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Dear Killarney school community,

Welcome back! I hope all of you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. I am excited for the many opportunities students will have to advance their learning here at Killarney. In this edition of the cougar News, please note the school opening information to follow. Wishing all of you a great school year!

Regards,

Kal Gill
Principal

2022-2023

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. K. Gill

Vice Principal: Mr. N. Despotakis (gr. 8)

Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 9/11)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Ms. T. Romano

Grade 9: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 10: Mr. O. Goncalves

Grade 11: Mr. H. Clark

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum/Mr. R. Ferguson

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Health and Safety

The Vancouver School District and Killarney Secondary School continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated [guidance](#) for the K-12 sector indicates that “Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff.”

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students, and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [BCCDC website](#). Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others’ personal space while going through daily school activities.

Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Killarney Secondary.

Clean air and proper ventilation are important parts of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found [here](#).

Grade 8 Parent Night

Wednesday, September 14th from 6-7 in the Auditorium

Parents of grade 8 students are invited to attend the Info Night to hear about their child’s classes, how to access and use MyEd, social media use, cell phone use, work/study habits and supports available at Killarney. We will also review how to contact teachers and how to report absences. We hope to see you!

Student Attendance Week of Sept. 6th

Monday, September 5th – Labour Day, School Closed

Tuesday, September 6th – Orientation Day, students to report to the Auditorium at the following times:

9am Grade 9s

10am Grade 10s

11am Grade 11s

12pm Grade 12s 12:45pm Grade 8s (and link crew)

*grade 9 to 12 students will be at school for approximately 45 minutes, grade 8 students will be at school for approximately 2 hours.

Wednesday, September 7th and onwards – Regular bell schedule

School Fees

Please visit our [website](#) for school fees information. School fees can be paid on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

Homerooms

Students have been assigned homerooms which can be found on MyEdBC, however, unlike previous years we will not be using these homerooms the first week of school. Students are to report to their scheduled classes on Wednesday, September 7th.

Notice of Late Return

Please complete the following [Notice of Late Return Form](#) if your student will not be returning to school before noon on Thursday, September 9th. The form can be emailed to killarney@vsb.bc.ca. By noon on Friday, September 9, 2022, if the school cannot verify your child's intent to attend school on, or before, September 30th, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. If you are not planning on returning to Killarney please notify the school as soon as possible.

Counselling Department Update

Welcome back Killarney!

This week is going to be a busy one for everyone as we get adjusted to a new schedule, reconnecting with old friends, and meeting new ones. We know that your timetable is so important to you, and we want to make sure that you are taking all the classes you want and need. In order to do this, we need your cooperation with the process of changing courses and ensuring that everyone is taken care of.

Beginning Tuesday morning, please check your MyED account to view your schedule. Changes may be made this weekend, so it will be important for you to check on Tuesday morning for the most up-to-date information about your schedule.

Course Change Night

Students who need to make a change to their timetable are to **attend** all their scheduled courses until our course change night on **September 13th**. If you have a change to make, you must come to the counselling suite and pick up a blue course change form and have that filled out completely for course change night. On the afternoon of the 13th, Counsellors will begin meeting with students to make changes. This is the **only** night we will be doing course changes so it will be important to be very confident about what courses you want and also flexible with what our timetable will allow to fit onto your schedule. Please do not line up outside the Counselling Suite for any changes - head directly to the auditorium where you will be organized. **We emphasize again - there are absolutely no teacher requests!!!**

The schedule is as follows:

3pm - 4pm - grade 12's

4pm - 5pm - grade 11's

5pm - 6pm - grade 10's

On this evening, all of the counsellors will be helping to timetable students.

**As grade 8's & 9's have standard timetables this evening is not for them. Grade 8/9 parents you are always welcome to email with Mrs. Romano & Ms. Glynianyi if you have any questions.

Grade 8 – Mrs. Romano at tromano@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 9 – Ms. Glynianyi at sglynianyi@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 10 – Mr. Goncalves at ogoncalves@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 11 – Mr. Clark at hjclark@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 12 – Ms. Sum at asum@vsb.bc.ca & Mr. Ferguson at rferguson@vsb.bc.ca

2022/23 Killarney Calendars & Bell Schedules

Our calendar and bell schedule can be found on our website.

[Bell schedule](#)

[Calendar at a Glance](#)

[Important dates](#)

Communication

Students

We are no longer using the Killarney School App. Important information and reminders will be sent to students through TEAMS. Students are also strongly encouraged to listen to the daily announcements to keep up to date on what is happening in the school.

Parents

To keep parents up to date on what is happening in the school we will be sending a monthly email with a newsletter. Please also visit our website and calendar to stay up to date.

Microsoft Office 365

VSB accounts in Microsoft Office 365 are provided to all students. Your account will be linked to your student email which will be your student number with @learn.vsb.bc.ca. For example, 123456@learn.vsb.bc.ca would be the email. Teachers will be available to help you when you return to school on Sept. 7th. You may also go to the website <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> for assistance. You must know your Personal Education Number (P.E.N. – 9 digit number provided by the BC Ministry of Education) which can be found on a previous report card) and your birth date.

MyEdBC

This portal will be open on August 31st for students and families to access class schedules, attendance and report cards. Please visit this link for support:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/General_Resources/MyEdBCStudentFamilyPortal/Pages/Account-Management.aspx

If you are still unable to access your account, give our office a call at 604-713-8950 for assistance or email killarney@vsb.bc.ca. After Sept. 7th, students can drop by our office for support.

Flexible Instructional Time (F.IT.)

This has been added to all VSB secondary schools. The purpose is to provide students with time and flexibility to meet with school staff for support and guidance, and to give time to tend to school work and responsibilities. FIT time will occur on Tuesdays in between first (1-1) class and second (1-2) class, and on Thursdays in between third (1-3) class and fourth (1-4) class. Student expectations for FIT:

1. Students are to remain in their first period (Tuesdays) or third period (Thursdays) classes or be with an alternate staff member as declared to the first period or third period teacher. For example, if a student in Mr. Gill's first period class wanted extra help from Ms. Underwood, the student would declare this to Mr. Gill and then make their way to Ms. Underwood.
2. Be in a learning space
3. Have a plan for the FIT period
4. Have all materials required
5. Remain in the learning space that has been selected

Tips For Getting Ready for School

We look forward to welcoming in the new school year with you! In order to get off to a great start, consider the following tips:

1. Get your sleep schedule adjusted for school! Adolescents need a lot of sleep. That is, a minimum of 8 hours. Yes, that is correct! Start your pre-bedtime routine so that you can be ASLEEP for 8 hours until it is time to wake up.
2. Uninterrupted sleep is key! It may be really hard to do, but screens (mobile phone, tablets, laptops) should be turned off at least one hour bedtime. Blue light and the activity stimulates your brain instead of getting it ready for rest. Consider leaving your device outside of your bedroom at bedtime so you control the urge to check it or hear those annoying middle-of-the-night notifications (or you can set your Do Not Disturb function).
3. Get into a physical activity routine. Physical activity is a great way to manage and relieve stress. It also gets your blood flowing to deliver oxygen and nutrients throughout your body, especially your brain, to keep you and your sharp.
4. Start building a support network and outline places and people you can get assistance. Life can get really busy and we often need some help. Make a list of places and people who you can ask for help.
5. Learn how to manage expectations and be flexible. For example, you make a trip to the local store for a cold bottle of Starbucks Mocha Frappuccino. But they are out! The point is you are thirsty and/or hungry so what else could you get instead? There is surely lots to choose from. Think of all the ways this can apply to your day.
6. Start thinking about some goals you have for yourself.

Forms

Online forms

Please click [here](#) to complete the following forms for the 2022/23. You will need your child's PEN number to enter the site. The PEN can be found on MyEdBC or click "Request your student's PEN here" on the site.

- Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students) if you are taking a Graphics, Yearbook or Photography class this year.
- Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians) if you are taking a Graphics, Yearbook or Photography class this year.
- CASL Consent Form 2022-23 (for parents and guardians)
- Grade 4 to 12 Acceptable (Responsible) Use of Technology Policy

Paper forms

Students will receive 2 forms in their first block on September 7th. Please ensure these forms are returned to their Semester 1 Period 1 teacher as soon as possible.

- Student Emergency Reunification
- Media Consent

Student Information Verification forms will be published (much like report cards are published) on MyEdBC next week for parents to verify. More information will be sent once they are published.

Students with Medical Conditions

Parents & Guardians, please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school i.e.: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures and severe asthma, serious heart conditions. This information will be kept in the office and shared with appropriate school staff. You are responsible for ensuring that the school is informed of any changes to medical information or emergency contact information throughout the year.

Please assist us in keeping our records current by completing our [MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM](#). Forms are also available from the main office for pick up.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or back pack which travels to class and on field trips with them. Emergency supplies/medications stored in lockers will delay access to the medication during an emergency. Some parents choose to keep an extra epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid room. If this option is chosen, parents are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed. Please see and speak with the First Aid Attendants to make arrangements.

Also, a “Medication Administration” form completed by a physician is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available from the office.

Additionally, if there are specific concerns about a student’s health in a particular class, for example, P.E. for a student who has seizures or Foods class for a student with anaphylaxis to peanuts, please communicate this information directly to the appropriate teacher and grade counselor. A Community Health Nurse is available to discuss health concerns upon request from school staff, parents or students. A Community Health Nurse can be reached by calling South Community Health Office at 604-321-6151 (ext. 3332)

Lockers

Lockers are property of Killarney School and will be assigned to students for use during the school year on the following conditions:

- **DO NOT SHARE LOCKERS.**
- **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VALUABLES.**
- **DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES TO PE CLASS.**
- Heavy duty locks can be purchased from the office.
- Students are responsible for the locker that is assigned to them.
- Students **MUST NOT** use lockers not assigned to them.
- The locker may only be used for the storage of books or other necessary school items.
- The locker is to be kept clean and food removed on a regular basis.
- Students are responsible for cleaning and removing all material from their locker at end of the year.
- No illegal substances, weapons or other prohibited or offensive material may be placed in school lockers.
- School officials and/or designates may search student lockers at any time and without prior notice to ensure compliance with the conditions of use and other school policies and rules.
- Permission to use the locker may be terminated when a student does not comply with the conditions of use or school policies or rules or does not conduct good behaviour around their locker.
- It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to keep our schools safe. If any student has reason to believe that any locker contains anything that would threaten the safety of other students, staff or any other person, that student is expected to immediately report the information to a teacher or administrator. The name of the student making such a report will be kept confidential.
- Students are reminded to use a lock for their belongings during their PE class. However, students may not leave a lock on the locker beyond the PE class. It is advisable not to bring valuables to PE and students are encouraged to use a heavy-duty school lock. Do not bring your cell phone!
- ***WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR VALUABLES.***
- Report thefts to the office immediately.
- Theft report must be filled out and filed.
- Attempting to retrieve stolen items has rarely met any degree of success.
- It is imperative that students **DO NOT** bring valuables to school or share lockers.

Neither the school nor the Vancouver Board of Education has insurance to cover the loss by theft or damage of personal property of students or teachers. Although supervision by staff and the cooperation of students decreases the possibility of theft, students are advised to leave valuables at home and to ensure that personal property left in the school is covered by their own insurance.

Cafeteria Service and the Lunch Program

The cafeteria will be open this year and return to providing tasty and nutritious hot and cold food options for our students. Families can opt to participate in the lunch program by purchasing a Lunchsmart card and pay the full amount each month for a daily lunch at school. A subsidized lunch is available for students requiring help with nutrition services at school. To register for the lunch program and/or apply for a subsidy, please complete the enrolment form available from the office.

School Photos

Artona Studios will be at the school on Wednesday, September 14th to take student photos. All students are required to take a photo in order to receive their student ID card. Student photos can also be ordered at <https://artona.com/order>. Retake day is Tuesday, October 11th in the morning only.

Grade 12 Grad Photo Session

Grad photos are at Artona Studios from November 11th to 17th by appointment. Appointments can be booked by clicking [here](#).

Attendance/Reporting an absence

Regular attendance is required of all students. If students are marked absent for one class or more, the "School Messenger" Computer system will call/email home.

Handwritten early dismissals due to field trips or team sports must be shown to the subject teacher then brought to the office when the student signs out. Students who become ill during the school day must report to the medical room in the office. The first aid attendant may need to contact the parent and advise the parent of the student's condition. Please provide correct contact numbers for this purpose in the event of an emergency.

All students leaving the school during the day MUST sign out at the office.

Parents/guardians can check a student's attendance record by logging into MyEdBC.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please report student absences as follows:

- **By email**—Please email klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca with your student's absence. Please include the following information:

FULL STUDENT NAME (First and Last Name)

STUDENT # & GRADE

DAYS OF ABSENCE (If more than 3, please use the "[Extended Vacation Request Form](#)") Notices of family vacation or absences requiring longer time periods.

REASON OF ABSENCE

SUBJECT(s) & TEACHER(s) & BLOCK(s) (Optional)

Some teachers request a call or an email. Please check our staff email directly to send an email to the appropriate teacher.

- **By phone (604-713-8950)** - Absences taken by phone are adjusted on the computer system usually within the same day unless data entry is delayed for any reason.
- **By note**—Please use the paper note that is available to print from our [website](#). Students may pick up an absence note from the office as well. These notes provide more detailed and accurate data for us to input. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Signing out**—If a student is ill during school hours, they must come to the office to sign out. Prior to them leaving, they will be asked to contact their parent for permission.
- **Signing in**—If a student has missed any classes due to an appointment, they must sign in at the office when they arrive at the school. A note would also be beneficial to show their teachers why they were absent.
- **Field Trips**—The teacher is asked to compile a list of attendees for field trips based on forms returned to them. These lists are then forwarded to the office for data entry. If no list was received, you may get a call through our automated system.
- **Automated message**—You will receive an automated message/email if your son/daughter has missed a class at any time of the school day. To correct any errors, you must contact the teacher who marked them absent.

Lost/Stolen Items

Students must make a concerted effort to watch over their own belongings AT ALL TIMES.

- Ensure that you have your valuables locked or secured with you at all times OR don't bring them to school.
- Do not expect your friends to watch over your things.
- Do not share lockers if at all possible.
- Do not leave your valuables at ANY time during school.

In the event of theft or loss, students are asked to report to the office and fill out a form for the lost item in case it is returned. Please be aware that there is no guarantee that your item will be found and returned. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

WELCOME TO ALL PARENTS!

Our first meeting will be on September 28th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All other meetings will be online.

KPAC MEETING DATES FOR UPCOMING YEAR—2022-2023

September 29, October 26, November 30, January 25, February 22, April 26, and May 31.