



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PARENT BULLETIN

WEEK OF: DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 18, 2020

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 Información importante - Por favor traducir 重要な情報-翻訳してください
 중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다 معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

MONDAY DEC. 14	TUESDAY DEC. 15	WEDNESDAY DEC. 16	THURSDAY DEC. 17	FRIDAY DEC. 18
Q2R1	Q2R1	Q2R1	Q2R1	Q2R1
			3:00 PM: Mid Quarter Report Published to MyEd	Last Day of Classes
HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK				
Merry Morning Monday Wear your coziest PJs	Twin Tuesday Twin up with a friend	Winter Wear Wednesday Wear your best snow gear	Ugly Sweater Thursday Wear your ugliest sweater	Festive Friday Flaunt red, green & white

As we approach Winter Break (December 21- January 1), we want to offer you our best wishes for the holiday season and for a happy and healthy 2021. We hope that over the break you will take the opportunity to renew and recharge. We also hope you have the opportunity to relax, reconnect with your friends and family, and enjoy this break- of course all while following the PHO orders. We will see you back January 4th 2021- to complete the second half of Quarter 2!



Q2 MID QUARTER REPORT

The Mid-Quarter Report for Quarter 2 will be published on the MyEducation BC (MyEd) Student Family Portal on **Thursday December 17th at 3:00 pm**. Mid Quarter 2 marks have been generated for students currently enrolled in quarterly scheduled classes.

If your child is enrolled in a semestered course (Grade 8 Fine Arts electives, Grade 9 electives, Career Life Connections 12), please note that the semester ends on December 18th. Teachers will report on student progress in early January. We will republish report cards on January 8th to capture any mark changes and final marks for semestered courses. As a reminder, when accessing these reports on the MyEd portal, please save a copy for your records. Please note, final Quarter 2 Reports will be published **February 10th, 2021** at 3 PM.

EXPECTATION OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE

A reminder that students are expected to attend all F2F and Remote classes. Attendance is essential for learning and success. Students who are absent are expected to communicate with their teachers to ensure they do not fall behind. Absences of longer than 1 week will require a discussion with Grade Counsellor & Grade Administrator. Please note that choosing not to attend classes and extending vacations during school time are parental/family decisions and may be detrimental to progress and achievement. In these cases, teachers will not be able to provide individualized instruction nor create extra-ordinary assignments. Regular work missed will be provided and students will need to ensure they make up all work according to the deadlines outlined by teachers.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event that schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, the VSB will post information on its website (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)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

This information will be posted on the above channels by 6:00 am. Unless an announcement is made that schools are closed, please assume schools are open. Families are reminded to refrain from calling media outlets, the VSB district offices, or the school office to inquire if schools are closed/open.

In addition to the above communications, every effort will be made to post notifications on our school communications channels (e.g., website, social media, email, and Microsoft Teams) as quickly as possible.

GRADE 10 NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

All grade 10 students have been scheduled to write the numeracy assessment January 25-28. Please check the [schedule](#), review the [parent memo](#) and view the [informational video](#). Please contact the grade counsellor with any questions. (bniek@vsb.bc.ca)

STAY CONNECTED

We will continue to stay connected and update our community via:



vantech.vsb.bc.ca



Email



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Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Connecting Our Student Body Virtually!

Student Council is a group of students that are elected to represent the students of Van Tech! We organize and host events to promote community involvement, and we serve as a bridge of communication between students and faculty. This year, we have been hosting events that will ensure the safety of students, such as:

- Bi-weekly Kahoots online in the Student Hub, with prizes being offered to the winners.
- Announcement videos called "Tech Talk Tuesdays", that bring school announcements to students in a fun and engaging way
- Decorations in the school that students can enjoy and take quick photos with (without interacting with the decorations)
- Several contests and raffles that let students interact with each other in the Student Hub

A number of other Student Clubs are also running Virtually this year:

WWF Club, Van Tech Thirst Project, Book Club, Van Tech Podcast Club, Conquer Cancer Club, Key Club, UNICEF Club, Van Tech Musical Theatre Club, Garden Club, Van Tech Multicultural Club, Young Women in Leadership, Van Tech Esports Association, Blood Club, Anime Club and Ethics Bowl Club.

Students can find more information on these clubs on the Student Hub.

ATHLETICS- VAN TECH CLOTHING

Website: <https://canuckvolleyball.ca/collections/team-marketplace-school-van-tech>

Password: VT2020

Orders Due: Friday December 18, 2020

Athletics has opened an online clothing store. Items like t-shirts, crewnecks, hoodies, pants, and toques are on sale! Please note: 2-layer Van Tech masks are also available right now for \$15. Visit Mr. Li in Room 414 to purchase!

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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.

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

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, getting help from their teacher or attending the Learning Hub.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION



Vancouver Technical Administration

Mr. Roberto Moro, Principal (Grade 12)

Ms. Sangeeta Kauldher, Vice-Principal (Grades 9,11)

Ms. Sonja Rondestvedt, Vice-Principal (Grades 8,10)

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

NEXT PAC MEETING..

JANUARY 26TH

@ 7 PM

VIA: ZOOM

DAILY SCHEDULE

Warning Bell at 8:30 am*

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