



Killarney Cougar News

December 2022

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December 1, 2022

Dear Killarney school community,

I hope you and your family are doing well as we come to the end of the first three months of the school year and look forward to the Winter break. We have passed the mid-point of semester one and many learning opportunities have been presented in classes along with the learning that can happen in extracurricular activities.

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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Student and Family Affordability Fund

The school has received some one-time funds to help support students and families in need with food and nutrition and fees connected to participation in school courses and activities. Please contact the grade counsellor or grade administrator if you need help.

Reporting

The mid-semester report card was published on November 18th. Many parents were able to connect with teachers online on November 24th at parent-teacher conferences. Please continue to monitor the progress of your children in their classes and discuss with them ways to improve their learning.

Grad Photos

Grade 12's can still book an appointment for grad photos at Artona Studios. Please call them at 604-872-7272 to schedule an appointment to be included in the yearbook and grad composite.

Killarney Night of Talent (KNOT)

Student Council is once again planning for the Killarney Night of Talent. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talent. It will be occurring December 8th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

Winter Concerts

Come out to enjoy beautiful music and witness first-hand the talents of Killarney Choir, Strings, and Band students.

- Choir – December 6th at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium
- Strings—December 15th at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm in the Auditorium
- Band—January 11th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

CANley Cup

The CANley Cup is a district-wide event that aims to raise non-perishable foods and money for the community. The food and money raised will help provide food access to families, seniors, new Canadians, not to mention breakfast and lunch programs in Vancouver, North Shore, Burnaby, and New Westminster. Schools are encouraged to hold friendly competitions with the neighbouring schools to promote donation. The school that collects the most cans will win the CANley Cup trophy. (Number of cans raised are scaled to school population, allowing a fair competition between large school populations and smaller ones).

Killarney Student Government would like to encourage staff and students to bring canned items and/or donations (\$1 = 3 cans) to their last block class (1-3), the class that collects the most cans and donations will win a pizza party! Donations accepted November 21st to December 9th.

The canned items they are accepting are - canned soups or stews, dry pasta or noodles (bowl noodles), diapers, and canned tuna or salmon.

If you or your family would like to donate online please go to [SchoolCashOnline](https://www.schoolcashonline.com).

When you donate – the base donation is \$5 and you can increase the QUANTITY in increments of \$5.

Please uncheck the option for purchasing for yourself and write your LAST PERIOD teacher's name in the spot provided.

Thank you for your donation.



Winter Weather/School Closures

In the event that you are wondering if there is a school closure: by 7:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJBV (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)
- GLOBAL BC TV (Cable Channel 11)

Please do not contact media to ask if Killarney is closed, go to <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx> for current information. Otherwise, the school will be open.

CyberTeens Year 2 Survey – Joint Project with UBC and VSB/Killarney

The CyberTeens survey will be on **Wednesday December 7th, on a morning FIT period daily schedule**. Purpose. We know that your phones and devices are one of the most important things you own. Unfortunately, emerging research indicates that spending a lot of time online everyday can lead to outcomes such as poor sleep, struggles with mood and anxiety, as well as strained relationships with family. The latest research suggests that this reliance on technology can't always be helped, as adolescents form deep attachments to digital devices. These attachments might help serve social goals, despite research supporting the relative importance of face-to-face interactions. We see students as the experts on this topic, and we're hoping to learn from them! Their answers will help inform important research, as well as help to contribute to effective programming to help teens with technology use. This is a 4-year project instead of a one-time snapshot and all information is private and confidential.

For completing the survey, students will be entered into a draw for a \$200 gift card. If you do not wish to have your child complete the survey, please return the form withdrawing from participation in the survey. The 40-minute survey can be done on a phone, and all links to the survey will be posted on TEAMS on the morning of December 7th.

Winter Break

Last day of attendance before the Winter break is Dec. 16th. The Winter break is from Dec. 19-Jan. 2nd. School reopens on Tuesday, January 3rd. Wishing all staff and students a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break!

Daily Health Check

Parents are reminded that they need 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.

Student Attendance

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to report their child's absence by emailing klrnabsences@vsb.bc.ca. Absences will only be recorded as excused if the email is received from the parent email. Please include the following information:

- Name:
- Student Number:
- Grade:
- Date of Absence:
- Reason for Absence:



Killarney Athletics

Killarney Cross-Country

2022 SR. BOYS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

Provincial championships in Victoria on November 5, 2022 concluded what may be the single most successful season of any athletics team in school history. The season began with the team winning their third straight Killarney Invitational Cup and establishing themselves during the remainder of their league season one of the best cross-country teams in Vancouver and one of the elite teams in the province. After running away with their third consecutive Sea to Sky Zone Championship, the Senior Boys' team of Mitchell Klassen, Brandon Landa-Ahn, Lowell Solmes, Theo Depford, Iossif Georgilas, Charles King and Ryan Louie became **the first Vancouver Public High School to win a Senior Boys' Provincial Cross-Country Championship**. While the Senior Girls' Team, consisting of Maya Eibensteiner, Livia Fatovic-Spurr, Grace Wong, Chantelle Dass, Caitlin Lee, Matteya Lee, and Rockcelle surprised many by finishing second in the most competitive zone championship in the province. **The girls then went on to finish third at Provincial Championships**. The girls' third place finish is the best finish at Provincial Championships by a girls' cross-country team in school history.

Bantam Girls Volleyball

The team really improved from the start of their season to the last match versus Charles Tupper. The girls finished with a 2-set victory. Congratulations on a great season!

Juvenile Girls Volleyball

This year's grade 9 girls volleyball team should be admired for their persistence to develop as volleyball players. Thirteen players and 3 managers dedicated many hours after school and showed their commitment throughout. In particular, the team was eager to learn and devoted in their efforts to go through the necessary growing pains of learning a much more complicated system. The girls learned "specialized" positions, meaning they had to not only keep track of their rotations, but had to know where to be in a number of volleyball scenarios and when to move into them. Highlights of the season included our competitive league games, attending a "Jamboree" at Tupper, and hosting city championships here at Killarney. Way to go team!

Junior Girls Volleyball

Ms Wong's team had a very successful season. They were undersized but developed into a fantastic defensive team. The team went all the way to Vancouver City Championship Tournament where they lost in a heartbreaking Semifinal match. Great season!

Senior Girls Volleyball

This was an inexperienced team that did not win a lot of Matches, but they worked hard, improved their skills and had a lot of fun representing Killarney. Way to go ladies! Thanks to coach Emily Hoang for volunteering to work with this team.

Junior Boys Volleyball

Outstanding team! Coach Bang Nguyen lead this team all the way to the City Championship. Unfortunately, the team came up short in the Finals.

The team improved from their 5th place finish in grade 9. Congratulations!



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Basketball

The Winter Season has begun, and the Killarney Main Gym is going to be a very busy place. This year we will be hosting 5 Invitational Tournaments and a City Championship.

December 1-2	Junior Girls Tournament
December 7-9	Senior Girls Tournament
December 13-15	Juvenile Boys Cougar Classic
January 18- 20	Bantam Boys Cougar Classic
February 1-3	Junior Boys Cougar Classic
February 15-17	Junior Boys Vancouver City Championships

Good luck to all teams!

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and get back to a sense of normalcy, funding for extracurricular activities is more important than ever.

If you are able, please support our Direct Drive Fundraising Campaign. Your donation will permit enhancement of activities such as:

- **Music and Drama Programs**
- **Robotics Club**
- **Athletics - Library**
- **General**

The Killarney Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (KPAC) uses the annual gaming grant received from the Province to fund a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities. These extracurricular activities can have a positive influence on a student's academic performance and personal development while building social skills and self-confidence. The funding requests submitted by staff usually exceed the amount of funds available. There are also some expenditures that are not eligible for gaming funds and are supported by PAC fundraising activities. By making a donation, you can enrich your children's learning experiences. Information on how to donate will be sent in a separate email.

Official tax receipts will be issued for a minimum of \$20 donations.

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.