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September 11, 2020

Tennyson Admin Team Message

A warm welcome to all of our families to the 2020-2021 School Year! It was wonderful to see many of our students back over the last two days for their orientations – as a staff we are excited to see all of them, and to begin the school year. We have also enjoyed seeing many of our families during pick up and drop off. We have had a number of district and school communications sent to families as of late, and we really appreciate your time and attention to these. Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter as it contains some important information. Monday, September 14th is the first full day of school, and the beginning our Kindergarten Gradual Entry. Bienvenue à Tennyson!



Families Dropping Off/Picking Up Students – How you can help!

Traditionally at Tennyson many of our families wait with younger students before and after school, and enjoy time talking with one another on the school grounds. With the current Public Health Orders in place, it is really important that students go to their Division line-up upon arrival, and that adults refrain from congregating on the grounds. Please drop your child off and know that they are in good hands on the school grounds – we have staff supervision right before and after school. While we noticed that our families made good efforts to distance from one another and from other children, with all students back starting on Monday there just will not be enough room. Also, TOSS/YMCA protocols prevent them from using outdoor spaces if too many families are congregating after school. We love seeing our Tennyson families, but our tight space during construction and with health orders in effect mean that we do need to create a bit more space. Thank you for helping us to achieve this!

Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Kateryna McNicol
Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe
Liaison Trustee: Fraser Ballantyne
PAC Co-Chairs: Tai Scott/Katherine Smith

Staggered Bell Schedule

Divisions with 8:50 drop-off & 2:50 pick-up: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Divisions with 9:00 drop off & 3:00pm Pick-up: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Recess/Lunch Recess Times

Primary (K-3) Recess #1: 10:30-10:45 Recess #2: 11:20-12:07pm

Intermediate (4-7) Recess #1: 10:50-11:05 Recess #2: 12:13-1:00pm

Staff updates

We are pleased to welcome back our amazing and talented teachers and support staff. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to Tennyson:

- Mme Claire Stormont (Division 5 Teacher)
- Mme Marie-Hélène Normandeau (PE/Health Teacher)

You can find a list of Tennyson Staff members on our school website. Here is the link:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/About-Us/Our-Staff/Pages/default.aspx>

Forms, Fees, and Parent/Guardian Contact Info

We have been preparing an envelope for each student containing important forms for you to sign and to return to school. It is important that the Student Verification Information sheet is reviewed and updated. These envelopes will go out to families next week, with a requested return by the following week. Thanks!



We will continue to use SchoolCashOnline to accept payments for all fees to the school. Please see the brochure later in this newsletter for how to use SchoolCashOnline, how to sign up if you do not have an account, and a FAQ.

Safe Arrival – Student Attendance

We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. This is effective immediately. Instead of calling the main school number, please call (604) 713-5159, and press



84 to select Tennyson. You will then leave a message for the office. **It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am.** In the past we have had parent volunteers to assist with the call out for students whose families have not reported their absence on the line, however this is postponed. For when we can resume having a volunteer, should you wish to opt out of having your contact information shared confidentially with the Safe Arrival volunteer solely for the purpose of checking to ensure the student is accounted for, please contact the office.

Students Arriving Late to School or Leaving Early

It is very important that students are accounted for, and that we do not have too many students waiting in the foyer. If your child arrives to school late, but it is BEFORE 9:20am, they should go directly to class and the teacher will update the attendance. If they arrive AFTER 9:20am, they should come to the office.

It is also important that students leaving the school prior to 3pm on a given day are signed out. Since the school building is currently restricted to students and staff, please let the classroom teacher know. When you are about to arrive or have just arrived at the school, please call the office and a staff member will release your child to you. We need to physically see that they go with their parent/guardian.

Looking for Volunteers for Divisions 1 to 9 Lunchtime Walks to Connaught Park

All intermediate student learning groups will be scheduled to go to Connaught Park for one lunchtime per week, with parent consent. This gives the students the opportunity to enjoy a designated area in the park, within their learning group. Students would be accompanied by a supervision aide and one or several parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to accompany the students to and from the park between about noon and 1pm, please email the school at tennyson@vsb.bc.ca. We are still working on the specific days that learning groups would go to the park, so please let us know when you are available and we'll see it can match up. Volunteers would be required to physically distance from students and are required to read and sign a VSB Volunteer Conduct Agreement that outlines some VSB policies. Thank you for considering helping us to make this great opportunity for our intermediate students a reality!

Meet the Teacher & School Night/Welcome Back Barbecue

Due to the current Provincial Health Orders, we are unable to have our traditional in-school barbecue and Meet the Teacher Night. The PAC Exec and school staff will be collaborating on a virtual or alternate format, and this may vary from class to class. More information to come!



Communications from the School

At Tennyson, we use our website and email to share our newsletter, communicate upcoming events, and for other important information. Please check the school website on a regular basis. When a newsletter or flyer is posted, we will email a link to all families. Please ensure your email is up to date, and that you know if our communications are going into a folder that is not your main inbox.

The school website is: <http://tennyson.vsb.bc.ca>

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) also sends messages to families via email, and posts to their website. The PAC website is: www.lordtennyson.ca

Dressing for the Weather

At Tennyson, students are outside for ALL recesses. It is important that students dress for the weather. This includes having jackets, water-proof gear and boots when it rains, and sun protection for sunny days. Some teachers will ask students to have two pairs of shoes at school.



From the Library

Dear Families,

I hope your summer was filled with joy and relaxing family time! As you likely know, we have an anticipated move to

the new building this Fall. We are all looking forward to our new home!

The library is now in the process of being curated and packed. So, for now, it will remain closed for borrowing of physical books.

I hope you will take advantage of our Library page, filled with a multitude of reading and learning activities. I created and built this page last March. Please note that some of the links generously provided by the owners might not be available anymore. Apologies for that, I have not had a chance to go through my page!

USER NAME: Tennyson

PASSWORD: lord

In the meantime, I am still trying to recover about 100 missing books. If you receive a notice of overdue books, I encourage you to have a look in your home again. ALL CLASSES were searched for any remaining books left behind. Maybe our books could have been dropped off at a VPL branch... Give them a call and ask them!

A replacement fee will only be applied for new books, purchased last school year.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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Teacher-Librarian

Allergy Awareness – Peanuts and Tree Nuts

Please note that we are an *allergy aware* school. We have a number of students with severe allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, and nut products (peanut butter, Nutella, etc). **We ask that everyone avoid bringing lunches and snacks with these ingredients as such ingredients can be dangerous to others.** We have noticed that students sometimes bring Nutella sandwiches to school. Please note that this spread contains nuts and can be potentially dangerous to others. Please try to avoid such spreads. We also ask students to wash hands before and after eating. We appreciate our families working together in this regard.



Medical Conditions

1. Please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school, ie: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, severe asthma and serious heart conditions.
2. A “Medical Administration” form, completed by a physician, is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available in the office.
3. Parents choosing to keep medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid area at school are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed.

Student Photo Day

Student Photo Days in VSB schools will need to be postponed until after January. We'll let you know when our photo day will be, closer to the date.

Parking Around the School

Please be aware of parking restrictions around the school. We have been hearing of families getting tickets in these zones, as the neighbourhood is patrolled regularly by City parking enforcement. Please be cognizant of the restricted areas and avoid parking in the prohibited zones, as you are highly likely to receive a ticket.



Construction Update

We are anticipating a fall move-in to our new building, and will communicate the date once it is finalized. Much of the interior is complete, and the crews are working on completing the exterior tarmac sections around the building. It is looking great! Consider walking (safely) along Maple Street to see inside the gym and other spaces. This is very exciting!



Competency-Based Curriculum



Thinking

- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking



Communication



Personal and Social

- Positive Personal/Cultural Identity
- Personal Awareness and Responsibility
- Social Awareness and Responsibility

Did you know that schools across the province are working to implement a redesigned curriculum, in which content areas are addressed around the building of core competencies in students? This curriculum embeds First People's principles of learning into all subject areas, as well. Here is a description of core competencies (from the Ministry of Education website):

The core competencies along with literacy and numeracy foundations and essential content and concepts are at the centre of the redesign of curriculum and assessment. Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning.

Thinking: The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

Communication: The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

Personal and Social: Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world



Tennyson PAC News

We have had our first PAC General and Exec meetings. All Tennyson parents/guardians are welcome! Please check out the Tennyson PAC website for future dates and a lot of great info.

Here is the Tennyson PAC website: www.lordtennyson.ca



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Oct 2: Professional Development Day (students not in attendance)

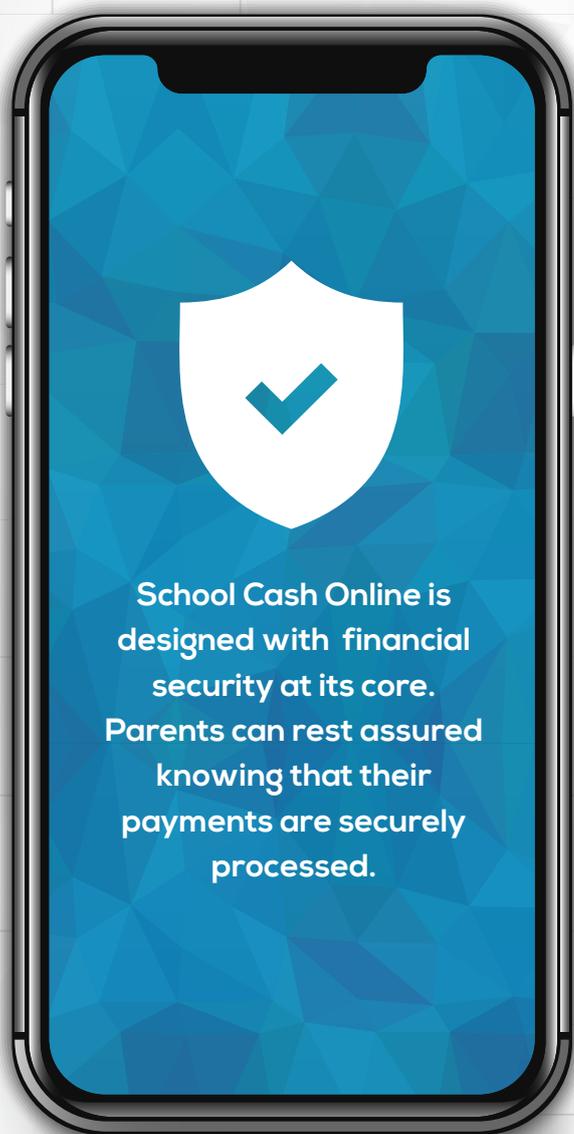
Photo Day: Postponed until after January

Meet the Teacher/School: TBA



Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.



School Cash Online is designed with financial security at its core. Parents can rest assured knowing that their payments are securely processed.

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online allows parents to easily make online payments for the school fees available to their children.

- ✓ Pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever.
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more
- ✓ Say hello to smart online forms, and goodbye to cumbersome paper based forms for data submissions

How to Register

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

- 1 Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Register".
- 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.

Accepted Payment Methods



FAQs

I've forgotten my password

Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account.

How secure are my purchases?

KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com> and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy.

What if I can't find my student?

Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records.

What if I can't see any items?

Each school creates their own items for purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

Need Help?

Go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com



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Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

How To Make Online Payments
for Your Student Fees using

SchoolCashOnline

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Fast, safe, convenient.

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

How to Register

1. Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on Register

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

2. A confirmation email will be sent to you

- Check spam

3. Follow the instructions in the email.

Your email is used as your username in your profile.



How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
 - a. Type in your School Board Name
 - b. Select School Name from the list.
 - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
 - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

Payment Types Accepted



Credit Cards



eCheck



myWallet



Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.



Pay required fees any time, any where.



Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.



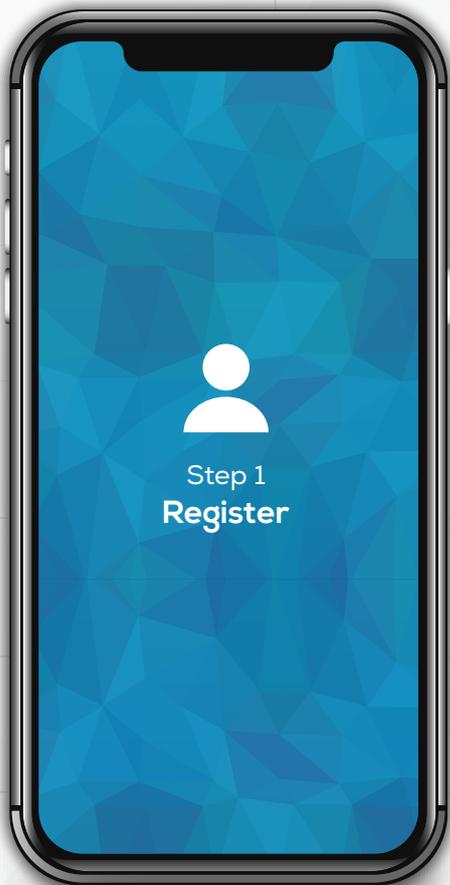
Students no longer risk carrying cash and cheques to school in their backpacks.

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

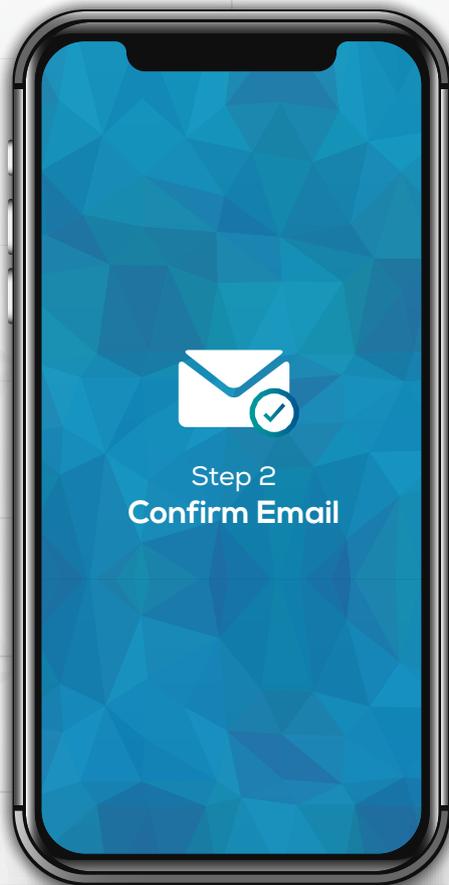
Fast. Safe. Convenient.

For safety and efficiency reasons, Vancouver School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!

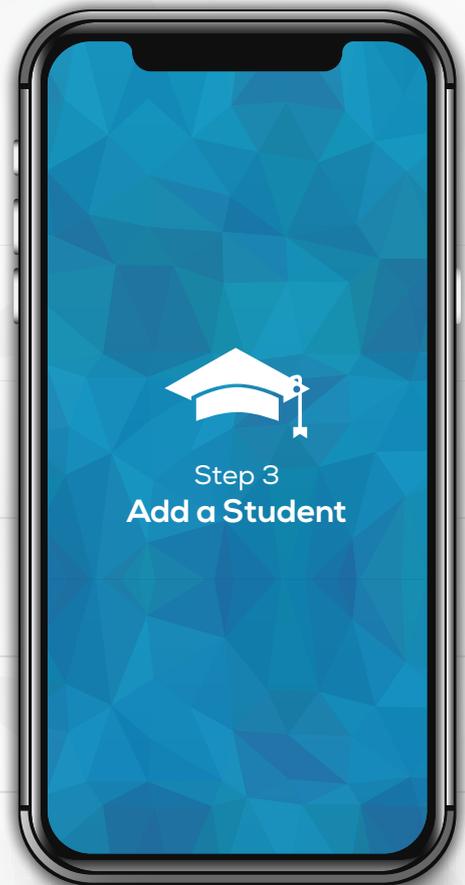
It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.



Step 1
Register



Step 2
Confirm Email



Step 3
Add a Student

Go to
<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>
and click on **Register**.

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

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 (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to **sign into your account**. Use your email address and password to log in.

This step will connect your child to your account.

- Enter the **School Board Name**.
- Enter the **School Name**.
- Enter Your Child's **First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth**.
- 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.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com