



Killarney Secondary School

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Dear Killarney Families:

I hope you and your family are doing well. Welcome back! We are pleased to be able to see students again as we opened the 2020-21 school year with student orientation sessions on September 10th and 11th. Quarter one classes will officially start on Monday, September 14th. Most students will only have 2 classes in the quarter with each class getting both face-to-face time and remote online learning. Some students will also have linear or semester classes scheduled in flex times (morning flex from 10:30 – 11:30 am or afternoon flex from 12:15 – 1:15 pm). Teachers will communicate to their students regarding the days of the week that flex classes will be meeting. Students are required to leave the building once their classes for the day are complete—10:25 am for morning face-to-face classes and 3:03 pm for afternoon face-to-face classes. Please remind your child to leave the school property promptly after class and to maintain physical distancing with peers. Please see below for additional items of note.

Health and Safety

In order to keep staff and students healthy at school, it will be important that anybody who is sick remains at home. As a result, **parents are required to do a daily health check of their children prior to sending them to school**. The form guiding you through this assessment was sent home with your child. The yellow copy is to keep at home and the green copy needs to be signed and returned to the school as it confirms your understanding of the assessment and the follow-up required if your child is sick. Similarly, all staff are required to do the same daily assessment of their health. Another action that helps keep the school a contained environment is to close it to the public. As a result, only staff and students can enter the school.

Parents can only come into the school for essential business with a pre-arranged appointment.

Finally, all staff and students received 2 re-usable face masks. Masks are required to be worn in common areas like hallways where physical distancing may not be possible. Students have the option to wear these masks for any time they are in school. Please ensure that the masks are cleaned regularly through hand-washing or as a part of a laundry load.

Completing School-opening Forms

Important school-opening forms such as media consent, medical information, re-unification consent for an emergency, and appropriate use of technology can now be completed online. Please go to the school website to access these forms. All of these forms have been combined into one – [Killarney All-In-One Form](#). While it takes a few minutes to complete, once done the information goes directly to the school without paper travelling back and forth. Thanks in advance for completing the form at your earliest convenience.

School Fees

For safety and efficiency reasons the Vancouver School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. Please join the many parents who have already registered for the convenience of paying online. General and supplemental fees are listed on the school website. School fees can be paid by either going to the website and using the pay fees button or going directly to School Cash Online at <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Please pay this year's fees and any outstanding fees as soon as possible. If there are fees owing for missing items, please have your child return these items right away to remove this charge and to get badly needed resources to our current classes.

The Board of Education Trustees is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all of school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the grade administrator.

Lunch Program

For students who are hungry at school and are experiencing food insecurity at home, the Food4School lunch program will provide a daily bagged lunch or a weekly grocery bag. These lunches are not prepared by our cafeteria but supplied through a company contracted by the VSB.

Those students who were on the lunch program last Spring, are automatically enrolled for this year, however, a new registration form must be filled out and returned to the office as soon as possible. You may pick up your lunch bag or grocery bag at the cafeteria as described below:

The location for distribution of the lunches has moved from the front entrance to the back (North) entrance of the cafeteria. Students in the program can pick up bagged lunches daily from **10:30 am to 1:00 pm. only**. For those families opting for the weekly grocery bag, pick up will be on Tuesdays during the same time as the bagged lunches.

If you are needing the support of the lunch program for your child, please let the grade counsellor know. Forms are available on our website here: [Food4Schools Registration Form](#). All applications are reviewed by the Principal and you will be informed by email as to when to start. (Please add your EMAIL address to the form.)

Please note that the cafeteria is not operational during this time and lunch is not being made for purchase. Most students must leave the school prior to lunch or arrive after lunch. If any snacks or drinks are required during the day, students need to bring these from home.

Contact Grade Administrators or Counsellors

Please contact the grade administrator or counsellor if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming year. This letter and my previous weekly letters are posted under the [Important Updates](#) section of the Killarney website. I hope your child or children will quickly settle back into the new routines of school.

Sincerely,



Kal Gill, Principal