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Dear Killarney school community,

Everyone at Killarney is excited to welcome students back to school on September 8, 2021! As announced by the provincial government and the District, there is a full return to in-person learning starting September 2021. We are looking forward to a year of learning in classes and through extracurricular activities like athletics and clubs.

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff continues to be a top priority. The Vancouver School District's plan will provide for a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment. A variety of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures, as advised by health officials, will be in place again this year to help keep everyone safe.

Regards,

Kal Gill
Principal

2021-2022

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. K. Gill
Vice Principal: Mr. T. Myring (gr. 12)
Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 8/10)
Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 9/11)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Ms. S. Glynianyi
Grade 9: Mr. O. Goncalves
Grade 10: Mr. H. Clark
Grade 11: Ms. A. Sum/Mr. R. Ferguson
Grade 12: Ms. T. Romano

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Health and Safety

Daily health assessments

All students and staff are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school.

The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. You can download the app on your device:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
- [Android devices](#)

Daily health checklists are available here: [English](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [عربي](#), [简体中文](#), [繁體中文](#), [Français](#), [فارسی](#), [Tagalog](#)

If your child becomes ill while at school

Any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up.

Wearing masks

As required in provincial guidelines, all staff, students in grades 4 to 12 and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including:

- At their desks
- On school buses

Exceptions include:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask.
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (for example, a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

School staff will continue to focus on the importance of frequent hand washing (hand sanitizing) and of proper respiratory etiquette, such as coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue. Over the past several months the District has replaced faucets in all Vancouver schools to enable proper hand washing. Schools have also been provided with hand sanitizing stations for common areas, classrooms without sinks and at entry and exit locations.

Cleaning and disinfecting schools

Like last year, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place in every school in the District. This will include ensuring that all frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24 hours.

School Visitors

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors by appointment only. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, please contact the staff member directly that you would like to meet with in order to make arrangements. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

Keeping your distance

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways and stairwells to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, and, to spread out as much as possible. We will also continue to take students outdoors, as much as possible, to engage in learning opportunities.

Cafeteria service will resume this year and students may eat lunch in this space. There will be a limit of the number of students who will be able to sit at the tables. If there are no seats available in the cafeteria, students are encouraged to eat in other spaces such as the gym balcony, picnic tables outside the café, courtyard, and in the hallways, and other outdoor spots.

Ventilation

Over the past year, significant improvements to ventilation systems have been made at all schools. This work has included making repairs and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacing and upgrading filters, setting controls to maximize the intake of outside air into learning spaces. Work has also been done to make sure windows in learning spaces can be opened to provide good ventilation.

More information

More information about plans and guidelines to keep schools in British Columbia open and safe can be found [here](#). The District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations are available [here](#).

Secondary Schedule for 2021-22

As we prepare for a full return, we want to remind students and families that we are implementing a new semester schedule. The new schedule is designed to better meet the needs of learners and is based on feedback received last year from students, families, teachers and school-based and District staff.

Semester 1

September 8, 2021 - January 31, 2022

Semester 2

February 1 - June 29, 2022

Students will take four courses from September to January and another four courses from February to June. The adoption of the semester model will see a standard timetable and bell schedule across all secondary schools. School will begin at 8:40 a.m. and finish at 3:06 p.m. This schedule is consistent across all secondary schools in the District and meets the instructional hours set out in the *BC School Act*.

The new timetable also includes two 50-minute periods of flexible instructional time per week. This is instructional time designed to support students' personalized learning. The intent is to build-in flexibility and choice within a student's schedule that allows them to determine how, when and where their learning takes place, to access extra help from teachers, collaborate with peers and pursue other learning activities. During this time, all staff will be on site and students will be supported in determining how to use this flexible instructional time.

To find out more about this schedule change, visit the [District's website](#).

Notice of Late Return

Please complete the following [Notice of Late Return Form](#) if your student will not be returning to school before noon on Thursday, September 9th. The form can be emailed to killarney@vsb.bc.ca. By noon on Thursday, September 9, 2021, if the school cannot verify your child's intent to attend school on, or before, September 30th, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. If you are not planning on returning to Killarney please notify the school as soon as possible.

Student Attendance Week of Sept. 6th

Monday, September 6th – Labour Day, School Closed

Tuesday, September 7th – No school for students, school is closed to the public

Wednesday, September 8th – Orientation Day

- Students in grades 9 to 12 are to report to their Semester 1, Period 1 (S1D1 - S1 Day 1) class at 9am, students will be dismissed by 10am.
 - If you do not have a Semester 1, Period 1 (S1D1 - S1 Day 1) class please report to the Auditorium.
- Grade 8 students are to report to their Semester 1, Period 1 (S1D1 - S1 Day 1) class at 11am and will be dismissed by 12pm.
 - If you have not been able to log in to your MyEdBC account to see your schedule you can come to the cafeteria between 10:30 and 11:00am to receive a printed copy as well as a map of the school. Staff will be on hand to help you find your classroom.

Thursday, September 9th and onwards – Regular bell schedule

Homeroms

Students have been assigned homerooms which can be found on MyEdBC, however, unlike previous years we will not be using these homerooms the first week of school. Students are to report to their scheduled classes on Thursday, September 9th.

Counselling Department Update

Students who need to make a change to their timetable are to attend all their scheduled courses and email their counsellor with their change request. Counsellors will get back to students as soon as they can. Please do not line up outside the Counselling Suite for any changes. Grade 12's with spares may go see Mrs. Romano during their spare to make any changes. All course change requests are to be completed by September 15th.

Students, please remember to check your schedules on Wednesday morning prior to coming to school to ensure you are clear about what your first class is. Schedules may need to be adjusted prior to September 8th as we are doing our best to ensure all students are enrolled in the classes they have requested. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Grade 12 – Ms. Romano tromano@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 11 – Ms. Sum asum@vsb.bc.ca & Mr. Ferguson rferguson@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 10 – Mr. Clark hjclark@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 9 - Mr. Goncalves ogoncalves@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 8 - Ms. Glynianyi sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca

2021/22 Killarney Calendars & Bell Schedules

Please note that the 2021/22 has been updated to reflect the National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th. The school will be closed to observe the National Holiday.

[Bell schedule](#)

[Important dates](#)

[Killarney Calendar at a Glance](#)

Communication

Students

We are no longer using the Killarney School App. Important information and reminders will be sent to students through TEAMS. Students are also strongly encouraged to listen to the daily announcements to keep up to date on what is happening in the school.

Parents

To keep parents up to date on what is happening in the school we will be sending a bi-weekly email. Please also visit our website and calendar to stay up to date [Killarney Google Calendar](#).

Microsoft Office 365

VSB accounts in Microsoft Office 365 are provided to all students. Your account will be linked to your student email which will be your student number with @learn.vsb.bc.ca. For example, 123456@learn.vsb.bc.ca would be the email. Passwords will be reset for ALL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT on Sept. 3rd for the upcoming school year. Existing account holders will simply log in and follow the prompts to change your password. If you want to try this on your own, see the attached Quick Reference Guide website here:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/killarney/Families/Office365/Pages/default.aspx>

Otherwise, teachers will be available to help you when you return to school on Sept. 8th. You may also go to the website <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> for assistance. You must know your Personal Education Number (P.E.N. – 9 digit number provided by the BC Ministry of Education) which can be found on a previous report card) and your birth date.

MyEdBC

This portal will be open on Sept. 1st for students and families to access class schedules, attendance and report cards. Please visit this link for support:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/General_Resources/MyEdBCStudentFamilyPortal/Pages/Account-Management.aspx

If you are still unable to access your account, give our office a call at 604-713-8950 for assistance. After Sept. 8th, students can drop by our office for support.

Flexible Instructional Time (F.IT.)

This has been added to all VSB secondary schools. The purpose is to provide students with time and flexibility to meet with school staff for support and guidance, and to give time to tend to school work and responsibilities. FIT time will occur on Tuesdays in between first (1-1) class and second (1-2) class, and on Thursdays in between third (1-3) class and fourth (1-4) class. Student expectations for FIT:

1. Students are to remain in their 1-1 (Tuesdays) or 1-3 (Thursdays) classes or be with an alternate staff member as declared to the 1-1 or 1-3 teacher. For example, if a student in Mr. Gill's 1-1 class wanted extra help from Ms. Underwood, the student would declare this to Mr. Gill and then make their way to Ms. Underwood.
2. Be in a learning space
3. Have a plan for the FIT period
4. Have all materials required
5. Remain in the learning space that has been selected

Tips For Getting Ready for School

We look forward to welcoming in the new school year with you! In order to get off to a great start, consider the following tips:

1. Get your sleep schedule adjusted for school! Adolescents need a lot of sleep. That is, a minimum of 8 hours. Yes, that is correct! Start your pre-bedtime routine so that you can be ASLEEP for 8 hours until it is time to wake up.
2. Uninterrupted sleep is key! It may be really hard to do, but screens (mobile phone, tablets, laptops) should be turned off at least one hour bedtime. Blue light and the activity stimulates your brain instead of getting it ready for rest. Consider leaving your device outside of your bedroom at bedtime so you control the urge to check it or hear those annoying middle-of-the-night notifications (or you can set your Do Not Disturb function).
3. Get into a physical activity routine. Physical activity is a great way to manage and relieve stress. It also gets your blood flowing to deliver oxygen and nutrients throughout your body, especially your brain, to keep you and your sharp.
4. Start building a support network and outline places and people you can get assistance. Life can get really busy and we often need some help. Make a list of places and people who you can ask for help.
5. Learn how to manage expectations and be flexible. For example, you make a trip to the local store for a cold bottle of Starbucks Mocha Frappuccino. But they are out! The point is you are thirsty and/or hungry so what else could you get instead? There is surely lots to choose from. Think of all the ways this can apply to your day.
6. Start thinking about some goals you have for yourself.

Forms

Students will receive 2 forms during orientation. Please ensure these forms are returned to their Semester 1 Period 1 teacher as soon as possible.

- Student Emergency Reunification
- Media Consent/AUP/CASL form

Student Information Verification forms will be published (much like report cards are published) on MyEdBC next week for parents to verify. More information will be sent once they are published.

Students with Medical Conditions

Parents & Guardians, please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school i.e.: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures and severe asthma, serious heart conditions. This information will be kept in the office and shared with appropriate school staff. You are responsible for ensuring that the school is informed of any changes to medical information or emergency contact information throughout the year.

Please assist us in keeping our records current by completing our [MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM](#). Forms are also available from the main office for pick up.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or back pack which travels to class and on field trips with them. Emergency supplies/medications stored in lockers will delay access to the medication during an emergency. Some parents choose to keep an extra epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid room. If this option is chosen, parents are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed. Please see and speak with the First Aid Attendants to make arrangements.

Also, a “Medication Administration” form completed by a physician is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available from the office.

Additionally, if there are specific concerns about a student’s health in a particular class, for example, P.E. for a student who has seizures or Foods class for a student with anaphylaxis to peanuts, please communicate this information directly to the appropriate teacher and grade counselor. A Community Health Nurse is available to discuss health concerns upon request from school staff, parents or students. A Community Health Nurse can be reached by calling South Community Health Office at 604-321-6151 (ext. 3332)

Lockers

Lockers are property of Killarney School and will be assigned to students for use during the school year on the following conditions:

- **DO NOT SHARE LOCKERS.**
- **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VALUABLES.**
- **DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES TO PE CLASS.**
- Heavy duty locks can be purchased from the office.
- Students are responsible for the locker that is assigned to them.
- Students **MUST NOT** use lockers not assigned to them.
- The locker may only be used for the storage of books or other necessary school items.
- The locker is to be kept clean and food removed on a regular basis.
- Students are responsible for cleaning and removing all material from their locker at end of the year.
- No illegal substances, weapons or other prohibited or offensive material may be placed in school lockers.
- School officials and/or designates may search student lockers at any time and without prior notice to ensure compliance with the conditions of use and other school policies and rules.
- Permission to use the locker may be terminated when a student does not comply with the conditions of use or school policies or rules or does not conduct good behaviour around their locker.
- It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to keep our schools safe. If any student has reason to believe that any locker contains anything that would threaten the safety of other students, staff or any other person, that student is expected to immediately report the information to a teacher or administrator. The name of the student making such a report will be kept confidential.
- Students are reminded to use a lock for their belongings during their PE class. However, students may not leave a lock on the locker beyond the PE class. It is advisable not to bring valuables to PE and students are encouraged to use a heavy-duty school lock. Do not bring your cell phone!
- **WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR VALUABLES.**
- Report thefts to the office immediately.
- Theft report must be filled out and filed.
- Attempting to retrieve stolen items has rarely met any degree of success.
- It is imperative that students **DO NOT** bring valuables to school or share lockers.

Neither the school nor the Vancouver Board of Education has insurance to cover the loss by theft or damage of personal property of students or teachers. Although supervision by staff and the cooperation of students decreases the possibility of theft, students are advised to leave valuables at home and to ensure that personal property left in the school is covered by their own insurance.

School Fees

Please visit our [website](#) for school fees information. School fees can be paid on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

Cafeteria Service and the Lunch Program

The cafeteria will be open this year and return to providing tasty and nutritious hot and cold food options for our students. Families can opt to participate in the lunch program by purchasing a Lunchsmart card and pay the full amount each month for a daily lunch at school. A subsidized lunch is available for students requiring help with nutrition services at school. To register for the lunch program and/or apply for a subsidy, please complete the enrolment form available from the office.

School Photos

Artona Studios will be at the school on Thursday, September 16th to take student photos. All students are required to take a photo in order to receive their student ID card. Student photos can also be ordered at <https://artona.com/order>. Retake day is Tuesday, October 12th in the morning only.

Grade 12 Grad Photo Session

Grad photos are at Artona Studios from November 13th to 17th by appointment. Appointments can be booked by clicking [here](#).

Attendance/Reporting an absence

Regular attendance is required of all students. If students are marked absent for one class or more, the “School Messenger” Computer system will call/email home.

Handwritten early dismissals due to field trips or team sports must be shown to the subject teacher then brought to the office when the student signs out. Students who become ill during the school day must report to the medical room in the office. The first aid attendant may need to contact the parent and advise the parent of the student’s condition. Please provide correct contact numbers for this purpose in the event of an emergency.

All students leaving the school during the day MUST sign out at the office.

Parents/guardians can check a student’s attendance record by logging into MyEdBC.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please report student absences as follows:

- **By phone (604-713-8950)** - Absences taken by phone are adjusted on the computer system usually within the same day unless data entry is delayed for any reason.
- **By email**—Some teachers request a call or an email. Please check our staff email directly to send an email to the appropriate teacher. A note or phone call to the office is also required to excuse the absence in MyEdBC.
- **By note**—Please use the paper note that is available to print from our [website](#). Students may pick up an absence note from the office as well. These notes provide more detailed and accurate data for us to input. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Signing out**—If a student is ill during school hours, they must come to the office to sign out. Prior to them leaving, they will be asked to contact their parent for permission.
- **Signing in**—If a student has missed any classes due to an appointment, they must sign in at the office when they arrive at the school. A note would also be beneficial to show their teachers why they were absent.
- **Field Trips**—The teacher is asked to compile a list of attendees for field trips based on forms returned to them.

These lists are then forwarded to the office for data entry. If no list was received, you may get a call through our automated system.

- **Automated message**—You will receive an automated message/email if your son/daughter has missed a class at any time of the school day. To correct any errors, you must contact the teacher who marked them absent.

Lost/Stolen Items

Students must make a concerted effort to watch over their own belongings AT ALL TIMES.

- Ensure that you have your valuables locked or secured with you at all times OR don't bring them to school.
- Do not expect your friends to watch over your things.
- Do not share lockers if at all possible.
- Do not leave your valuables at ANY time during school.

In the event of theft or loss, students are asked to report to the office and fill out a form for the lost item in case it is returned. Please be aware that there is no guarantee that your item will be found and returned. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

WELCOME TO ALL PARENTS!

Our first meeting will be on September 29th at 7:00 p.m.

KPAC MEETING DATES FOR UPCOMING YEAR—2021-2022

September 29, October 27, November 24, January 26, February 23, April 27, and May 25.