



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PARENT BULLETIN

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Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples – *słwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *sellłwitulh* (Tsleil-Waututh), and *xwməθkʷəyəm* (Musqueam) nations

Dear Vancouver Technical Community...

As Quarter 3 quickly comes to an end and the talk starts to revolve around wrapping up course work, course selection, graduation ceremonies, scholarships, and other culminating work, it is often easy to forget or ignore our accomplishments. We have much to be proud of as a school community, especially during this unique school year. At Van Tech we have many examples of individual and collective successes – a few are highlighted below. We would like to thank staff and students for their continued hard work in making Van Tech a safe and vibrant learning community. ~ **VT Administration**



Raven
Madison, Haida Nation



Madison (VT Grad 2024) has designed a sculpture, entitled "The Raven", that has been installed at 63rd Avenue & Yukon Street rain garden! Madison participated in an art camp where The Museum of Vancouver partnered with the City of Vancouver Green Infrastructure Team in a one-week Spring Break Art Camp for Indigenous youth.

Madison's artwork has been installed in a Rain Garden and Bioswale created by the Green Infrastructure team at 63rd and Yukon. This bio-retention plaza, captures and cleans 2.2 million litres of polluted street runoff each year, filtering it where it falls. By keeping this water out of the storm sewers, this project reduces combined sewer overflows and contamination of local waterways.

Congratulations Madison, we are all very proud of your accomplishment!

QUARTER 4 CHANGES

PLEASE SEE INFORMATIONAL VIDEO [HERE](#)

Quarter 4 adjustments start on **Tuesday, April 27:**

- The one-week rotation schedule of in-person and remote/flex classes will continue. [SCHEDULE](#)
- All students will continue to have at least three interactive learning opportunities per week for remote classes.
- All students are expected to attend in-person classes.
- Students in Grades 8 and 9 courses will attend their in-person remote class 5 days a week.
- Students in Grades 10-12 courses or multi-grade level courses will attend their in-person remote/flex class 2 days/week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- For families who would like their child to attend school all day, please contact your child's counsellor to make arrangements. Please note that students will receive the same lessons for the additional classes they attend.
- Please review [Parent Memo](#) for more details.

SUMMER SCHOOL

VSB Summer School will offer the following in-person secondary programs:

- **Gr. 8-9 Review courses and Gr. 10-11 Remedial Courses**
 - July 8 – August 5 (8:00 – 10:00 AM; 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM)
- **Gr. 10-12 Completion Courses**
 - July 6 – August 10 (8:00 – 11:35 AM; 12:20 PM – 3:55 PM)

Information about the VSB 2021 Summer School Program course offerings will be available on the Summer School [website](#) starting April 19. Please note that the health and safety of students and staff are a priority and program changes may be necessary as conditions warrant.

Online student registration for Summer School will begin at **8:00 AM on May 4** and close at midnight on June 4. Registration is only open to current VSB students.

Important Information – Please Translate
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
WED APRIL 21	COLLABORATIVE PLANNING DAY (No FLEX AM in person classes)
MON APRIL 26	Professional Development Day (No School)
TUES APRIL 27	Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting @ 7PM via ZOOM (open to all parents)
MON MAY 3	Quarter 3 Final Reports Published to MyEd @ 3PM
TUES MAY 4	Grads of 2026 (Incoming Grade 8s) Parent Info Night @ 6PM (Virtual link to follow)
WED MAY 19	COLLABORATIVE PLANNING DAY (No FLEX AM in person classes)
THURS MAY 20	VAN TECH Annual Talent Showcase @7 PM (Youtube Premiere- LIVE!)
FRI MAY 21	Professional Development Day (No School)
MON MAY 24	Victoria Day (No School)

Q3 FINAL REPORT- Date Change

Quarter 3 Final Reports will be published Monday May 3rd, 2021 at 3 PM to the MyEd Family Portal. (<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>). Final Quarter 3 marks, work habits and comments have been generated for students currently enrolled in quarterly scheduled classes and semestered courses. Please note this date has changed because the school board is asking all schools to adjust their reporting window to allow teachers additional time for Q3 reporting due to the adjustment for the Q4 changes.

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

SURVEY (Parents)

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021

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. If you have any questions, please contact Sangeeta Kauldher (skauldher@vsb.bc.ca) The e-survey site will be open until **April 30th**.

2021-22 SCHOOL MODEL

The Vancouver School District has been working with students, families, teachers and staff and will adopt a semester model for the 2021-22 school year for secondary schools. Students will take four courses from September to January and four courses from February to June. The decision to move to a semester schedule at the District's secondary schools is based on input from students, families, teachers and staff.

There is more detailed planning to be done and further information will be shared soon. [Message from the VSB](#)

ATHLETICS

Our last athletics season has officially begun! Almost 200 students are participating in socially-distanced skill building sessions in badminton, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, ultimate, and volleyball this spring! Golf and track and field will be able to compete "virtually" against other schools in the district. If anybody is still interested in participating, spots are still open for most sports. Information can be found in the Athletics channel in the Student Hub on Teams. A special thanks to our coaches and teacher-sponsors, who are dedicating their time to each of our teams!



"Smashing the serve" into spring!
Our grade 8-9 boys volleyball participate in skill development sessions with senior student coaches.



Ms. Watson directs our junior ultimate players through some socially-distanced drills in the sunny weather!

FINE ARTS WEEK

Over the next two weeks, we are celebrating the accomplishments of our very own Van Tech Fine Arts students in Music, Drama and Art, who, with enthusiasm, skill and much creativity, provide entertainment and enrichment for all of us.

Students are enjoying band performances in our school garden, Art displays in school showcases, a James Bond virtual performance, Name That Tune contest, daily Art and Drama quotes, and a virtual Art link.

Since James Bond's latest installment, "No Time To Die" was scheduled to come out this year, our Senior String Orchestra decided to program a medley for Spring. So... to tide us all over until the film hits the big screen, the Drama Grade 9 groups created scenarios in the flavour of James Bond. From heists to double-crosses, the students incorporated a variety of props to safely tell their self-contained stories beginning to end in a way that would fit right in on the silver screen. We hope you enjoy the creation from this collaboration!



Link to performance:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0D8kkcbDF0>



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NEXT PAC MEETING...

APRIL 27 @ 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 Rondstvedt, Vice-Principal (Grades 8,10)

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