

## Shaughnessy Newsletter – March 2022

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### Important Dates to Remember:

- March 1-4 Scholastic Book Fair
- March 2 Gr. 5-6 Ski/Snowboard Trip
- **March 9 Early Dismissal @ 2pm**
- March 9 Parent Conferences
- **March 14-25 Spring Break (no school)**
- March 28 First day back



### Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Conferences

In addition to two formal written reports sent to families at the end of January and June, Shaughnessy teachers will conduct three ongoing communications with families (October 14<sup>th</sup>, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, and May 17<sup>th</sup>).



Ongoing communications with parents will happen in different ways. They may be a three-way (student, parent, teacher) conference, an electronic portfolio review, a parent/teacher meeting, reflections on student work, an online platform, a telephone conversation, interim written reports, or demonstrations of learning.

Our early dismissal date is set for **March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**. Please contact your classroom teacher if you need more information.

### Staff Parking Lot/East Sidewalk

Just a reminder that unless you have a parking permit for people with disabilities, parents should not be dropping off and picking up students in the staff parking lot. In addition, students who exit the building are reminded to use the sidewalk on the east side of the parking lot. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.



### Ski/Snowboard Trip



This El Nino year the grade 5 & 6 classes from Shaughnessy School have taken advantage of the winter season by visiting Mt. Seymour for ski/snowboard lessons. The 4-week intensive program has been taking place aloft the jewel of the province - Mount Seymour Provincial Park. Students are getting a first-hand experience for skiing/snowboarding while working with instructors for approximately 4 hours each session. We have been fortunate to be skiing and riding in great weather, sharing great laughs & great times - all the while being

transported by great bus services (Cantrail Coach Lines). What a fantastic way to start moving forward through this pandemic by completing a physical education course via an excellent outdoor education opportunity.



### Student Learning Survey 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size, and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to the school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

*"Honoured to be working together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x<sup>m</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish & səlilwətał | Tseil-Waututh Nations"*

Early in 2022, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in **Grades 4 and 7**, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.



The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous login code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We are happy to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair will be starting this week from **February 28th - March 4th** in the library and online. The book fair is a fantastic way to promote literacy and add new books to the library, classrooms, and homes.

There are two ways to shop. The fair will be **in-person** in the library for **STUDENTS ONLY** or you can shop online from home at the **virtual book fair** available during the sale dates. All books purchased online will be delivered FREE to the school at the end of the fair and passed to your child to bring home. If you would like your child to shop in person, they can bring in small bills to purchase items during their allotted time within the sale week. Please feel free to send a list of the books you would like your child to purchase so we can help them find the books. The sale in the library is open to students in the afternoons on Tuesday, March 1 - Friday, March 4 (from 1-2 pm for the primary students; from 2-3 pm for the intermediate students).



Teachers are creating wish lists of new books from the fair for their classrooms. If you would like to contribute to your teacher's wish lists, you can send in \$1, \$2 or \$5 with your child to pass along to their teacher. Teachers will use these funds to purchase their wish list items. Your class parent will send you a copy of your class wish list in a separate email.

All purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our classrooms and library. When it is time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link: <http://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5164871> Thank you for your support and "Happy Reading."

### **VSF Ventilation Improvements**

From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has prioritized the health and safety of students, staff, and families. Several layers of protection were implemented in all schools, in compliance with public health guidelines, including the requirement for daily health checks, increased hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning, and the wearing of masks. The District also undertook several large initiatives to enhance and improve ventilation at all schools and to upgrade faucets and install additional sinks in schools. All mechanical ventilation systems were adjusted to run for longer and to maximize the intake of outdoor air into classrooms. In addition, the District upgraded systems with MERV-13 filters which provide greater air filtration.

Information on school ventilation systems was posted to the District website in November of 2021 and was recently updated to reflect ongoing improvements. School by school information can be found at [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Ventilation/Documents?VSB\\_Ventilation\\_Sytem\\_Overview\\_Feb2022.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Ventilation/Documents?VSB_Ventilation_Sytem_Overview_Feb2022.pdf)

### **PAC News**

Our next PAC General Meeting will be on **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:30** via Zoom. Please contact [shypacchair@gmail.com](mailto:shypacchair@gmail.com) to receive the link.

Be informed on the latest PAC news and learn about **PAC Executive positions to fill for next year!**



### **Purdys Grade 7 Fundraiser**

Please support our Grade 7 Grads. You can order with your child’s name and division number. The deadline to order is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Orders will be sent home by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Check out the link to order <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1375936-94453> or follow the link to the Easter Catalogue [https://em.purdys.com/gnf/easter2022/2022\\_Easter\\_Catalogue\\_Fundraising.pdf](https://em.purdys.com/gnf/easter2022/2022_Easter_Catalogue_Fundraising.pdf)



### **Munch-a-Lunch**

A friendly reminder to check that you receive a confirmation email from Munch-a-Lunch the day before your child's expected hot lunch date. **If you don't receive a confirmation, there will NOT be a lunch for your child on the following day.** All orders must be placed and paid for 8 days in advance of the hot lunch date. Hot lunch is no longer providing cutlery. Please be sure to send your child some from home. Questions? [shyhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:shyhotlunch@gmail.com)

### **Vancouver United FC Soccer**

Vancouver United FC is pleased to be offering its new 4-week soccer **Just Play** program at Prince of Wales Secondary field. Open to players born 2012-2015. No prior experience necessary! Just come out and play! For more info or to register, click here: <https://vancouverunitedfc.com/vanu-just-play>



Spots are still available in our Spring Break Camps too! <https://vancouverunitedfc.com/spring-break-camps>



### **Spring Camps at Funderland Kid's Club - NOW**

#### **Registering**

Funderland is located only 5 minutes away from Shaughnessy school. Register for Funderland's creative Spring Camp experience that offers outdoor and physical activities, arts and crafts, interactive group games, learning opportunities and so much more. Funderland is located at 1708 W 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For registration and more information please visit <https://funderland.ca/winter-and-spring-campage-5-12/> Register daily or weekly!

### **Free Online Glee Class**

Please see the information below regarding a Free Online Glee Class (pop vocal/dance), which is offered to students in Grades 1-5 starting **Monday, April 4, 2022.**



### **FREE Glee Club Class**

Little Jammerz will be running a free online Glee Club Class for students that love to sing and perform in Grades 1-5. Students will learn to sing & perform pop songs with cool dance moves. We focus on pitch, breathing, and performing techniques. The class will be taught live online using Zoom. To Sign up please go to [littlejammerz.com/apr4](http://littlejammerz.com/apr4) or scan the qr code at the bottom with your phone

**DATE: Monday April 4th, 2022**  
**TIME: 5PM-5:30PM**

**To Sign Up: Go Online to**  
**[Littlejammerz.com/apr4](http://Littlejammerz.com/apr4)**

or

**Scan This QR Code below to open link:**



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