



VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PARENT BULLETIN

MAY 2021

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Dear Vancouver Technical Community...

As we begin Quarter 4, we can start to see the finish line of this unusual year full of changes in which our students and staff showed immense resiliency and flexibility. Our students have adapted easily to Quarter 4, attending classes in the AM or PM while following our health and safety guidelines. We are very proud of all that has been accomplished this year to foster a sense of normalcy such as: outdoor learning opportunities, band concerts, athletics welcoming our incoming Grade 8 families, and student clubs...even if some of it has been virtual! We are looking forward to upcoming events including our Talent Showcase and graduation activities. We are starting to plan for next year, looking towards full instruction in a semester-based model. We invite parents to our upcoming PAC meeting via ZOOM ([REGISTRATION LINK](#)) on May 25th to hear more details of the plan and offer feedback. ~ VT Administration

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
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)
TUES MAY 25	PAC MEETING @ 7pm (ZOOM LINK)
THURS MAY 27	French Immersion Graduation Ceremony (3:30pm- Library)
FRI JUN 4	Q4 MidQuarter Reports Published to MyEd Family Portal @ 3pm
WED JUN 9	COLLABORATIVE PLANNING DAY (No FLEX AM in person classes)*TENTATIVE
WED/THURS JUN 16/17	Graduation Ceremonies
TUES JUN 29	Last day of classes Q4 Final Reports Published to MyEd Family Portal @ 5pm



Lailah (Grad 2020) created a 3-minute animated film, entitled, "Snow Day" which was submitted to the Reel 2 Reel Film Festival for Youth which features BC student films. Due to the festival's cancellation in April 2020, the films were only recently screened. We are excited to announce that Lailah won the ANIMATION AWARD, tied with another short film! For more information, please visit the Youth Filmmakers Showcase webpage, [HERE](#).

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REMINDERS

If your child receives an Incomplete/In Progress Report (also known as an "I" Report) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to complete the missed work. Please note, that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the Quarter to be assessed and evaluated for the Quarter Final Report unless specified by the teacher. The end of the quarter is the end of the course and teachers are unable to accept and assess work after the quarter ends. Families are also reminded that you may book appointments with teachers to discuss your child's progress. These meetings can take place via telephone, virtually on Teams, or in person at the school. Please connect with your child's teacher directly to book an appointment. Click [here](#) for our staff directory.

NUMERACY/ LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Students in Grade 10 or 11 who have **missed** the Numeracy or Literacy assessment have an opportunity to make up the assessment on June 21 & 22. We are asking student to sign up by completing the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/w9Zv4XLUMW> by May 25. Students should contact their counsellor with any questions. As a reminder, the Numeracy and Literacy assessments are required for graduation.

For students who want to access their results and a personalized performance report, go to [Student Transcripts Service](#) website and register for a BCeID . Once you have created an account to access the site, click on "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results" to view results. Note, this site is where you are also able to "View Your Transcript", "Send/Order Your Transcript" as well as other options. The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

MESSAGE TO GRADE 12: GRADUATION CEREMONY FEES

As we plan for Graduation Ceremony, we would like to inform you that we are now collecting the Graduation Ceremony Fees via SchoolCashOnline (<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>). Each graduating student will pay a \$85 fee for the ceremony. This fee is collected to cover the cost of the ceremony & the items which students receive (e.g. cap, gown, certificate, photo). To facilitate planning for the ceremony, we ask that fees be submitted by May 31st, 2021. We are continuing to plan for a memorable event to celebrate our graduating students on the evenings of June 16 & 17, 2021. Further details will be shared by the end of May.

VCH ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

Routine immunizations within the school setting and at Public Health offices are currently on hold due to the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, immunizations for routine vaccine preventable illnesses are important and we encourage children to be immunized on schedule through their Family Physicians and select pharmacies. Please see the link below for a list of participating pharmacies in Vancouver: [LINK](#).

Keeping Public Health updated with any immunizations you receive is important. It helps us to respond quickly to outbreaks in schools and helps everyone get back to learning as soon as possible. You can provide us with your child's immunization record by using the form "Your Child's Immunization Information" online: <http://www.vch.ca/child-immunization-report>.

Note: A detailed memo regarding this information from VCH will also be emailed out to families.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Information about the VSB 2021 Summer School Program course offerings will be available on the Summer School [website](#). 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.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-JOIN LANGARA HOMESTAY



Langara College invites you and your family to join our highly regarded Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Our students come from Europe, Asia and South America - usually stay for five to 10 months and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family. Generous reimbursement is provided. Please call 604.323.5696 or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

MESSAGE FROM PAC- ANNUAL PARENT EDUCATION CONFERENCE

We are excited for you to join us virtually for our annual parent education conference on Friday May 28 and Saturday May 29, 2021. Our conference [speakers and sessions](#) will cover 10+ hours of valuable content for you and your PAC parent community! Our online format over two days enables parents/guardians/caregivers from across the province to safely participate from their home or office. [Register Now!](#)



VAN TECH VIRTUAL TALENT SHOWCASE

Please join us this week Thursday May 20 @ 7pm to watch our talented Techies perform virtually at our annual Talent Showcase. It will be hosted on YouTube Live and winners will be announced in the chat- LIVE! First prize \$100!

LINK to live stream will be posted on website- stay tuned!



Music classes are rehearsing outside when it is nice due to the better air flow. Please remind your kids to dress in layers and pack sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses just in case we are able to go outside! The Music Program will be releasing a Jazz Album in June - keep an eye on the @vtssmusic - Instagram and vtmusic.ca for updates on when and how to purchase!

ATHLETICS

Our golf team hit the links for their first round of the season this past week. They were so lucky to have been able to not only take advantage of the amazing weather, but also being one of the only sports permitted to compete against other schools this year!



ELECTIONS

Student Council Elections

Grad Committee Elections
Applications Due: May 25

Music Council Elections

CHECK OUT THE STUDENT HUB FOR MORE INFO!



STAY CONNECTED

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

vantech.vsb.bc.ca

Email

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

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NEXT PAC MEETING...

MAY 25 @ 7 PM

VIA: ZOOM

[\(REGISTRATION LINK\)](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION



Vancouver Technical Administration

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