

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy June!

A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time for the Filipino Fiesta. It was an amazing showcase of student talent and a great opportunity to celebrate the diverse cultures of our school community. As well, thank you again to the parents and volunteers who helped out on Sport's Day.

The PAC AGM will be held on Thursday June 13 @ 6:30pm. With several members of our current PAC leaving the school, we encourage more parents to get involved.

Please note that the PAC Fun Fair has been moved to Friday June 14 from 3-5pm. Volunteers are needed. ([see here](#))

This year staff and students have been focused on improving social emotional skills such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Through targeted lessons, school assemblies, and incorporating these ideas in every day class routines, staff have been working to assist students in their development. The research overwhelming suggests that when these skills are strengthened, overall learning improves. We are tracking literacy scores and collecting feedback from students this year and will continue this process for the next two years. A summary of our school plan with current data will be published on our website during the summer.

Please see attached calendar for the 2019-20 school year.

I hope you have a great month.

New Online School Fee Payment System

A reminder that you are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> or visiting our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and following directions to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's usual first name, last name, and birth date to register. A "Pay Fees" button is now installed on our school website for easy access to the system. Cash and cheques will continue to be accepted for school fees, but we encourage everyone to use the new system as it is more secure and efficient. Please note that field trip permission notices will continue to be sent home for a signature and to indicate that you have paid online.

PAC Gift Card Fundraiser

A reminder that gift cards can be purchased all year long and a percentage will be given to Sexsmith for future school projects. There is no additional cost to the purchaser. Please use this link: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>

IMPORTANT: Notice of Late Return

A reminder to parents that if you are planning a late return to Sexsmith in the fall, after Tuesday September 3, you must fill in the "Notice of Late Return 2019 Form" available from the office. If you do not indicate a late return and do not show up by noon on Wednesday September 4th 2019 the spot we are saving for your child will be given to the next person on the waitlist, if necessary.

Ongoing Pick Up and Drop off Concerns

1. **Please do not go past the roundabout adjacent to our parking lot when dropping off or picking up students and do not park in the limited spots we have available for school staff.**
2. **We have had several complaints that parents are stopping on 59th and blocking traffic as they drop off their child as well as having their child cross between cars. Children must not be crossing the road in the middle of the street. Please remember to go slow and respect traffic and parking rules at all times, particularly when dropping off and picking up students.**

PAC News

Previous meeting Minutes will be posted on the "Families" tab of the school website under "[Parent Advisory Council](#)". The PAC AGM will be held on Thursday June 13 @ 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. **Online volunteer lists are now available to sign up [here](#).** Volunteers can communicate any issues with the coordinator by clicking on the blue button below the sign-up sheet labelled "Contact the sign-up sheet manager". As well, if you would like to contact PAC please email sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com.

Royal Soccer Club Summer Soccer Programs

The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 27th annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5-13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. Check out the website at www.royalsoccer.com for more information or call 1-800-427-0536. (Please note that this program is not affiliated with the Vancouver School Board – this notice is shared with parents as a courtesy)

Hosting an International Student

Host an International Student - Join Langara Homestay



Langara College invites you and your family to join our highly regarded Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Students come from Europe, Asia and South America - usually stay for five to 10 months, and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family. Generous reimbursement is provided. Please call 604.323.5696 or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Opportunity



GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

For children entering into kindergarten fall 2019 and for their parents

Marpole Oakridge Family Place
8188 Lord Street, Vancouver

Register on www.mofp.org

\$25 per month
\$40 per both months

July 2 - August 22, 2019
Tuesdays / Thursdays
1 pm - 2:30 pm
(604) 263-1405

Marpole Oakridge Family Place

Summer Camp Opportunity



 **CAPOEIRA SUMMER CAMP**

CAMP DATES: JUL 22 - 26 & JUL 29 - AUG 2
HOURS: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
AGES: 7-14
Spaces are limited.

PRICES FOR NEW MEMBERS:
\$249 + GST/child/week
35% discount for siblings or reg. students
Early drop and late pick up available for additional fee.
Includes one special Brazilian lunch, T-shirt & kids show for parents last day of class.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Capoeira, music, dance, language, and food.

CONTACT: camps.achebrasil@hotmail.com
LOCATION: Capoeira Ache Brasil Academy - 341 E. Broadway, Vancouver

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You're invited to Community Day.

It's Langara's 49th anniversary and we're planning our largest anniversary celebration. Join us on Saturday, June 15 from 11:00 am–5:00 pm for a fun, family-friendly day with live music from 54-40 and guests, entertainment, food trucks, kids programming, alumni homecoming activities, and so much more. And best of all it's free. Join the party. Learn more at <http://beyond49.langara.ca>.

Important Dates in June

Thurs. June 6	Final afterschool drawing class
Thurs. June 13	PAC AGM @ 6:30pm
Fri. June 14	PAC Fun Fair 3-5pm
Fri. June 21	Final session for Moresports afterschool program
Tues. June 25	Grade 7 graduation
Thurs. June 27	Last day for students

Important Dates in September

Tues. Sept. 3	First day of school grades 1-7 attend from 9:00-10:00am only
Tues. Sept 3	New kindergarten students attend from 10:00am – 10:30am only
Wed. Sept 4	First Full day of classes for grades 1-7 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Wed. Sept 4	New Kindergarten students begin gradual entry according to their schedule (group A/B)
Wed. Sept 11	First Full day of classes for New Kindergarten students
Thurs. Sept. 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in library (TENTATIVE)
Mon. Sept. 23	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tues. Sept. 24	Hot Lunch order forms for term 1 go home
Fri. Sept. 27	Sexsmith Terry Fox Run
Mon. Sept. 30	Hot Lunch order forms for term 1 due to school

Please check our website sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar