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December 01, 2021

Dear Killarney Families:

I hope you and your family are doing well as we come to the end of the first three months of the school year and look forward to the Winter break.

Sincerely,

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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Covid-19 Quarantine and Traveling Abroad

With borders opening and with the Winter Break approaching, some families may be looking to vacation somewhere warm. While fully vaccinated travelers qualify for Health Canada's exemption, anyone who is not fully vaccinated does not. A child or adult who is not fully vaccinated must quarantine for the full 14 days and **may not come to school**. Please keep all this in mind as you plan your trips over the winter vacation.

"Students, staff and other adults **who are not fully vaccinated** and have traveled outside of Canada **CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival, as part of federal requirements**."

Parents can refer to the following website for further information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fully-vaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptoms-returning-canada.html>

Killarney Night of Talent (KNOT)

Student Council is once again planning for the Killarney Night of Talent. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talent. It will be on December 13th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. A limited number of tickets will go on sale December 6-10.

Killarney Athletics

The Fall Season has wrapped up. Mr. Solmes' Cross-Country Team was very successful at the Provincial Championships. Senior Girls Volleyball Team finished second in the City Championships. Bantam and Juvenile Girls also participated in City Championship Tournaments. Senior Boys Soccer Team made it all the way to the Semi Finals losing in a hard-fought match. Killarney teams had a very successful return to Inter School play after a long layoff.

Winter Season Teams have begun training for the start of their leagues. Killarney has teams entered in Boys and Girls Basketball leagues at all levels (Grade 9/10 Girls combined team). Mr. Lee is also busy preparing the Girls Ice Hockey Team.

Killarney will be hosting several Basketball Tournaments in December.

December 1-2

Bantam Boys Cougar Classic

December 8-10

Senior Girls Season Opener

December 14-16

Senior Boys Holiday Hoops Tourney

All games are played in the Main Gym and spectators are welcome. Please follow the Covid Safety Protocols posted outside the Gym.

Good luck to all the Teams!



Winter Weather/School Closures

In the event that you are wondering if there is a school closure: by 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)
- GLOBAL BC TV (Cable Channel 11)

Please do not contact media to ask if Killarney is closed, go to www.vsb.bc.ca for current information. Otherwise, the school will be open.

CyberTeens Survey – Joint Project with UBC and VSB/Killarney

The CyberTeens survey will be on **Wednesday December 8th, on a morning FIT period daily schedule**. Purpose. We know that your phones and devices are one of the most important things you own. Unfortunately, emerging research indicates that spending a lot of time online everyday can lead to outcomes such as poor sleep, struggles with mood and anxiety, as well as strained relationships with family. The latest research suggests that this reliance on technology can't always be helped, as adolescents form deep attachments to digital devices. These attachments might help serve social goals, despite research supporting the relative importance of face-to-face interactions. We see students as the experts on this topic, and we're hoping to learn from them! Their answers will help inform important research, as well as help to contribute to effective programming to help teens with technology use. This is a 4-year project instead of a one-time snapshot and all information is private and confidential.

For completing the survey, students will be entered into a draw for a \$200 gift card. If you do not wish to have your child complete the survey, please return the form withdrawing from participation in the survey. The 40-minute survey can be done on a phone, and all links to the survey will be posted on TEAMS on the morning of December 8th.

Killarney Theatre

We have had an active start to the school year! We started the year with a new way of teaching, new classes, and new semester system. With all changes comes new learning and adapting. We are so proud of our classes and students this semester who have embraced the new normal. Moreover, our Killarney students have been part of our annual poinsettia fundraiser, in partnership with our parent group KAFT, and have worked so hard to make a goal our selling 500 poinsettias a reality. Thank you to all those who supported the fundraiser. It means so much to the program. As the students continue to explore skills within our class, we remind them "you don't need to see the whole staircase to take the first step." Drama allows them to work on their mental well-being and interact with others in a creative and safe way daily. We look forward to continuing to take care of each other.

Mainstage

Killarney theatre is happily getting ready to welcome everyone back. This year we are producing "**The Seussfication of Romeo and Juliet**". Our Theatre Killarney Club student leaders and volunteers have stepped up to the challenge and are working behind the scenes in areas of Front of House, Costumes, Hair and Make-up, Set, Stage Mangers, Production Managers, Media, Catering, Tech and Props. Together we have spent hours to make safety our number one priority



while still allowing our students to be engaged and share their passion for theatre. The arts allow us all to escape in a world when we can find ourselves and work together towards a common goal. These life skills prepare our company of students to be leaders. Leaders who understand deadlines, teamwork, passion, dedication, flexibility and above all commitment.

We hope you all will join us back in our theatre at 7pm on Jan 31, Feb 1st, Feb 2nd and Feb 3rd to celebrate the hard work of our Theatre Family. Limited seating and tickets. Please call the school for tickets. Tickets will be available in January of 2022.

Finally, a BIG thank you to our parent group (KAFT) and KPAC for their support for our programs! We thank you all for your work.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful winter holiday.

Winter Break

Last day of attendance before the Winter break is Dec. 17th. The Winter break is from Dec. 20-Jan. 3rd. School reopens on Tuesday, January 4th. Wishing all staff and students a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break!

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC) Direct Drive

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year! As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and get back to a sense of normalcy, funding for extracurricular activities is more important than ever.

If you are able, please support our Direct Drive Fundraising Campaign. Your donation will permit enhancement of activities such as:

- **Music and Drama Programs**
- **Robotics Club**
- **Athletics**
- **Library**
- **General**

The Killarney Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (KPAC) uses the annual gaming grant received from the province to fund a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities. These extracurricular activities can have a positive influence on a student's academic performance and personal development while building social skills and self-confidence. The funding requests submitted by staff usually exceed the amount of funds available. There are also some expenditures that are not eligible for gaming funds and are supported by PAC fundraising activities. By donating, you can enrich your children's learning experiences.

Official tax receipts will be issued for a minimum of \$20 donations.

HOW TO DONATE:

Option A: Online.

You can now donate online and receive your tax receipt immediately. Go to your [School Cash Online](#) account, log in and look for the MAKE A DONATION button at the top of the page:

- 1) Choose from the list of donation amounts, or enter a specific amount.
- 2) Choose S-Killarney PAC from the dropdown list.
- 3) Click on "Add To Cart"



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- 4) Click on Continue and follow the instructions to pay

Option B: Cash or Cheque.

Download and complete the [Killarney PAC Donation Form](#) and drop it off with your cash or cheque (payable to **Killarney Secondary School**) to the school office.

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 newsletter is posted at the bottom of the [Student Bulletin](#) page on the Killarney website.