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महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

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Acknowledging that we live, work, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x^wmə θ k^wəyəm (Musqueam) nations

Welcome Back Van Tech Students! Principal's Message

September 2021

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians.

PLEASE VIEW OUR WELCOME BACK & INFORMATIONAL VIDEO FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR HERE

The summer break is quickly coming to an end, and our thoughts are beginning to shift to the 2021/2022 school year. If you are new to Vancouver Technical, welcome to our vibrant and exciting learning community. If you are returning to Vancouver Technical, welcome back!

During the past year, our school has provided students with challenging opportunities that have stretched their learning across the academics, athletics, and the arts. We continue to meet the diverse needs of students through several District programs and Special Education programs.

Parent(s)/guardian(s), dedicated and professional staff, as well as an active and engaged student population, form the most important partnership with the school. Research informs us that the more involved a caregiver is in the life of his or her child, the more successful that child will be. In these times of pressure on parents/guardians to provide for a family, I continue to encourage you to become involved with the school community. There are many ways you can become involved, including joining the Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.).

Students, I encourage you to become active participants in the valuable opportunities for learning extended through our programs, clubs, Student Council and service activities. The positive engagement of students is reflected in what we believe as a Vancouver Technical school community:

- We do our best to succeed.
- We respect ourselves and others.
- We are responsible for our actions.
- We value the diversity of individuals.
- We create and maintain a safe environment.
- We appreciate the positive things we have in our lives.

Our collective social responsibility offers valuable principles and guides us to be engaged in school life, successful in learning, socially aware, and responsible.

The Covid 19 pandemic has made an impact on our school opening. Rest assured that the safety of students and staff is paramount. We have prepared the school and will have procedures in place that will maintain safety as outlined by the PHO and the Ministry of Education. I hope the summer break has provided you with an opportunity to rejuvenate and that together we will take advantage of the sense of renewal, excitement, and hope that we experience when we return for the start of a new school year. ~ Roberto Moro, Principal

Information for the First Week of Classes

We are really looking forward to welcoming you safely back to school on <u>Wednesday September 8</u> for a student orientation day. This year, we will be holding grade assemblies (approximately one hour long) in the Auditorium at the following times:

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1:00 PM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM

ALL STUDENTS should attend, as we will be covering important information.

Students will begin full instruction on Thursday September 9th, with classes starting at 8:40 AM.

Students can login on MyEd on **Tuesday September 1st @ 9:00 am** to see their timetables. using their passwords from the previous school year. If you are a new student to Van Tech, you have been given a generic district password: **Dist\$2022** and will be prompted to change your password after you login for the first time.

If students are missing classes or would like a timetable change, please contact your grade-based counsellor. The deadline for timetable changes will be *Monday September 20*.

Grade 8 Information

Welcome to Grade 8!

We held a grade 8 orientation on September 1 for parents and students. Thanks to those who were able to attend. If you were not able to make it, that's OK! The activities planned were to lower the stress for new students and have some time in the building before school starts. Schedules and lockers will be officially distributed at the grade assembly on **Wednesday September 8**th – the first day of school.

Information from the parent orientation is HERE.

Meet your Grade & Counsellor: Mr. Van

Welcome back to school! My name is Nick van Iersel, and I'm excited to be starting with another great group of students at Van Tech after graduating my last batch in June. We'll get to know each other lots over the next few years, as you work towards graduation. I promise to always be in your corner and help you work towards your academic and social-emotional goals.



Building links to students and families, improving student organization, and building positive student connections to Van Tech are the major priorities for me this year with the grade eights.

I would encourage both students and caregivers to join my Remind group, so you get important notifications. To do so, text @Grad2026b to 604-670-2253. Please note, there is also an app for the Remind program if you'd like to download it. Rogers/Fido customers need to use the app or messages won't come through.

Here are some other great ways to stay connected:

Email: nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca Phone: 604-713-8215 (office)

Website: www.mrvan.org YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/nickvaniersel

Microsoft Teams: Join HERE (students only)

Locker Distribution

Locker sign up information will be provided during your grade assembly on September 8th.

Important Information:

- Ms. Kauldher is the Administrator contact for any issues regarding lockers
- If you choose a locker before registering online, your lock will be cut & contents removed
- Lockers cannot be shared at this time
- Distribution times registration is open:
 - o Grade 8s during Grade assembly on September 8th
 - o Grade 9-12s During Period 3 FIT on September 9th
- All students needing to purchase a lock, please bring \$11 (cash or cheque) to the Accountant in the
 Office. If you require a lock for PE, we are suggesting you purchase 2 locks (\$22)

General Procedures

Absences & Attendance

To report your child's absence, please contact the school at 604-713-8215 (then select option #1) and leave a message. Information required are:

- 1. Date of absence
- 2. Student number
- 3. Student name
- 4. Reason for absence (ie, sick, appointment) Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

Late Returns in September

Any students not returning to school on September 8, 2021, must notify the office of the date they expect to return in order to hold their place in classes. If we have not received information about a late return, students may be withdrawn from their classes and the school. Please complete a late return form available in the office and on the website.

Health & Safety Measures

Safety measures are in place to protect students and staff and reduce the spread of COVID-19. These include effective personal practices like regular hand washing and the wearing of masks.

Daily Health Checks

All students and staff must complete a daily health check. If you feel unwell, stay at home.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school.

School administrators will ensure staff and other adults know they are responsible for assessing themselves daily for symptoms prior to entering the school.

Masks

All K to 12 staff, students in grades 4 to 12, and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas.

Lunch

Lunch service in the cafeteria will begin on Thursday September 9th, 2021. Students will be able to eat lunch on site, but we encourage students to utilize our outdoor spaces (garden, front lawn) to maximize physical distancing.

Daily Bell Schedule & Course Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Warning Bell				
8:35am	8:35am	8:35am	8:35 am	8:35 am
Period 1				
8:40am - 10:01am	8:40am - 9:36am	8:40am - 10:01am	8:40am -10:01am	8:40am - 10:01am
	FIT			
	9:41am - 10:31am			
Period 2				
10:11am - 11:32am	10:36am -11:32am	10:11am - 11:32am	10:11am - 11:32am	10:11am - 11:32am
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:32am - 12:17pm				
Period 3				
12:17pm - 1:38pm	12:17pm - 1:38pm	12:17pm - 1:38pm	12:17pm - 1:13pm	12:17pm - 1:38pm
			FIT	
			1:16pm - 2:06pm	
Period 4				
1:45pm - 3:06pm	1:45pm - 3:06pm	1:45pm - 3:06pm	2:10pm - 3:06pm	1:45pm - 3:06pm

COURSE START AND END DATES

Semester 1 : September 8 th to January 28 th					Semeste	er 2 : Februar	y 1 st to	June 29 th
Q1 is Sept 8 th to Apr 26th Q2 is N		Nov 15 th to Jan 28 th Q3 is Feb 1st to Apr 26 th		Apr 26 th	Q3 is Feb 1st to Apr 26 th			
T1 is Sept 8 to Oct 20	T1 is Oct 21 to Dec 3		T1 is Dec 6 to Jan 28		T1 is Feb 1 to Mar 30	T1 is Feb Mar 3		T1 is Feb 1 to Mar 30

What is FIT?- Flexible Instructional Time

New to the Vancouver Technical Secondary schedule for 2021-22, FIT time happens two times per week, 50 minutes on Tuesday mornings (9:41 to 10:31am) & 50 minutes on Thursday afternoon (1:16 to 2:06pm). FIT is intended for enrichment and student support. In the fall, teachers will communicate with students how to best utilize this time in support of their academic success. Vancouver Technical Secondary, along with the VSB, is excited that this year's schedule incorporates flexibility and remains committed to continuing the work and conversations around structures that best support learning for all students.

Details:

- Instructional time designed to support personalized student learning choice
- Students may participate in weekly classes, collaborate with peers, see individual teachers, or pursue learning activities that may fall outside of their scheduled classes
- Staff and supports will be available for students.

School Cash Online for General Fee Payments

We're excited to announce that our school is now using School Cash Online an online portal that will allow parents to view and pay General School Fees, including Student Fees, Yearbooks/Grad Inserts, Locks and Graduation Fees online.

NOTE: SCHOOL CASH ONLINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENTS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021.

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.

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.

How to Register:

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account:

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.

Please help us improve our communications and reduce the amount of paper our school uses by registering for School Cash Online today.

To reduce usage of paper, we encourage you to try paying through School Cash Online. If you cannot pay using School Cash Online, please contact the school accountant.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1-866-961-1803

Standardized General School Fee Schedule 2021-2022

As we are uncertain at this time which 2021-22 activities may occur under Provincial and District Health & Safety protocols and direction, we will not be charging/collecting fees for items or services that cannot be delivered with certainty during the pandemic. They may, however, be charged if the activity becomes permissible.

Fee Type	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12	
Student Agenda Book	\$9.00	*	*	*	*	
Student Activities/Student Leadership*	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	
Includes: intramurals, clubs, student welcome events, social responsibility activities, and student council initiatives. *Optional—Agenda book may be purchased separately in the school office.						

Total \$30.00 \$21.00 \$21.00 \$21.00 \$21.00

	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Yearbook-not required	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Grad—Valedictory Fee*					\$85.00

Valedictory Fee includes: grad cap, gown and stole; tickets and programs; facility rental; and photographs.

Mini School Fees

Flex Humanities	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10
Enrichment Activities*	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00

Fee includes: guest speakers, enrichment activities and special events.

Summit	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10
Timberline Ranch Camp*	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Bard on the Beach Fieldtrip*	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Hobbit Banquet*	\$5.00		
Additional Activity and Program Costs*	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
TOTAL:	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00

Financial Hardship Policy

The Board of Education Trustees is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all of school fee are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

如果你需要经济帮助, 请联系你们学校的负责人•

如需經濟協助,請聯絡貴校校長・Nếu bạn cần trợ cấp, xin liên lạc với Hiệu Trưởng Trường · Tawagan ang tagapamahala o punonggurong paaralan kung kailangan ninyong pinansyal na tulong. · Sivous avez besoin d'aide financière, veuillez contacter la direction. · Si necesita apoyo financiero, por favor contacte a la dirección de su escuela · ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਵਿੱੱੇ ਹੈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੇੜ ਹੈ, ਵਿਕਾਰਪਾ ਿਤਰਿਕਾਨ ਆਪਣੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਲ ਲ ਪਬੁੰਕ ਨਾਲ ਸਖੁੰਕ ਰਿਕਾਨ ਨਾਲ ਸਖੁੰਕਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਖੁੰਕਰੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਖੁੰਕਰੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਜ

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Standard Supplemental Fee Schedule 2021-2022

Course		Supplemental Fee / Description		
ART				
Art 8	\$10.00	sketchbook		
Art 9	\$15.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Art 10	\$25.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Art 11	\$30.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Art 12	\$30.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Art Careers/Advanced Art/Art Portfolio	\$35.00	optional enhanced supplies		
AP Art	\$35.00	optional enhanced supplies, AP exam		
Graphics 10	\$25.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Graphics 11	\$30.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Graphics 12	\$30.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Media Art 10	\$25.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Media Art 11	\$30.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Media Art 12	\$30.00	optional enhanced supplies		
Photography 11	\$35.00	photo paper beyond the basic requirements		
Photography 12	\$35.00	photo paper beyond the basic requirements		
N.B. Inclusive of digital and traditional p	hoto courses.			
HOME ECONOMICS				
Home Ec 8	\$5.00			
Foods 9	\$17.50	better ingredients, more labs		
Foods 10	\$35.00	better ingredients, more labs		
Foods 11/12	\$45.00	better ingredients, more labs		
Clothing & Textiles 9, 10, & 11	No fee supplemental cost based on individual projects			
Fashion Design 12	No fee supplemental cost based on individual projects			
Cafeteria Training	\$25.00 Food Safe Certificate - optional to participate			
MUSIC				
Music 9-12 (Band & Choir)	No fee deposits	s may be collected for uniforms, sheet music, rentals		
TECHNICAL STUDIES				
Tech Ed 8	\$5.00			
All Courses 9 - 12	No fee supplemetc.	nental cost based on individual projects. Deposits may be collected for safety glasses, coveralls,		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
All Courses	No fee may cha	arge for optional activities		
PE 11/12: Outdoor Education*	Estimated cost for this program (including equipment rental, activities, and fieldtrips) is \$450 Students are also responsible for fundraising. *If COVID restrictions prevent the running of a regular program, no course fee will be applied and charges for individual outings/activities will be charged.			
OTHER				
AP Courses		may change due to USD exchange rate)		
Certification Programs	Fees may be cha CPR, etc)	rged for optional certification programs (ie: SuperHost, FoodSafe, Quantum, First Responders,		
Optional Fieldtrips/Activities	Fees may be cha	arged		
Refundable Workbook Deposits	Some courses provide workbooks that students may purchase to use and keep or rent (money will be refunded at the end of the year provided the workbooks are in original condition with no markings).			
Extracurricular Athletics	Fees are charged participate.	to cover costs of uniforms, referees, and equipment. Fees are only charged to those who		

Technology Tools

Students at Van Tech will utilize the following programs during the school year:







MyEducation BC

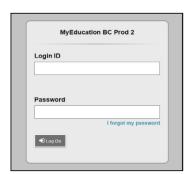


All students and parents have access to a MyEducation BC account. This account will be used throughout the year for you as a parent to monitor:

- Attendance
- View report cards
- View your child's schedule
- · Review your child's course requests

Logging in to the site for the first time:

It is recommended that you do not setup your account for the first time using a mobile device. Login using to a home computer, or set your mobile device in desktop mode.



Go to: https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do

Login ID: Child's Student #

(Student number can be found from the student's VSB email address: [your student number]@learn.vsb.bc.ca)

Password: Dist\$2022

This is a temporary password, you will be prompted to create a new password

Login Tips:

The Temporary Password: DO NOT copy/paste the password – the copy process sometimes adds a space.

It MUST be entered exactly. It is case sensitive.

Criteria to reset a new Password must be followed:

- 8 minimum, 14 maximum characters
- 1 capital letter, 1 lowercase letter
- 1 number
- 1 special symbol or character: # or \$ or ! or @
- Your password cannot contain, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id or sequential letters or numbers
- Samples of acceptable password: Jan2017\$/Snow999!/Welcome1\$

Write your password down and keep it in a secure area for future reference. It is a shared password between student and parent.

<u>Account Disabled or Reset Password:</u> Click on the "I FORGOT MY PASSWORD" to have a temporary password emailed to you. If you have clicked on the "I forgot my password" link, please note the response may take up to 24 hours.

If this does not work, please contact the office or your grade administrator.

Help?!

Please visit <u>www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca</u>, click on the "Families" tab and "My Education BC Family Portal" link. Here you will find stepby step guides.

Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams

Vancouver Technical Secondary teachers will be supporting the online platform Microsoft Teams for communication

Students can access Teams via:

Dowloading the Microsoft Teams App

www. office.com

- •Sign in using your VSB student email address "[your student number]@learn.vsb.bc.ca". and password.
- •Click the Teams tile

Students can access a Team for each of their classes (we call these "Classroom Teams"). Teachers are currently working diligently to create remote learning opportunities that will be hosted in their Classroom Teams.

We are also encouraging students to join the "Student Hub" Team otherwise known as a Microsoft Team Classroom for all our students. This Student Hub is where students can log-in to get general school information (in addition to the school website, Twitter and Instagram) and reach important school supports. It is completely free and part of our district wide Office 365 program.

More details on how to join the Student Hub during orientation on September 8th.

Resources:

Intro to Teams

Students Begin Here

Guidance for Parents

Office 365



Please note that all staff and students have access to the tool Office 365 to use in their everyday learning, school assignments and presentations. A few classroom teachers are also using this tool to interact with their students.

Here is how your child can access Office 365:

- Go to the Vancouver Technical Website and click on the "Office 365" link at the bottom of the website.
- Or go to www.office.com, Type in your VSB email address. "[your student number]@learn.vsb.bc.ca". (Eg: If my VSB student number is 1234566, my email address is 1234566@learn.vsb.bc.ca)
- Click Next, you will be redirected to the VSB Office 365 login page
- Enter your VSB password (The password is the same one that you have been using to access all other VSB services- school computers, WIFI at school etc.)
- Click on the "Sign-in" button
- You will be taken to the Office 365 Homepage.
- Click on the tile of the app you would like to use online. Your most frequently accessed apps will be available. If you don't see a particular app, you can also click on "Explore all your apps" to find them.

Meet the Team!

Administrative Team



Roberto Moro Principal (Grade 12)



Sangeeta Kauldher Vice-Principal (Grades 8 & 10)



Richard Edge Vice-Principal (Grades 9 & 11)

Counselling Team

Grade 8 Nick van Iersel
Grade 9 Carolee McGillivray
Grade 10 David Waisberg
Grade 11 Bodo Niek
Grade 12 Alin Cuerrier

Van Tech Counselling Website: https://vantechblog.weebly.com

Indigenous Support Team

Teacher: Liz Krieg

Support Staff: Nicole Brazeau, Jennaya Hayden

Van Tech Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Executive: Amy Chuang

Treasurer: TBA

Secretary: Kyla Epstein

PAC Email: chairvt@gmail.com

Visit Van Tech's Website: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/vancouver-technical

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
September	
Wed, Sep 1, 2021	Grade 8 Orientation – 10am to 12pm
Mon, Sep 6	Labour Day – Stat Holiday – school is closed
Tues, Sep 7	In-Service Day (no classes in session)
Wed, Sep 8	First Day of School – Orientation
Thurs, Sep 9	First full instructional day – Semester 1 begins
Fri, Sep 17	Photo Day
Fri, Sep 24	Professional Development Day (no classes in session)
Thurs, Sep 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Stat Holiday – school is closed
October	
Mon, Oct 11	Thanksgiving Day – Stat Holiday – school is closed
Thurs, Oct 21	Photo re-takes
Thurs, Oct 21	Flex Humanities Parent Info Night
Fri, Oct 22	Professional Development Day (no classes in session)
November	
Thurs, Nov 4	Summit Parent Info Night
Thurs, Nov 11	Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday – school is closed
Fri, Nov 26	Professional Development Day (no classes in session)
December	
Thurs, Dec 9	Parent/Teacher Conference
Wed, Dec 15	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
Fri, Dec 17	Last day of school before Winter Break
Dec 20 - Jan 3	Winter Break
January	
Mon, Jan 3, 2022	Winter Break
Tues, Jan 4	School re-opens



STAY CONNECTED

We will continue to stay connected and update our community via:







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