



Killarney Secondary School

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Dear Killarney Families:

I hope you and your family are doing well. We have now moved on to Quarter 2 with Quarter 1 finishing on November 17th. Students will now have two new classes to focus on for the next 10 weeks. The time goes by quickly, so students are reminded to stay on top of assignments/homework and to seek help sooner rather than later if they encounter any difficulties with the course work.

Change to Weekly Rotation Between Face-to-Face and Remote Instruction

One of the key lessons from Quarter 1 is that many students struggled during the remote portion of instruction for any given class—particularly in the second week. As a result, we have moved to a weekly rotation between face-to-face and remote instruction for Quarter 2. While the overall time for face-to-face and remote instruction (50% each) remains the same, the weekly rotation allows for more contact points between the teacher and students. It is clear that students and staff value the face-to-face connection time and use it for important learning activities. Hopefully, the new rotation schedule will allow even more students to be successful with their learning. For more details about the Quarter 2 rotation schedule and your child's specific schedule, please see the latest [video](#) from Ms. Thomson and Mr. Goncalves (designed for Grade 8 students/parents but useful for all grades).

Quarter 1 Report Card

The Quarter 1 report card will be available online in the MyEd family portal at 3:00 pm on Monday, November 23rd. Instructions on how to view the report card can be found in the video referenced above.

Communication to School Community in Case of a Covid-19 School Exposure

In the event of a Covid-19 school exposure, Vancouver Coastal Health mandates that a specific letter goes out to the affected class and a general letter goes out to the whole school community. Given that we have had a few exposures recently, some parents have expressed confusion around why they are receiving the same letter. We are required to send out the same general letter for every exposure. Please note that the date will be different and that each dated letter indicates a different exposure. The low-risk exposures to date have been isolated cases not limited to any one grade. The recommendation has been for students in affected classes to continue coming to school but to self-monitor their health (something that everybody is doing through a daily health assessment).

What Can Be Done to Minimize Covid-19 Risk at School?

During this pandemic, the actions of the collective are more important than ever. Some key steps to minimize risk include the following:

- Ensure that the [Daily Health Assessment](#) for your child is done regularly prior to sending your student to school. **Students cannot come to school if they are sick** as they risk making others unwell. Seek medical assessment if you are sick.

- Wear a mask in common spaces like hallways and in classrooms to help limit the spread of the virus.
- Follow hand washing/sanitization at the start of class and at the end of class.
- Maintain physical distancing inside the school and especially outside the school when meeting friends outside of class time.
- Limit the size and frequency of social gatherings as per health guidelines.
- Stick with the precautions you are taking! Fight the fatigue of today to ensure a brighter future for all.

Community Schools Team Office at Killarney – Room A212

Students are welcome to come by to inquire about programs and volunteer opportunities available to them in the community and beyond. Free snacks are also offered!

Upcoming Parent Meetings

Killarney Parent Advisory Committee (KPAC) - November 25th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Pre-registration information to get the meeting link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Chinese Parent Workshop on BC Graduation Requirements – November 26th at 6:00 pm on Teams. Use this link to join: <https://tinyurl.com/VSBChiParents20201126>

Newcomer Youth

For programs and volunteer opportunities please click on this [Summary of Newcomer Programs](#)

Grads Gift Fundraiser

The grad committee will be hosting a gift card fundraiser throughout the year! Gift cards are available from a variety of retailers. If you buy a gift card, the business gives the grad committee a percentage of their profit back and the proceeds will go to our senior class gift back to the school and to scholarships. Please help support them by asking friends and family as well! Students can pick up a form from any grad exec or Ms. Nejad's room in A310. Give your money & form to a grad exec or to Ms. Nejad by November 30th to get your gift cards before the holiday season!

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning. This letter and my previous weekly letters are posted under the Important Updates section of the Killarney website.

Sincerely,



Kal Gill, Principal