



Killarney Secondary School

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Dear Killarney Families:

I hope you and your family are doing well. As this letter goes out we will be heading into our two week winter break. I am sure everybody is looking forward to the break. Thanks again to students, parents, and staff for the work they have done to get us through the first four months of this school year. We look forward to a happier and healthier 2021!

Quarter 2 Mid-quarter Report

The mid-quarter report for Quarter 2 was published on the [MyEducation](#) family portal on December 17th at 3:00 pm. Students in grade 8 courses will receive a proficiency level indicator (Beginning, Developing, Applying, or Extending) and comments with a work habit being embedded in the comments. Students in grades 9-12 courses will receive a percentage, a letter grade, and a work habit. Please review the progress of your child as we hit the mid-point of Quarter 2 course work.

Updated Absence Reporting Procedures

We have updated our absence reporting procedures to include the option of submitting an online form. Please read the 4 steps to reporting an absence by clicking the link on our website: [ABSENCE REPORTING](#)

VSB Parent and Student Surveys

Thanks to all the Killarney parents and students who took the time to complete VSB surveys gathering input about the current school year experience. We had 398 parents and 543 students complete the survey. Both the parent and student survey asked the same questions. A summary of District responses to the survey questions will be shared in the new year.

Killarney Scholarships

Grade 12 students can apply online for Killarney's in-school scholarships. The application is open now and the deadline for submission is January 29th. [KILLARNEY IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS](#)

Leadership 12 Class Activities

The Leadership 12 class organized a school food drive from December 8-17th. They provided collection boxes to classrooms so that students could donate non-perishable food items. In addition, they are also doing a virtual Food Bank fundraiser to collect money as part of the school's donation to the Food Bank.

Money donations are accepted online through this link:

<https://vfd.foodbank.bc.ca/participant/1193938/1480/1691> until Dec 30th. Another focus for the class has been to build school spirit. To that end they embarked on a festive door decorating campaign. A future goal for the class is to help organize a student forum to provide students the opportunity to discuss issues important to them. A school community flourishes with shared leadership so the work of this class is greatly appreciated!

Clubs Currently Available

This environment has made the operation of school clubs more challenging. As a result, clubs are meeting virtually through platforms like Zoom and Teams. The clubs currently operating are located here on our website: [CLUBS](#). We appreciate the effort that students and club sponsors are making to provide these extra-curricular opportunities for our community.

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. Located here: [GRAD GIFT FUNDRAISER](#)

Holiday Wishes

To get you in the holiday spirit please view the latest video from our staff – [KILLARNEY XMAS 2020](#) . On behalf of the staff, I sincerely wish you and your family a wonderful holiday break. School is not in session from December 21- January 01. School re-opens Monday, January 04, 2021. Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

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. The list of staff emails is located on our website: [KILLARNEY STAFF EMAILS \(Alpha\)](#). This letter and my previous bi-weekly letters are posted under the [IMPORTANT UPDATES](#) section of the Killarney website.

Sincerely,



Kal Gill, Principal

