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**June 27th, 2019**

## **End of Year Newsletter**

### **Admin Team Message**

Thank you to all of the students, staff, parents/families, and all who are a part of the Tennyson Community for an amazing 2018-2019 school year; this is our last newsletter! In reflecting upon the year, it is incredible to think of all of the adventures that our students have had – a year of learning, friendships, games, fun, and working through all things that happen in schools. A big thank you to all of you for your tremendous support of our school, particularly during our construction, which is both exciting and sometimes a bit of a challenge!

We would like to thank all of our staff members for their work with our students this year. June is sometimes a time of “farewells”. We offer a Tennyson farewell to education assistant Mme Shima, teachers Mme St. Jacques and Mme Black, Mme Ciara (moving to Hastings), to our Wednesday Office Admin Assistant Nancy (moving to South Hill), our PE Prep teacher Raphael Thomas (moving to Cavell) and of course to our VP Mme Regina Vosahlo (moving to Hudson). Thank you as well to our PAC who works tirelessly for our school and students. You are wonderful to work with! We are pleased to welcome new staff members who we will introduce in September, as well as many new students who are coming to us from various schools in Vancouver and beyond. We wish those leaving all the best, and those arriving a warm Tennyson welcome!

### **Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony (Grade 7 Grad)**

A fond farewell to all of our Grade 7 students who are heading off to Kitsilano and other secondary schools. What an amazing celebration we had this week to honour their transition to Grade 8. It was a full house in the beautifully decorated gym (the students chose a tropical theme for the celebration). During the ceremony, each student shared a fond memory of their time at Tennyson, and received their school leaving certificate. Following the ceremony, there was a wonderful slide show (thank you to Ryo for creating it!), a celebration lunch, and then a dance where the students were able to hang out and socialize. Thank you to the parent and school organizing team for planning and decorating, and to our Grade 6 parents for serving the lunch. Felicitations à nos septièmes!

*Principal: Douglas Roch*  
*Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo*  
*Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo*



*Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis*  
*Liaison Trustee: Fraser Ballantyne*  
*PAC Chair: Jo Gromadzki*



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**WHY FIT IN WHEN  
YOU WERE BORN TO  
STAND OUT -SEUSS  
CONGRATS GR 7'S!**



### **Not Returning to Tennyson for 2019/2020?**

We are currently working on our preliminary students enrollment numbers for next school year. If you know that your child currently enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will NOT be returning to Tennyson for the 2019/2020 school year, please let the office know ASAP. We thank you for your assistance with this.

### **School Cash Online – Please Sign Up!**

Tennyson is looking to go live with School Cash Online (an electronic payment system) for September 2019. This means that families will need to create an account this year to be part of the program. The School Cash Online program will allow you to pay for school fees, field trips, and some other school expenses online (as opposed to sending in cash or cheques). **As of today, 51% of Tennyson families have signed up. Our goal is to have 100% signed up by September.** Here is an electronic link as well:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/Publications/Documents/School%20Cash%20Implementation%20-%20Tennyson.pdf>



### **Year End Assemblies & Recognition**

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our school community. Our year end assemblies were a special time to recognize all of our staff, students, and parents, and in particular those who are bidding us farewell. It was also an important time to thank all of our student leaders. Grade 5 students Amber and Avan were excellent MCs! There was a special recognition for longtime parent and PAC Executive member Toni Botham who has contributed countless hours year after year for our school, including the implementation and running of the amazing PAC website, and for working on almost every PAC initiative! We will miss you, Toni!

We also honoured and thanked the following groups and initiatives that student leaders undertook: Library Monitors, Tutoring Leaders, Playground Leaders, WTK Student Leaders, Groupe Global, Equipe Edudiant Leadership (Student Leadership Team), and our Technology Leaders (thank you Griffin, Malakai, Rose, Sebastian and Ryo!!).

We recognized our Sports Teams and groups: Cross Country Team, Junior & Senior Volleyball, Junior & Senior Basketball, and Primary and Intermediate Track & Field.



### **September 2019 Information**

Please see attached to this newsletter the 2019-2020 Tennyson Calendar which shows all of our Professional Development Days, Early Dismissals, and Instructional Days. Also attached is our 2019-2020 School Fee letter. You will receive a package in September with instructions about payment. We share the fee information with parents now to give you advance notice (these were also contained in a previous email to all families, and are on our school website in the *Publications* section).



The first day of school is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. **As in previous years, VSB elementary schools are in session from 9am to 10am only.** This allows us to get a sense of our enrollment, and we then engage in professional meetings. September 4<sup>th</sup> onwards, school sessions will be regular hours. Students will go to their “last year’s class” (the same physical classroom as this year), and will likely be there for several days while we work on our enrollment, as it generally shifts between now and the first week of September. Students new to Tennyson will meet in the library. We will have signage, and will send an information bulletin to all families prior to school start.

For students coming into Kindergarten, families will be receiving the gradual entry schedule. Our Kindergarten team is currently putting together the gradual entry schedule for September, which will be emailed to parents next week.

### **Marché pour Aider (Market to Help Others)**

The Grade 4 students of Divisions 7 and 8 recently planned and implemented a two-day outdoor market in which school and community members were invited to buy crafts and gently used items. The students, under the leadership of Mme Emilie, Mme Kulokas and Mme

Jennifer H raised over \$900 (incredible!) to support the Xwisten First Nation fish and water restoration project, on the St'át'imc People's traditional territory. A big community thank you to our students for supporting those in need. A photo from the Xwisten First Nation:



### **Looking for Donations**

We are always looking for donations of new or gently used balls, sand toys, and tonka-type trucks or other toys appropriate for the sandboxes. Thank you to those parents who have donated items to the school!

### **Tennyson 2020 – Construction Updates & New Site**

Our construction crew is currently working on the second floor, has poured the concrete floor, and is currently working on the second floor walls. Our anticipated move-in date is approximately sometime in May, 2020, but of course we will need to be flexible depending on progress. The district has many schools who have moved to a new site mid-year, and will assist us with this process. More info to come! A big thank you to our Tennyson 2020 committee and in particular parents Katherine and Tara who have worked tirelessly to research playground options, working with the playground company, the district, and with our own school staff. It will be exciting to finish consultation with students, families, and staff in the fall, and to announce what our finalized large playground will look like. The small playground that was previously next to the yellow portable will also be re-installed on the north-west corner of the site.

In the photo below, you can see that the second storey floors have been poured and the walls are going up:



There are links to the floorplans and artists renderings of the new building on our Tennyson 2020 page:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/New%20Building%20-%20Tennyson%202020/Pages/default.aspx>



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

\*Please check the school and PAC websites for the ongoing addition of items and events\*

<b>Sept 3rd</b>	<b>First Day of School for students in Gr 1-7 (9am to 10am only today)</b>
<b>Sept 16th</b>	<b>PAC General Meeting @ 7pm in the library</b>
<b>Sept 26th</b>	<b>Welcome Back Barbecue @ Meet the Teacher/School (after school)</b>
<b>Sept 27th</b>	<b>Professional Day – no school for students</b>

## CALENDAR 2019 – 2020

### School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 26)

### Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 11, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2020
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2020

### Professional Development (school not in session)

	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 8, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)

### Parent Conference Dates

### Early Dismissal Times




## Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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PAC website: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca>

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## SCHOOL FEES for (2019-2020)

Important Information – Please Translate

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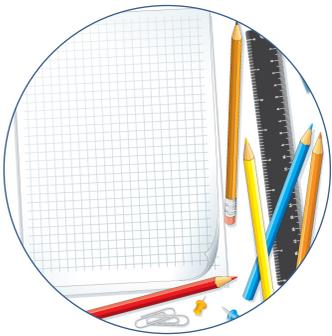
중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

Lord Tennyson Elementary will begin accepting payments for all fees using the School Cash Online System, effective September, 2019. You can register at any time by visiting: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

## GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2019 – 2020 is \$35.00 per student\*.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

\*The General Supply Fee of \$35 is an increase to the fee from previous years and reflects increases in current costs.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

### Student Agenda/Planner – \$5 (where applicable)

Students at Tennyson will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades K-7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families. Some primary divisions will be creating a customized planner; those teachers will communicate the format and fee to you (it will not exceed \$5).

### Activity Fee (Gr 7 Quebec Exchange) – \$450 (where applicable)

This year, we will be engaging in the Quebec exchange for students in Grade 7. Parent support for this activity was confirmed last school year and we appreciate your contribution towards this opportunity. The \$450 fee is the amount charged should parents volunteer with the Quebec fundraising.

### Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal or Vice Principal. All requests will be treated confidentially.



Dear Tennyson Families,

The Vancouver School Board will soon be offering School Cash Online at **Lord Tennyson Elementary** as its method of payment for all school related fees, including field trips, all September fees and library lost books payments. This secure system helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily online.

The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase, keeping you informed of your child's activities and needs. We will post items through the system and assign the relevant fees to your student. You can then choose to purchase these fees online with one of three different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention. The system strictly adheres to Canada's privacy and anti-spam legislation and meets the latest industry standards for payment security.

We want to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to register by **Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. We will then pilot the system with several divisions and we will aim for full implementation effective September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. We will let you know if your child's division will be on the initial pilot.

You are now able to register – a simple process that takes only a few minutes – by visiting <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> or visiting our website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and following directions to the School Cash Online page attached. **You will need your child's usual first name, last name and birth date to register.**

Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at **1(866) 961-1803** or by visiting [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](http://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support).

Sincerely,

Doug Roch  
Principal  
Lord Tennyson Elementary

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AS THEY EXPLAIN HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE**

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

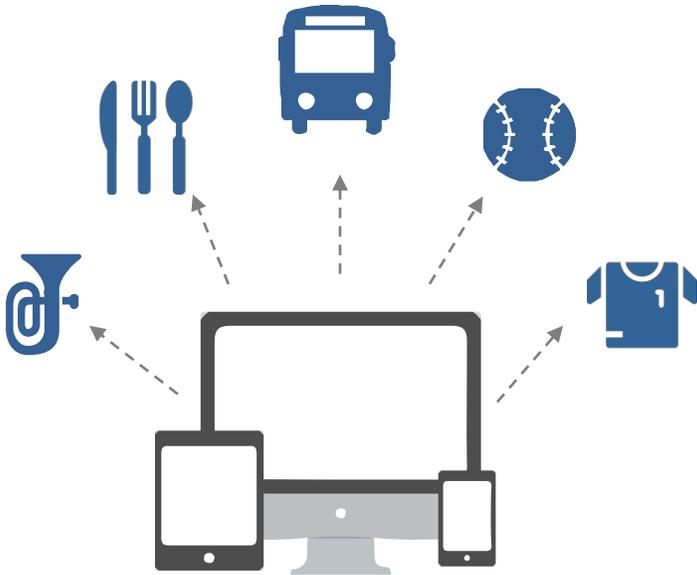
# Welcome to *School Cash Online*

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

## Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.



## Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



## eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.



## myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card.

## How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

1

### Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".

2

### Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

3

### Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.



I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at  
[parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com) or 1.866.961.1803

# SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, the Vancouver School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash and number of cheques coming into our schools. Please join the many parents who have already registered for the convenience of paying online; it takes less than five minutes. After following the easy, step-by-step instructions below, you will begin to receive email notifications regarding your child(ren)'s upcoming events.

**NOTE:** If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

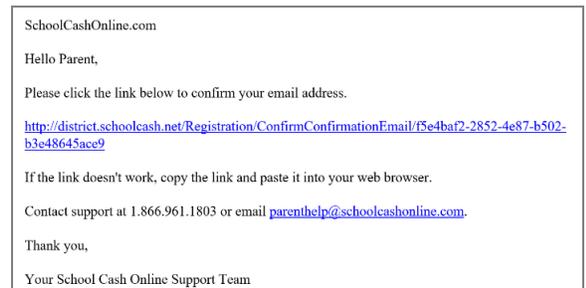
## Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps  
\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



## Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's Usual First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select *Continue*.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- Your child has been added to your account.

**Find Student**

**School Information**

School Board Name: School Board 1575  
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name:

**Student Information**

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:   
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items for Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.