



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PARENT BULLETIN

MARCH 2021

Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples – s̓k̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sell̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
TH MARCH 11	QUARTER 3 MID QUARTER REPORT PUBLISHED ON MYED @ 3PM
FRI MARCH 12	LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE SPRING BREAK
MARCH 15- 26	SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
MON MARCH 29	SCHOOL REOPENS
FRI APR 2	GOOD FRIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
MON APR 5	EASTER MONDAY (NO SCHOOL)
APR 12-16	LITERACY ASSESSMENT (Grade 10)

Dear Vancouver Technical Community...

It has been a full year since our lives changed considerably with the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Last March, as we prepared to send our students home for spring break, we had no idea how things would change for us all; and change it did. Reflecting on this past year, we have cultivated a culture of safety in our school and we will continue to work on keeping our Van Tech school community safe as we move forward. We are proud of our staff and students and their ability and resiliency to overcome and adapt to all the changes over this year.

We also want to thank parents, students, and staff for providing their feedback on recent surveys on the current schooling model. We have provided the district with our survey data.

We would like to welcome our teacher candidates from UBC and SFU. They are off to a great start with joining our Van Tech school community and we appreciate all their hard work and dedication to supporting our students.

We are embarking on engaging all stakeholders in reviewing and updating our school growth plan. To date we have had two student forums with the help of our student council, as well as two sessions with our staff. We plan to ask parents for feedback at the upcoming PAC meeting on April 27th. We will continue to engage parents, staff and students throughout the month of April, as we fine tune our plan.

We wish everyone a wonderful restful and safe Spring Break!

Q3 MID QUARTER REPORT

Quarter 3 Mid Quarter Reports have been published Thursday March 11th, 2021 at 3 PM to the MyEd Family Portal. (<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>) . Mid Quarter 3 marks, work habits and comments have been generated for students currently enrolled in quarterly scheduled classes. Courses following a semester schedule will receive a final mark, work habit and comment.

We encourage you to contact your child's teacher(s) with any questions. [CONTACT LIST](#)

Please refer to the Parent Memo [HERE](#) if you are having problems accessing your child's MyEd Account.

GRADE 10 LITERACY ASSESSMENT

All grade 10 students will be scheduled to write the Literacy Assessment during **April 12-16, 2021**.

Date	Time	Last Names
12-Apr	10:30- 12:30	Agabin → Fox
13-Apr	10:30- 12:30	Free → Levesque
14-Apr	10:30- 12:30	Li → Rahimi
15-Apr	10:30- 12:30	Ramirez → Wong
16-Apr	10:30- 12:30	Wu Liang- → Zou

We will provide a detailed schedule and informational video after Spring Break. Students can view pre- assessment activities on the Ministry website [HERE](#). Please contact the grade counsellor with any questions. (bniek@vsb.bc.ca)

Note: If your child has missed the numeracy assessment- there will be a sign-up for to write the assessment in June. More details to follow.

SURVEYS

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021

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 school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2021 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, 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. 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 logon 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 30th**.

If you have any questions, please contact Sangeeta Kauldher (skauldher@vsb.bc.ca)

ATHLETICS



Spring Sports Registration- Register by **Wednesday, March 31!** Spots are limited.

It's time to start thinking about joining socially distanced skill clinics for the spring sports season! It looks as though there will be no competition against other schools this school year except for Track and Field. Track and Field will have virtual track meets where you compete against other schools, but not in person (you would race/jump/throw with our team, and results would be compared to other schools). Activities will start the week of April 6 and finish at the end of May. **Spots are limited. No experience necessary.**

After you register online, please go to Room 414 to pick up registration forms or print them off yourself (go to the FILES tab at the top of the Student Hub page and then to the FORMS folder). By registering online **and** submitting your forms and fees, you will guarantee yourself a spot. **(Note: registering online alone DOES NOT GUARANTEE a spot in the program!)**

- **8/9 Boys Volleyball** (Mr. Waisberg/senior students coaching) - Mon/Thurs 3:30-5:00 - \$20
- **Girls Soccer** (Ms. Mejia/Mr. van Iersel/senior students coaching) - Tues/Weds/Thurs 3:15-5:00 - \$20
- **Rugby** (Mr. Kerklaan) - Tues/Thurs 3:15-5:00 - \$20
- **Tennis** (Mr. Byron) - Tues/Thurs 3:15-5:00 - \$20
- **Track and Field** (Ms. D. Leung) - Tuesdays/Wednesdays (possibility of more sessions on another day) - \$20
- **Ultimate** (Ms. Watson) - Mondays/Wednesdays (with some Fridays) 3:15-5:00 - \$20
- **Grade 8/9 Co-Ed Badminton Team** (with coaching - Mr. Woo/senior students) - Fridays 3:30-5:00 - \$10 if you played during the winter season (\$20 for new registrants)
- **Grade 10-12 Co-Ed Badminton Club** (play days - Ms. Keon)- Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 - \$10 if you played during the winter season (\$20 for new registrants)
- **Golf*** There may be a chance to have a team, complete GOLF registration, more details to follow.

REGISTRATION FORM [CLICK HERE](#)

GOLF REGISTRATION [CLICK HERE](#)

QUARTER 4 CHANGES

In-person learning for secondary students will be increased for the fourth quarter, which begins on April 27, 2021.

Health and safety continue to be a top priority for planned changes to the fourth quarter. The District has reviewed and analyzed feedback from staff, parents, and students, as well as attendance and achievement data in Q1, Q2 and Q3 to guide decision-making. The District has also focused on the mental health and well-being of students when making these adjustments and remains committed to student choice and educational access for marginalized and vulnerable students by supporting both remote and in-person learning. Accordingly, changes to the secondary schedule will minimize the disruption to the schedule and provide for continuity in structure and routine for students, families and staff.

Effective April, 2021, the District will safely increase in-person learning for students by making the following adjustments:

- Maximize the amount of in-person learning time to two hours and 45 minutes every day for all grade 8 and 9 courses.
- Increase in-person learning time for students in grades 10 through 12 to two hours and 45 minutes two days per week, and continue with their one hour and 45 minutes, three days per week.
- Allow any student wanting to attend school all day, to do so on their scheduled F2F courses.
- Continue to work collaboratively with families to support those students struggling with their overall mental and well-being.

The new modifications to the secondary model were made possible by administrators, teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to support students this year and plan for next year; in addition to the students and families who have provided feedback and have been patient as the District navigates this unusual year.

There is more work to be done before these adjustments are implemented. **More detailed information will be shared with families after spring break.**



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NEXT PAC MEETING...

APRIL 27 @ 7 PM

VIA: ZOOM

[\(REGISTRATION LINK\)](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION



Vancouver Technical Administration

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