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January 7, 2022

Dear Killarney Families:

Happy New Year! Wishing all students, parents, and staff a happy and healthy new year. As outlined in my letter of January 3rd, per the Minister of Education's announcement, the return to school for most of our students is delayed until January 10th in response to the rising spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. We look forward to having all students return January 10th. As we head into 2022, we are approaching the end of semester 1. Now is the time to maintain focus and to make a final push on meeting the course requirements for semester 1 classes.

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

During this pandemic, our collective actions have been more important than ever. The measures we have put in place are best practice and we continue to ensure the safety of our community by following these key steps to minimize risk:

- Ensure that the [Daily Health Assessment](#) for your child is done prior to sending your student to school. Students who have symptoms should follow the provincial health guidelines and stay **home and self-isolate if they are sick** as they risk making others unwell.
- Students who develop symptoms at school will be asked to go home.
- Wear a 3-ply mask properly whenever indoors to help limit the spread of the virus. Ensure the mask fits well and covers the face from the nose to the chin. If students require a mask, they are available in the office.
- Ensure good hand hygiene by washing/sanitization at the start of class and at the end of class or after contacting your face.
- Spread out as much as possible inside the school and respect the personal space of others. Occupancy limits of common spaces have been reduced.
- At this time, only students who are purchasing their lunches should eat in the cafeteria. Finding other spaces to eat (ex. outside of their locker, in the gym balconies) where distancing is more easily accomplished is encouraged. During better weather, students should look to be outside as much as possible.
- At this time, and until further notice, we are not able to have spectators at extra-curricular events (ex. performances and athletic games). We look forward to having you back at a later date.

Covid-19 Quarantine and Traveling Abroad

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 return from 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>

Semester Turnaround

January 31st is a semester turnaround day. On this day classes will not be scheduled but students are able to come to school to finish off and submit work as needed. Semester 2 starts on February 1st.

Killarney Athletics

Basketball season is in full swing. Killarney has 7 Teams playing in the Vancouver Secondary Schools Athletic Association Leagues.

In December we hosted 3 Tournaments. The first was the Bantam Boys. The team played in front of large and enthusiastic crowds and finished with 2 wins and 1 loss for 3rd place. Next up was the Senior Girls Cougar Classic. The girls lost to a very good team from Kitsilano in the Championship Game. Our final Tournament



featured Mr. McGuire's Senior Boys team. Enthusiastic crowds provided great support. The team finished with 2 wins and 1 loss for 3rd place.

After a one week delay in the return to schools and a cancellation of all games and practices, league play will resume on Monday January 10th. Unfortunately, no spectators will be permitted at this time. Please log on to VancouverSchoolsports.ca to follow your favourite 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.

Leadership 12 Class Food Drive

The Leadership 12 class organized the annual Virtual Food Drive at our school last month. This year, the Leadership 12 students planned various fundraisers (kindness-grams, kindness photo booth, mini carnival game), kindness activities (kindness board, positive sticky notes for teachers) and collected donations from all the classes. We have raised a total of \$4098.80 and over 200 cans of canned food! Excellent work, Killarney Cougars! Congratulations to Ms. Mattock's 1-4 class for donating the most (\$425.30 + 31 cans). Honorable mention: Mr. Tabak's class, Ms. Stevenson's class, Ms. Bohl's class and Ms. Gelbart's class. We are so grateful for all the students, parents and staff who have generously contributed to our cause. We would also like to thank the Student Government for donating part of their KNOT proceeds to our Food Drive and Mr. Gill for donating a pizza party to the winning class. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone!





Staff Parking Lot

Students and parents are reminded that the inner parking lot is reserved for staff. There is lots of parking near the tennis courts and the field. Also, parents are not to drop off or pick up their children by entering the inner parking lot. The area around the school (especially Killarney Street and 48th Avenue) gets very congested for drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Please consider dropping off students a block away from the school and meeting them at a designated spot after school.

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"
- 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.



Killarney Cougar News

January 2022

KPAC Meeting

The next KPAC meeting is January 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please register for the meeting by using the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcOipqz0rGd19J4QKuY_P1qw9OA3dDOi5

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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.