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PARENT BULLETIN

WEEKS OF: NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 4, 2020

| MONDAY NOV. 23 | TUESDAY NOV. 24 | WEDNESDAY NOV. 25 | THURSDAY NOV. 26 | FRIDAY NOV. 27 |
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| Q2R2 | Q2R2 | Q2R2 | Q2R2 | Classes not in session |
| | | COLLABORATIVE DAY (moved from Nov 18) Flex AM classes not in session | | Professional Development Day |
| MONDAY NOV. 30 | TUESDAY DEC. 1 | WEDNESDAY DEC. 2 | THURSDAY DEC. 3 | FRIDAY DEC. 4 |
| Q2R2 | Q2R2 | Q2R2 | Q2R2 | Q2R2 |
| | PAC Meeting @ 7pm (Zoom Link) | | COLLABORATIVE DAY Flex AM classes not in session | |

QUARTER 2 HAS BEGUN!



Quarter 2 began on Wednesday November 18th. Students have begun the quarter with three classes in Rotation 1 and spend the next two weeks in Rotation 2. As a reminder, you can find the year long rotation calendar on our [website](#). Also, thanks to Mr. Van for creating a step-by-step [video](#) and an [excel file](#) to help students with their schedules.



Students will continue to have one face-to-face class (F2F) and one remote class a day. The F2F class will either be in the AM (8:40-10:25) or PM (1:18-3:03). To ensure that there is no congregation in/outside of the building, we ask students to arrive no more than 10 minutes before their classes.

Please Note: Some VSB Secondary Schools will be moving ahead with piloting an alternating one week in-person and remote learning schedule for Quarter 2. Vancouver Technical **WILL NOT** be participating in this pilot. More details of the outcomes of this pilot will be provided throughout the quarter.

HEALTH & SAFETY

As we move into our second quarter we would like to remind and reinforce COVID-19 Safety Protocols to keep our learning community safe and healthy. We invite you to have a conversation at home around the practice of these protocols not only during school, but also before and after class times when interacting outdoors with friends and individuals outside of their learning cohort. Just a reminder that all parents, guardians, and/or caregivers have the responsibility to conduct a [Daily Health Assessment](#) of the student each day before sending them to school.

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| | Wearing Masks (in all public areas of the school in addition to outside on school grounds) | | Practicing Hand Hygiene |
| | Physical Distancing (even when wearing masks) | | Respiratory Etiquette |

QUARTER 1 COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING (REPORTING)

The Final Report for Quarter 1 of the 2020-2021 school year has been published on the MyEducation BC Student Family Portal. Final Quarter 1 marks have been generated for students currently enrolled in quarterly scheduled classes. Courses following a linear schedule will be reported on in accordance with the linear timeline. Reports include a final mark, work habit and comment. Please see Final Reporting Memo [HERE](#).

CHALLENGES WITH STUDENT ATTENDANCE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS

Getting to school or managing a whole day at school can be really hard for some teens and it can be challenging for parents and caregivers to know how best to move forward. In a 2-part webinar series, a team of experts from BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver Child and Youth Mental Health, Vancouver School Board, and Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre will talk about anxiety and related challenges that can be a barrier to attending school, as well as practical strategies to help things go more smoothly. For registration information please use the following link: <https://kelytmentalthca/VSBWebinarSeries>



WELLNESS TIP

Play, laughter and creativity are great ways to utilize a 5 to 10-minute break to give yourself some recovery space and refresh.

To bring your mind and body back into balance, nothing works faster or is more reliable than a good laugh!

DAILY SCHEDULE

Warning Bell at 8:30 am*

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| F2F AM | → | 8:40 AM to 10:25 AM |
| Flex AM | → | 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM |
| Lunch | → | 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM |
| Flex PM | → | 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM |
| F2F PM | → | 1:18 PM to 3:03 PM |

COLLABORATIVE DAY- Nov 25 & Dec 3

Date change from Nov 18 to Nov 25.

Staff collaboration time has been accommodated by a late start in previous school years at 10:00am. This year, collaborative time will occur during FLEX AM time (10:30-11:30). This means there will not be synchronous remote classroom meetings, but teachers may continue to post items on Teams for students to access

ARTONA SCHOOL PHOTOS

Artona school photos are available to view and order online. Please use the following [link](#) to access your child's photo. All orders placed before November 18th, will be received in time for winter break. If a student has NOT yet received their Go Card, please come to the office.

ATHLETICS- VAN TECH CLOTHING

Athletics will be opening an online store in the coming weeks for your VT gear needs. Items like t-shirts, crewnecks, hoodies, pants, and toques will be on sale! Stay tuned in the Student Hub or on Athletics' Instagram (@vantechathletics) for details on the ordering dates. Please note: 2-layer Van Tech masks are also available right now for \$15. Visit Mr. Li in Room 414 to purchase!

COURSE CHANGES

Due to health restrictions to maintain learning groups in classrooms, students have a small window to change Quarter 2 classes. **For Rotation 1** – could change a class until end of day, November 19th. **For Rotation 2** – Could change a class until end of day, November 24th. Please contact your grade counsellor for more information.

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED EXTRA HELP WITH THEIR LEARNING?

The **Student Learning Hub (Rm 315)** is a place for students to get extra face-to-face support with our excellent SSAs and resource team. The 10:30-11:30 AM Flex time is a drop-in time for ALL students. Students must practice good hand hygiene and wear a mask while in the Student Learning Hub

STUDENT HUB- on TEAMS

The Student Hub is a TEAM where all school information for: Announcements, Athletics, CST, Library Information, Student Council and Club events etc. is posted. In addition, each grade has its own channel to announce specific grade information. If you are NOT a part of this team, we encourage that you join! **Join Code: uv9c2f4**

GENERAL REMINDERS

Parents are currently not allowed in the building without an appointment. Please contact the school office if you need to come in.

If possible, we encourage parents to book appointments (medical, dental etc.) for their children during non face-to-face time. As the pace of classes intensifies in the quarter system, students may be missing valuable instructional time.

We are asking students to **not** congregate in the hallways and to not come into the building prior to 8:30am for F2F AM CLASSES and 1:05pm for F2F PM CLASSES, unless students are scheduled for an off-timetable class.

Students are asked to hand sanitize when entering, socially distance while in the building, wear masks in common areas, and remain on the right side of the hallways and stairwells while walking through the school.

Students should proceed directly to their classrooms and leave the building when their class has finished unless they are scheduled to attend a FLEX class. Also, students are not permitted to be in the building during lunch, unless they are attending an off-Timetable class.

PARENT RESOURCES

[Tips for Families- Learning from Home](#)

Digitally Responsible Youth Guide:

The Ministry of Education and Safer Schools Together have updated the [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Parents](#) document. This is a great resource on how to navigate the online world with your child.

Resources, Links, & Information

[Intro to Teams](#): Introduction to using Microsoft Teams

[Teams \(Student\)](#): Student Resource for using Microsoft Teams for remote learning

[Teams \(Parent\)](#): Guidance for Parents as their child uses Microsoft Teams remote learning

[Tech's Technology Tools](#): An overview of MyEd, Office365 & Teams for Van Tech Students

[MyEd Help Page](#): Basic step by step instructions for setting up and using your MyEd Account

CONTACT INFORMATION



Vancouver Technical Administration

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To connect with Vancouver Technical Staff [CONTACT US](#)

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