes that participated and keep up being active even though we do not have a school season this year. GO BRUINS !!!!!

### **3. IB Information Night – Tuesday, January 12**

For those parents and students who are interested in learning more about Britannia's IB Grade 11 and Grade 12 program, the IB Information Night will be held online on Zoom on Tuesday, Jan 12, 2021, at 7:00 pm. A number of present and former Brit IB students will be on hand to answer questions. The Zoom link will be posted on the Brit IB webpage shortly before the meeting:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/britannia-secondary/Teaching-and-Learning/Programs/Pages/IB.aspx>

Grade 11 students planning to start IB in September 2021 should download the new IB application from the sidebar of the Brit IB webpage. Completed applications are due on Friday, January 29, 2021. A copy of the most recent report card should be included with the application. An e-mail acknowledging receipt of the application will be sent out, and short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview in February.

### **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**

- 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

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"](#).

## 6. 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.

## 7. School Calendar of Events

January 8 - Q2 Midterm Report Cards posted

January 12 - IB & Venture 10 Information Session, 7:00PM, Auditorium

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**