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PARENT BULLETIN

WEEK OF: JANUARY 11 – JANUARY 22, 2021

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

FRI JANUARY 8	QUARTER 2 MID QUARTER REPORTS REPUBLISHED
WED JANUARY 20	COLLABORATIVE PLANNING DAY (NO FLEX AM SYNCHRONOUS CLASSES)
MON JANUARY 25- FRI JANUARY 29	GRADE 10 NUMERACY ASSESSMENT
TU JANUARY 26	PAC MEETING @ 7PM (via ZOOM- REGISTRATION LINK)
TH JANUARY 28	COURSE PLANNING NIGHT (via TEAMS-Meeting Link TBA)
WED FEBRUARY 3	QUARTER 2 ENDS
TH FEBRUARY 4	QUARTER 3 BEGINS
WED FEBRUARY 10	QUARTER 2 FINAL REPORT PUBLISHED ON MYED
FRI FEBRUARY 12	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL)

Q2 MID QUARTER REPORT- REPUBLISHED

Quarter 2 Mid Quarter Reports were republished Friday January 8th, 2021. If your child is enrolled in a semestered course (Grade 8 Fine Arts electives, Grade 9 electives, Career Life Connections 12), this republished report cards includes final marks for semestered courses and any mark changes for all our students. 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 to the MyEd Family Portal.

GRADE 10 NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

All grade 10 students have been scheduled to write the numeracy assessment January 25-28, 2021. 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)

COURSE PLANNING NIGHT

Please Save the Date-JANUARY 28TH, 2021.

Course planning night is an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about course offerings, graduation requirements (classes they must take for graduation) and electives. This year, we will be holding grade specific meetings hosted virtually through Microsoft Teams. Grade-based counselor and administrator will show a course planning presentation and answer any questions. Meeting links and instructions on how to join the meeting will be provided to families the week of January 18th. The times for meetings will be as follows:

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| Grade 8 (Grads 2025) → 6- 7pm | Grade 9 (Grads 2024) → 6-7 pm |
| Grade 10 (Grads 2023) → 7-8 pm | Grade 11 (Grads 2022) → 7-8 pm |

Please note that the meetings will be recorded and posted on our website. Contact your child's grade-based counselor with any questions.

COURSE PLANNING

Over the next few months, counselors will be meeting students to complete course planning and each student will choose their courses for next year. We do not have a definite plan as what school will look like for next year, but we will be given a plan by the district prior to Spring Break. Below is a note from each counselor as to how they will be conducting course planning with their grade:

GRADE 8 Counselor: Carolee McGillivray (cmcgillivr@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 8s will receive information about their course selection through a video and PowerPoint that will be available to them through the Van Tech website. Students will be able to then watch a second video outlining how to put their course selections in MyEd. Students will enter these courses in the third and fourth week of February.

GRADE 9 Counselor: David Waisberg (dwaisberg@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 9 students will sign up for next year's grade 10 courses on a course planning form with the direct assistance of their counsellor, Mr. Waisberg. The form will also contain pertinent information about Graduation Requirements which these students will begin to meet with their grade 10 courses.

Students will be scheduled for a brief course planning session during either morning flex time or afternoon flex time. These sessions will take place during late January and in the first half of February. The list of sessions, their times and locations, and the students scheduled to attend them will soon be published for students and parents. In compliance with current Health and Safety protocols, these sessions will have a maximum of nine students who will be wearing masks and spaced a minimum of two metres apart. Students in our Learning Support, ELL, and Junior Links programs will be consulted individually by Mr. Waisberg later in February to plan their courses. Course Planning and Graduation Requirement information will also be available on the school website and on the Student Hub on Microsoft Teams

GRADE 10 Counselor: Bodo Niek (bniek@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 10's will receive course planning, and course selection by both a video and Power Point (similar to the January 28th Parent Night), and classes during morning and afternoon Flex Time in Quarter 3. The Power Point will be posted on the Van Tech website. Students will enter their course requests either on their devices, or in a computer lab during the Flex classes. The list of sessions, their times and locations, and the students scheduled to attend them will soon be published for students and parents. In compliance with current Health and Safety protocols, these sessions will have a maximum of nine students who will be wearing masks and spaced a minimum of two metres apart.

GRADE 11 Counselor: Alin Cuerrier (acuerrier@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 11s will receive information about their course selection through a video and PowerPoint (Similar to the one presented at Course Planning Night on January 28th). The PowerPoint will then be available to all through the Van Tech website. Students will be able to then watch a second video outlining how to put their course selections in MyEd. The portal will be open for students to enter their courses between February 8th-February 20th.



STAY CONNECTED

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



vantech.vsb.bc.ca



Email



[@vantechsec](https://twitter.com/vantechsec)



[@vantechsec](https://www.instagram.com/vantechsec)

ATHLETICS- WINTER SESSION

Athletics is gearing up for the winter season of athletic opportunities in **basketball, table tennis, and badminton.**

Socially-distanced skill-building sessions will begin the week of January 11. Interested students can register in the Athletics channel of the Student Hub in Teams.

GRADE 8 FAMILIES

We are happy to welcome back the grade 8 counselor **Ms. Carolee McGillivray** from leave. She will be creating weekly video announcements for students hosted on her [YouTube Channel](#). Check it out!

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**

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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.

EXPECTATIONS FOR 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.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Parents are currently not allowed in the building without an appointment. Please contact the school office if you need to come in. Parents who enter the building **must** wear a mask in common areas (halls, office, counselling suite, etc.) and follow COVID protocols while on site.

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 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.

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.

NEXT PAC MEETING...

JANUARY 26TH @ 7 PM

VIA: ZOOM

[\(REGISTRATION LINK\)](#)



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](#)

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