



Killarney Cougar News

October 2022

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October 3, 2022

Dear Killarney school community,

I hope you and your family are doing well as we have reached the end of the first month in the 2022-2023 school year. Our whole school community—students, parents, and staff deserve a big thank you for working together to quickly settle classes. The school schedule will once again be a semester system in which students receive daily instruction in 4 classes for the first half of the year before moving on to 4 new courses in the second half of the year. Besides our regular instruction in courses, extracurricular offerings in athletics and student clubs have started up as well. Overall, students are very pleased to connect socially with their friends as they progress through the learning opportunities provided at school. Look for a new Cougar News update at the start of each month. This of course will be in addition to any emerging information which will be communicated as needed on the school website and through email.

Regards,

Kal Gill

Principal

2022-2023

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



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Semester One Timeline

- September 7, 2022 – January 31, 2023
- October 14th – Interim Report (comment and work habit for all grades except for grade 12's who will also have a mark)
- November 18th – Mid-semester Report
- November 24th – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 10th – Final Semester Report

Flexible Instruction Time (FIT)

FIT time is on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Each FIT period is 50 minutes long and it provides time for students to work independently on class work from any of their 4 subjects or to get help from a specific teacher. To build a culture where students are using this time productively and are in a learning space, students remain in their 1-1 class for the Tuesday FIT and with their 1-3 class on Thursday.

Collaboration Time

One change to the schedule this year is the return of Collaboration. During this time staff will have the opportunity to discuss teaching and learning to improve outcomes for students. Collaboration time will occur 8 times in the year and will alternate between a late start for students in the morning or an early dismissal in the afternoon. The first one happened September 15th when students were dismissed at 1:45 pm to give staff the time to collaborate. The next collaborative time is on October 18th when morning classes will start at 10:06. The complete schedule for collaborative dates can be found in the [calendar](#) on the school website.

Daily Health Check

Parents are reminded to conduct a [daily health check](#) of their children before sending them to school. If your child is sick, then they need to stay home.

Masks

Wearing a mask in school is a personal choice. Staff and students should feel comfortable to wear a mask as Killarney is a mask-friendly school.

World Teacher Appreciation Day

October 5th is World Teacher Appreciation Day. Thank you to Killarney's dedicated, professional teaching staff who are providing outstanding learning opportunities for our students!

School Photos and Retakes

Student photos were taken on September 14th. This free photo is used for student identification cards and appears in the yearbook. Photo packages for purchase are also available on the [Artona](#) website. Retakes of photos will be on the morning of October 11th.

Grad Photos

Grade 12's can book an appointment for grad photos at Artona Studios. The photo sessions for Killarney grads will be taking place from November 13 to 18, 2022.

<https://artona.com/schools/KILL/programs/graduation>



Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill

The school will practice its emergency readiness plan for an earthquake on October 20th as part of the province-wide Shakeout BC drill.

Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10/12 Assessments 2022-23

The Ministry of Education Numeracy and Literacy assessments will be offered to students in two main sessions:

Oct. 31 – Nov. 4

April 24 – 28

There are also sessions in January and June, but these will be avoided as they come at the semester end time. All students enrolled in English Studies 12 and Science 10 classes at Killarney will be scheduled to write the assessments in Nov (S1) and Apr (S2). Students not enrolled in these courses, or who miss their scheduled write, will have an opportunity to write in June as the last chance before the school year ends.

Choir Showcase

Choir students will get a chance to showcase their talents on October 18th at 6-7:30 pm in the cafeteria.

Yearbook 2022-2023

Each year the school produces an outstanding, award-winning yearbook which documents the life of the school for the year. The deadline to purchase the 2022-2023 book at a discounted early-bird price of \$45 is October 31st. After this date, the price rises to \$55. So, save some money and order your book now!

Meet You at the Club

Killarney clubs are up and running for the year. So far, we have the following clubs in operation:

Club Name	Teacher Sponsor
Killarney Environment Club	Ms. North
Killarney Student Government	Mr. McGuire and Mr. Tanabe
The Anti-Bullying Alliance	Ms. Nejad
International Culture Club	Ms. Nakamura
Japan club	Ms. Takizawa
Library Club	Ms. North & Ms. Greer
Killarney Female Empowerment Club	Ms. Sum
The Good Guys	Ms. Sidhu, Mr. Ferguson
Pride Club	Ms. Tuson, Mr. McGuire
BC Children's Hospital Club (BCHC)	Mr. Bui
Ultimate Club	Ms. Stevenson
Killarney Mainstage Production Club	Mr. Rocchetta
SPCA CLUB	Ms. Ferraro
Killarney Book Club	Ms. Dermott
Model UN	Mr. Ferguson



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Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

Bantam Girls Volleyball has completed tryouts and team has been selected. The team has lots of energy and is excited to begin playing games. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Ms. Veness-Kehler and Mr. Jones.

Juvenile Girls Volleyball team is ready to begin competition. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Mr. Westereng.

Junior Girls Volleyball team began preparing for this season last spring. The girls are eager to test themselves with the beginning of league play. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Ms. Wong.

Senior Girls Volleyball team is a young and inexperienced group of grade 11 and 12 students with a lot of enthusiasm. Over 40 girls participated in the tryouts. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Team is coached by Ms. Emily Hoang.

Junior Boys Volleyball team has completed their tryouts and will begin league play at the beginning of October. Game days are Monday and Wednesday after school. Team is coached by Mr. Bang Nguyen.

Senior Boys Volleyball team game days are Monday and Wednesday after school. Team is coached by Mr. Koo.

Cross Country team is preparing for their upcoming season. Team is coached by Mr. Solmes

Senior Boys Soccer team is looking to improve on their semifinal performance of last season. Lots of players have returned for their final year of high school soccer. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached again this year by Mr. Denny Hui.

Schedules for all Teams can be found at www.vancouverchoolsports.ca

Good Luck to all Teams!!

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

All parents with children attending Killarney are invited to participate in meetings of the Killarney Parents Advisory Council. This group is a valued member of our community which serves as a liaison between parents and the school. It also supports the school through gaming funds provided to PAC's from the provincial government. Meetings are held monthly primarily by ZOOM. The next meeting is on October 26th at 7:00 pm.

Weir Elementary

Currently, Killarney is still hosting 5 divisions from Weir. Once again students in grades 5-7 are getting an advance look at their big feeder school while seismic upgrading work is being done on their school. The expected date of completion is mid-November 2022 for the return of Weir students to their home school.

October Non-Instructional Days

- Monday, October 10th – Thanksgiving
- Friday, October 21st - Provincial Professional Development Day. On this day specialty teaching associations put on workshops that will be attended or viewed by many Killarney staff. School will not be in session for students.



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Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning. This letter and my previous bi-weekly letters are posted under the Student Bulletin section of the Killarney website.