



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 2021

Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

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1. Changes for Quarter 3

As mentioned in previous communications, we will be refining our quarter 3 schedules:

- Changes for Quarter 3 for Grade 8 students:

Students will continue to have class daily either 8:40-10:25 OR 1:18-3:03. In addition, 2 or 3 times per week, grade 8s will have an additional hour of class, 10:30-11:30 or 12:15-1:15. Counsellors will visit grade 8 classes on Tuesday and hand out paper copies of each grade 8 student's schedule. If a student is taking English and PE, their schedule might look something like this:

Week 1:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-10:25	English 8	English 8	English 8	English 8	English 8
10:30-11:30	PE 8	PE 8			

Week 2:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-10:25	PE 8	PE 8	PE 8	PE 8	PE 8
10:30-11:30	English 8	English 8			English 8

- Changes for Grade 9-12 students:

Students in grades 9-12 will also continue to have class daily either in the morning or the afternoon. In addition, teachers may require students to attend class on certain days from 10:30-11:30 or 12:15-1:15 or to use Teams for on-line lessons during the Remote learning weeks. Teachers will make clear their expectations when Quarter 3 begins.

If you have any questions about your child's schedule, please contact their counsellor.

Families and staff can find more information at
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Pages/Q3Q4secondary.aspx>

2. Course Planning Message from the Counsellors

Greetings parents & guardians! The Britannia counsellors will be running course planning presentations for all students on Monday February 1st during their morning and afternoon classes. Students will be provided with detailed information about course selection for their upcoming 2021/22 school year and given a course selection sheet to fill out and have signed by a parent/guardian. Course sheets are to be handed in at the counselling office by February 8th. For course descriptions please visit the Britannia course calendar online.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/britannia-secondary/Guidance-and-Support/Course-Planning/Documents/sbfile/210128/Britannia%20Course%20Calendar%202021-2022%20Final.pdf>

Students should also pay extra attention when selecting Math courses in grades 10-12 as their choices may or may not impact post-secondary options. If you have any questions about this or about course selection in general, please contact your child's grade counsellor.

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Ms. Kaitlee SImonson - Gr 8 (I-P) & Gr 12 - ksimonson@vsb.bc.ca

Ms. Michelle Roberts - Gr 8 (R-Z) & Gr 9 - mroberts@vsb.bc.ca

Mr. Mike Wiskar - Gr 10 & International Students - mwiskar@vsb.bc.ca

3. PAC Meeting - Thursday, February 4 at 6:00 pm - Special Presentation

Brit PAC invites you to join our next meetings on Thursday February 4th at 6pm.

Special Presentation! - At this Thursday's meeting Ms. Willetts, a teacher in the English department, and Ms. Ediger, vice principal, will provide information about the shift from letter grades to performance standards for grade 8 this year. (and grade 8 and 9 next year).

Please email us at: britpac1908@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list for meeting invites and minutes. We welcome agenda ideas too. Look forward to seeing you there!

4. 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"](#).

5. 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.

6. School Calendar of Events

February 3 - Quarter 2 Ends

February 4 - Quarter 3 Begins

February 4 - PAC Meeting - 6:00PM, ZOOM

February 12 - Non-instructional Day - No school

February 15 - Family Day - No school

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

Take care,

The Brit Admin