

VERNON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Download the VSS APP . See details in this newsletter.

VSS Athletic information can be found at

<https://www.vernonpanthers.com/>

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Administrators' Message

Dear Vernon Secondary School parents, families, and students:

It is once again time to prepare for school in September. We are happy to be back at VSS again this year and are excited for the upcoming year and all that it brings. As a school community we look forward to welcoming you back and making the transition into the 2024—2025 school year as smooth as possible.

We are very happy to be a part of the VSS community, and strive to maintain the strong history of excellence and pride. Our school goals are to **Improve School Community and Citizenship and Increase academic success for students**. Our staff and school community will be working on these goals throughout the year.

To get us started our grade 8 students and new students are invited to our ICE BREAKER on Wednesday, August 28th from 12—1:15 at the school. Our counselors are also in that week to schedule new students and to make changes to student timetables as per the procedures outlined in this newsletter.

Please review the details of this newsletter and the updates on our website in preparation for the new school year. Go Panthers!

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VSS Attendance Guidelines

The following is the standard we expect at VSS:

Teachers take attendance for all students that appear on their class list from day one. If a student is on an attendance list, they are included in the attendance and should be in class.

***Parent / Legal Guardian must contact the office with a phone call or email for the absence to be excused preferably before 8:30am that day.**

Please note that these absences do not excuse the curriculum from being completed. Attendance is often critical for attaining course competencies and skills and much of what happens in the classroom cannot be replicated by an assignment or worksheet sent home!

Excused/Explained Absences:

- Student illness**
- Health appointments**
- Observance of religious holiday**
- Family emergency**
- Personal safety issues**
- Principal's / Vice Principal's discretion**
- School trip/event (sports, etc..)**

Please note students will not be excused from missing a class, assembly, presentation, or school activity to work in the library etc... If a child is in school he/she is expected to attend school programming.

More information can be found on our website regarding our attendance policy.

Cell Phone Policy at VSS

Starting in September, BC school districts will be required to restrict cell phone use “bell to bell” in all schools. While there is no province-wide policy, individual schools will implement guidelines to minimize cellphone interruptions during class time.

VSS will have cell phone holders in all classrooms and students are required to either put their phones in these holders or leave them home or in their lockers. No exceptions will be made to this policy for all students attending VSS. If students are concerned about their phone then it is suggested that they leave it at home as we are not responsible for any personal property brought to the school.

VSS staff appreciate your support with this new policy as we aim to create a safer and more conducive learning environment for all our students.





Opening Week Schedule

Tuesday September 3rd 2024

Homeroom will be your “A” BLOCK

8:30—8:50 Full School Assembly
in the Gym
8:55 — 9:35 Block A
9:40 — 10:20 Block B
10:20— 10:35 Break
10:35— 11:15 Block C
11:20— 12: 00 Block D
12:00—Busses depart 3 hours early

September 4-6, 2024

- ABCD rotation all week
- Regular block schedule times

Thursday September 5, 2024

Grade Level Assemblies

Gr 8— 10:10

Gr10—12:10

Gr 11—12:50

Friday September 6, 2024

Gr 9— 8:35

Gr 12—12:10

**Fees will be collected in A block classes.

Secondary School’s Block Schedule

Period 1	8:30-9:50	80 min
Period 2	10:05-11:24	79 min
Period 3	12:05 – 1:25	80 min
Period 4	1:40 — 3:00	80 min

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Students should come to class on **opening day** prepared to work, with pen/pencil, binder and notepaper.

Teachers will advise students of any special supplies that they will need for their courses. These supplies will include items such as glue sticks, calculators, scissors, etc..



Please email the office at vss@sd22.bc.ca or call 250-545-0701 to notify us of any **Demographic Changes**, address, home, cell, work phone numbers, emergency contacts etc.



*The Cafeteria
will not be open until September
18th.*

Be sure to bring a lunch!



VERNON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Welcome Grade 8s and New Students—Intro to VSS!

Wednesday, August 28th 12—1:15

Meet in School Theatre (students only, **parents please drop off** student at the front of the school, either doors beside the Library or Bus Loop)

All of our grade 8 students please join us for an orientation session where our student leaders will help you:

- ◆ Find your classrooms
- ◆ Find your locker
- ◆ Answer questions about VSS
- ◆ Enjoy a free treat!

Parents pick up students at 1:15pm, outside of school building.

How to read the timetable:

All students should have an A, B, C, and D block, 1 per semester.

Semester 1: September 3rd 2024– January 29th 2025

Semester 2: January 30th 2025 – June 25th 2025

Grade 8 Explorations are B BLOCK:

R1, R2, R3 and R4 are held in Semester 1

R5, R6, and R7 are held in Semester 2

Grade 9 Rotations are A BLOCK:

Rotation 1 and 2 are held in Semester 1

Rotation 3 and 4 are held in Semester 2

Any blocks that are listed at the bottom of your timetable that are separate from Blocks A-D are held outside the timetable after school. These are linear courses which means they are held all year long.

Math 8 and Social Studies 8 are linear courses this year inside the regular time table.



School Fees

1. **The general “Student Activity Fee” of \$30.00** which helps offset the cost of many school events (spirit events, speakers etc., as well as covering the VSS app). Receipts will be issued **for all monies received**. **Currently, VSS is able to accept online payments with a credit card through MyEd. You can also pay the office with cash or cheque. Only one cheque is required for all monies owing for each student (please itemize).** Other optional items and activities can also be paid for at this time. **Please continue to check MyEd as fees are assessed throughout the year.** Due to the volume of receipts, this process may take several weeks to complete. We thank you in advance for your patience in this regard. Please contact the school office if you have a financial concern and we will make alternative arrangements. All cheques should be made payable to Vernon Secondary School.
2. **Workbooks**— Some classes use workbooks, please see the course teacher for the cost of workbooks.
3. **Yearbooks will be sold for \$50.00 each until December 20th.** After December 20th, the cost will increase to \$55.00. **Student fees must be paid in order to purchase a yearbook**

MyEd Student and Family Portals

Our school has created MyEd Student and Family Portal accounts so our students and their parents/guardians can access information including Report Cards and Transcripts. Current students and their families should already have their login information. If you do not have login information, please contact the school and we will provide you your login information through email. The email you receive will have the sending address of sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca. Please be aware that this email could possibly end up in your Spam or your Junk folder. After you receive the email with your login ID and password, you will need to follow the instructions to set up your account. Documents to help you with how to use MyEducationBC can be found on our school’s website in the ‘Families and Innovation and Technology’ Tabs.

<https://vss.sd22.bc.ca/innovation-technology>

Note: When setting up your Family Portal account for the first time DO NOT use a phone or a tablet. Use a desktop computer or a laptop for the best results.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Vernon Secondary School’s Code of Conduct outlines school expectations and acceptable student behaviour as directed by the *School Act 85(2)(c)(i)*. Student Voice, Parent Advisory Committee, as well as teaching and support staff has been included in the development of our Code of Conduct. Our Code of Conduct is annually reviewed to ensure it reflects Vernon Secondary’s community needs and align with the district and provincial school safety initiatives. Our Code of Conduct is communicated to all students, parents, staff, temporary staff, visitors and district staff. Acceptable conduct expectations are illustrated in our 3 R’s; Respect for Learning, Respect for Myself & Others, and Respect for the Environment. This Code of Conduct has used the structural set up, designated passages and terminology from the BC Ministry of Education Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools: A Guide. The complete Code of Conduct is on our school website and in as part of the school profile on the VSS APP. Students participating in our Athletics program must also review the Athlete’s package on our webpage.



Accident Insurance

Parents should be aware that the School District does carry medical accident insurance for individual students. This is minimal insurance that can be augmented by personal family plans. Additional information can be found on the School District's web site.

<https://www.sd22.bc.ca/accident-insurance-protection>

School Goals 2024-2025

GOAL #1: Improve School Community and Citizenship

GOAL #2: Increase academic success for students.

Homerooms and Lockers

Your **homeroom will be your "A" block class.**

Current Students please use the same locker you had before. Please see Mrs. Timperio in the office if you need help with your locker designation or have forgotten your lock combination.

If you do not wish to use a locker, please let us know in the office ASAP!

Parent Advisory Committee

As you prepare for the new school year, we hope you will consider getting involved with the VSS PAC. It's a great way to connect with your school administration, keep on top of initiatives and issues impacting our students, and contribute to school programs through funding allocations. In addition, you may be relieved to know that we don't have a mandate to fundraise! **Our first PAC Meeting of the year is September 24th 5:45 pm in our school library.**

PAC Contact: vsspac@sd22.gmail.com

VSS Extracurricular Athletic Fees and Gym Use

It is important to note that if the extracurricular fees incurred for the 2023-2024 year are not paid by **September 3, 2024**, we will be unable to allow your child to participate in extracurricular sports offered by VSS for the 2024-2025 school year. We understand that financial situations vary, and we are open to working with families to develop payment plans that suit their needs but fees must be paid by said date. We do not have a budget to offset the costs of fees unpaid as relayed in the letter sent home in May to families with unpaid fees.

We remain committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive both academically and personally. By working together and by you exploring available resources, we are hopeful we can overcome these financial obstacles and continue to allow your child valuable extracurricular experiences. Please know that this does not apply to regular PE fees and students will always be allowed to participate in our school PE programs.

Beginning this year, families must pay athletic fees as soon as their child has officially made the team after tryouts and before participating as an official team member. Students will not be allowed to play unless fees are paid.

The Gym cannot be used for personal use by parents/guardians/community members and only AUTHORIZED personnel can have access due to liability. There are no exceptions and your cooperation is appreciated.

Student 2024-2025 Schedules

Schedules are released in MyEd on August 20th. Counsellors will be available **August 26th to August 30th to process new students and assist those students requiring course changes.** Please email the counsellors for course changes as they will be able to assist you faster. The priority for changes will be to assist students with missing blocks, students in need of repeating a course and those students in need of changes to assist with courses for graduation requirements. Please note that all other changes will be limited as many courses are full.

The last date to make any course changes for Semester One will be Sept 13, 2024

Please be aware that there will be many course change requests and you will have to be patient!

Important Process for Schedule Change Requests:

Please review the steps below as requests that do not follow this process cannot be addressed.

Step 1: Please review the Master Schedule (courses/blocks) to determine if your request is possible.

Go to VSS webpage and under schools click on course selection to see master schedule.

Step 2: Please email your counsellor with your current class and the class you would like it to change to.

To contact Ms. Glinsbockel (last names A—L) sglinsbockel@sd22.bc.ca

To Contact Mr. Parmar (last names M—Z) sparmar@sd22.bc.ca

If changes are not possible, counsellors will add students to a wait list and they will be placed in a class once/if a space becomes available.

STUDY BLOCK

All Grade 8 - 11 students are expected to have a full timetable. Although not recommended, Grade 12 students may apply for a spare block in October for either first or second semester. A full timetable provides students with a number of benefits; ensures a full and successful graduation; maximizes the number of post-secondary options; prepares for the workload that will face students in post-secondary; experience a wide variety of subject areas that may lead to a career path; ensures that the school will be able to offer a wide variety of program to meet students' needs and interests (as courses are offered and funded based on student requests) Grade 12 applications for a spare block will only be accepted once a student graduation plan can be safely determined. Applications require a "Study Block Application Form" from the school counsellor that includes a parent signature followed by a meeting with administration. It is strongly encouraged for students to complete their program of studies rather than avoid challenges. If you do choose to apply for a spare, choose wisely as you do receive 1/2 a spare while taking CLC and you will only receive one spare.

ON-LINE COURSES/Distant Learning

In some circumstances, and depending on student suitability to learning, on-line courses are an option for students. Students need school permission to enroll in an online class through V learn. If we have space in a class for you, permission will most likely be denied. **Online courses are granted permission if we do not have room for you in the course or do not offer it.** Please be aware that the school has limited resources to support students in online learning and priority will be given to students enrolled in a District Academy, students with special needs outlined in their Individual Education Plan, students requiring a medical accommodation supported by a doctor's note, and students with desired courses being unobtainable in the school timetable.



REPORTING PROCESS

Formal reports will be provided at the end of each of the four terms in the school year. For each enrolled course these reports will include a mark and a written comment describing the student's progress in relation to the curriculum. Formal report cards are uploaded to MYED at the end of every term.

Letter Grade Description (GRADES 10 – 12)

A	= 86% - 100%	<i>The student demonstrates excellent or outstanding performance in relation to the expected learning outcomes for the course or subject and grade.</i>
B	= 73% - 85%	<i>The student demonstrates very good performance in relation to expected learning outcomes for the course or subject and grade.</i>
C+	= 67% - 72%	<i>The student demonstrates good performance in relation to expected learning outcomes for the course or subject and grade.</i>
C	= 60% - 66%	<i>The student demonstrates satisfactory performance in relation to expected learning outcomes for the course or subject and grade.</i>
C-	= 50% - 59%	<i>The student demonstrates minimally acceptable performance in relation to expected learning outcomes for the course or subject and grade.</i>
F	= 0% - 49%	<i>The student has not demonstrated minimally acceptable performance in relation to expected learning outcomes for the course or subject and grade.</i>

The four-point provincial proficiency scale is used in K-9 to communicate student progress in all areas of learning. The four points on the scale are:

PROFICIENCY SCALE

GRADES 8 & 9

EMERGING – the student demonstrates an *initial* understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

DEVELOPING – the student demonstrates a *partial* understanding of the concepts and competencies of relevant to the expected learning.

PROFICIENT – the student demonstrates a *complete* understanding of the concepts and competencies of relevant to the expected learning.

EXTENDING – the student demonstrates a *sophisticated* understanding of the concepts and competencies of the expected learning.

Interim and Report Card Dates

Each term, students will receive an Interim Report part way through the term, and a Report Card at the end of the term.

Tentative Dates for Reports:

Semester 1 —Interim Nov 20th, Final Report Cards Feb 7th

Semester 2—Interim April 29th, Report Cards Jun 27th

In select instances, ***Insufficient Evidence (IE)*** may be used within a Written Learning Update or when students for a variety of reasons, have not provided sufficient evidence of learning in relation to the learning standards. This means that teachers do not have enough information (observations, conversations, and products) to adequately and accurately assess a student. An IE is appropriate when prior conversations have already occurred with administration, the student, and their family letting them know that not enough information to assess accurately exists. At Gr. 10 - 12, Standing Granted (SG) or Failed (F) may be more appropriate.

Grades 8-12 will be using myBlueprint.ca as a platform for sharing goal setting and core competency reflections. Families will have access to review information with their students.

Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences

This year Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 23, 2024 and April 24, 2025. We do encourage parent-teacher-student communication throughout the entire school year as this is extremely important and valued! Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher to discuss progress throughout the school year. Conversations can be held on the phone, via e-mail, or in person by appointment.

THREAT ASSESSMENT FAIR NOTICE

VSS and School District No. 22 are committed to fostering a safe, caring, inclusive learning environment where student, staff, parents and visitors feel safe. Consequently, threats of harm to self or others may result in a threat assessment that could involve student questioning, student and locker searches, cell phone confiscation, and RCMP involvement.



Upcoming Events at VSS

August	26– 30	Course change requests via email to counsellors
September	2	Labour Day
	3	School Opens—Early Dismissal (Buses run 3 hours early)
	11	Photo Day
	13	Last day to add/drop courses for semester one
	17	Grad Retreat at Gardom Lake
	20	Terry Fox Run A block
	23	District Professional Development Day
	24	PAC Meeting 5:45 pm in Library
	25	Grad Parent Meeting at 7Pm in Library
	25	Grade 8 Parent Night 6-7pm in theatre
October	27	Orange Shirt Day
	30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (School not in session)
	5	World Teachers’ Day
	10	Kaitlyn Osmond Assembly
	14	Thanksgiving Day
	18	Photo Retake in AM only
	22	Grad Parent Meeting at 5:45pm
	22	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm in library
	23	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Buses run 3 hours early)
	24	Early Dismissal (Buses run 3 hours early)
	25	Professional Development Day

GRADUATION 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank those parents involved in the 2024 Grad celebrations. Without your time and commitment Grad 2024 would not have been the success it was!



Our Grad 2025 planning will begin with the first meeting taking place on **Tuesday September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in our school theatre**. If you are at all interested in helping, please come out to our meetings; they will be very informative. All meetings will be held the last Tuesday of every month. As of the beginning of school, the **total Grad fee is \$185**. These fees will begin to be collected the first week of school. Any questions concerning Grad 2025 please contact **Mrs. Decker at ldecker@sd22.bc.ca**

GRAD VOTING

Every year our Grads make numerous choices that help shape their Grad celebrations. Decisions like their Dry Grad theme and various speakers will be determined through a combination of Grad executive and a general class vote. Details of this process will be discussed at our Grad retreat on Tuesday, September 17th at Gardom Lake.

GRAD PLANNING

Although our counselors will assist graduating students and families, it is important the graduates take responsibility to ensure they meet graduation requirements and requirements for Post -Secondary Institutions. The following link takes you to the Ministry website that outlines graduation requirements, means of getting graduation credit, and provides information about the Graduation program exams. There are also many other links that will help graduating students and their parents.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad_certificate.htm.

It is strongly recommended that All Grads sign up for a BCeID so that they have access to their graduation transcript as well as their graduation diploma in the future.

https://www.bceid.ca/register/basic/account_details.aspx?type=regular Once students have created an account, the Ministry of Education can support students with their Transcript needs. The Student Transcripts Service (STS) will assist Grads in the following areas: viewing of the grade 10 to 12 courses/transcript, sending high school transcripts to post-secondary institutions, and sending high school transcript to a third-party (for example: An Employer).

CAREER PROGRAMS

Upcoming program offerings in Vernon

Train in Trades

Jan. 2025/ Sept. 2025

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer - Structures

February 2025

Refrigeration & AC Mechanic – Level 1 and Electrical Foundation—Level 1

August 2025

Plumbing & Piping Trades Foundation – Level 1

There are many more program offerings in Kelowna. Apply early (a year ahead of the program start date) to give yourself the best chance of getting in. See Mr. Thorpe for more information and to apply.

SD22 will pay the full tuition for all successful applicants.

Work in Trades

Do you work with a certified tradesperson? You can earn 16 credits towards graduation while earning money and hours towards your trade as a Youth Apprentice. These courses can be completed while in high school or after graduation. Students that complete the program may be eligible for the \$1000 Youth Work in Trades Award.

Work Experience

Do you work or volunteer? Get high school credit through the Work Experience program.

120 hours of work = 4 credits. This course can be completed over the summer as well. Students must be registered and activated in Work Experience to start counting hours towards the 120 required.

Academic Dual Credit

Take a first-year course at Okanagan College in your gr. 12 year. Courses are offered after school/evenings twice a week. SD22 will pay the tuition for successful applicants.

Forestry and Trades Program 11/12

This program provides work ready skills and certificates for students interested in Forestry and/or trades. Students are introduced to welding, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and heavy duty mechanics/automotive service technician.

Jean Minguy RCMP Youth Academy

This is a police academy simulation for students interested in law enforcement as a possible career. This weeklong camp is held at the DND in Vernon every May with volunteer RCMP officers.

Jr. Fire Crew Program

The BC Wildfire Service is looking for gr. 12s interested in fighting forest fires in the summer. A lunchtime information session will be held before spring break, followed by interviews and training for those shortlisted.

Okanagan College Trades Sampler

This 12-week program is designed to provide gr. 9-12 students with an opportunity to explore several different skilled trades. Students will gain first-hand knowledge and practical skills that will assist them in exploring a rewarding career in the trades.

See our website for a list of other program offerings and more info on what's listed here:

<https://sd22.bc.ca/programs-services/careers/>

For more information on Career Programs and to apply contact:

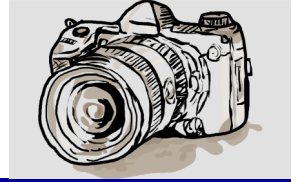
Tim Thorpe - Career Programs Coordinator

tthorpe@sd22.bc.ca 250-549-6921



SCHOOL PHOTOS

September 11th is School Photo Day at VSS, with retakes taking place in October! VSS contracts a professional photographer to take individual photographs of every student and staff member. These photographs are used for the school identification and district records, and therefore must be a true representation of the person. Families will be provided the opportunity to purchase photographs of their child. More information will be communicated in early September.



PANTHER ATHLETICS

VERNON PANTHER ATHLETICS

Last year was a successful one for Panther Athletics on a number of fronts. We had more athletes participate than at any other time in my tenure as Athletic Director. In addition, we had success at the highest levels, with both Junior and Senior football teams winning provincial championships and our Senior Girls' Volleyball team winning a silver medal.

Our fall teams will be holding try-outs and practice sessions, some prior to the first day of school. Our source of information for everything Panthers is vernonpanthers.com...please check it out as it will be updated on a regular basis. Try-out information, schedules and forms will all be available there. A list of teams we run, along with coaches contact information is in this newsletter. Feel free to contact coaches directly if you have any questions that cannot be answered on our website.

New to Panther Athletics this fall will be Boys' Soccer ! The squad will be coached by Mr. Hirschhorn with tryouts beginning in early September.

Unfortunately, our Athletic Program doesn't receive funding from the School District or school. As a result, we rely on athletic fees charged to our athletes to cover our operational expenses. Players and Parents should be aware that there will be fees (sometimes a very significant amount) associated with playing sports at Vernon Secondary. Coaches will do their best to communicate the approximate fees so players know whether they are able to meet the financial obligations of the team. All fees are payable after a player has officially made a team roster. In addition, players who have any outstanding fees from previous seasons will have to take care of those amounts prior to participating on any teams. Notices have been sent out to those who are in arrears from last season. While the school and school district do not provide any financial support for athletes, there are two outside organizations that help fund student athletes. If you require financial assistance, we can provide you with a link to apply for support from these sources.

Panther Athletics is strong because of our committed coaches. For the 2024-25 season, we are still looking to fill two vacancies. These teams cannot run unless we find someone willing to coach. If you, or someone you know, is willing to lead any of the following teams, please contact me to discuss (ssmith@sd22.bc.ca);

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

Grade 8 Boys Basketball

Looking forward to another great year on the fields, courts and tracks !

GO PANTHERS !

Sean Smith

Athletic Director



VERNON PANTHERS

COACHING STAFF 2024/25

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
FALL		
Gr 8 Boys' Volleyball	TBD	
Gr. 8 Girls' Volleyball	Mike Moorlag (HC Team 1) Brett Lockhart (HC Team 2) Tracy Arnold	whats.ump@gmail.com blockhart@sd22.bc.ca
Jr Boys' Volleyball	Josh Gabel (HC) Craig Renfrew	josh.h.gabel@gmail.com
Gr. 9 Girls' Volleyball	Robin Baycroft (HC) Aly Lypchuk	robin.baycroft@gmail.com
Jr Girls' Volleyball	Mike Bertram (HC) Cory Hoard	mbertram@sd22.bc.ca
Sr Boys' Volleyball	Troy Brown (HC) CJ Dyck	troy0000@hotmail.com
Sr Girls' Volleyball	Richard Bedard (HC) Karen Bedard	kbedard@sd22.bc.ca
Football	Sean Smith (HC-SR) Angus Reid Connor Rothwell Joel Vandeleeest Ethan Schulz Brett Fitzpatrick (HC-JV) Andy Shaw Jesse Kunicky Sam Hogenhout Chris Collard (Trainer) Rhonda Hove (Manager)	ssmith@sd22.bc.ca
X Country	Mark Bendall (HC)	mbendall@sd22.bc.ca
Boys' Soccer	Rolf Hirshkorn (HC)	rhirschkorn@sd22.bc.ca



WINTER

Gr 8 Girls' Basketball	Kulwinder Smith (HC) Michelle Wiebe	kulwindersmith@sd22.bc.ca
Gr 8 Boys' Basketball	TBA	
Gr 9 Boys' Basketball	John Levering Nathan Lee	nlee@sd22.bc.ca
Jr Girls' Basketball	Breanna Falk (HC) Megan Rouault	
Jr Boys' Basketball	Bob Corbett	bcorbett@telus.net
Sr Girls' Basketball	Dave Tetrault	davetetrault@hotmail.com
Sr Boys' Basketball	Mark Zaino (HC) Chad Butler	mark@zainocfo.com

SPRING

Jr Girls' Soccer	Kulwinder Smith	kulwindersmith@sd22.bc.ca
Sr Girls' Soccer	Peter Kozin Ross Jolly (HC)	pkozin@sd22.bc.ca
Golf	TBA	
Girl's Rugby	Leon Kopy	lkopy@sd22.bc.ca
Track & Field	Sean Bicknell	osbicknell@gmail.com

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

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To stay connected to VSS happening—Download our VSS App



My School Day

Quick Introduction

2019-20 School Year

1. Download the app

On your phone or tablet, go to the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for "My School Day". Install it - *it's free!*

Make sure to allow it to receive notifications when asked - the school will send out important reminders, information and alerts through notifications.

2. Select Your School

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*

3. Enter your classes

Tap on the gear icon in the bottom right corner.



Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.



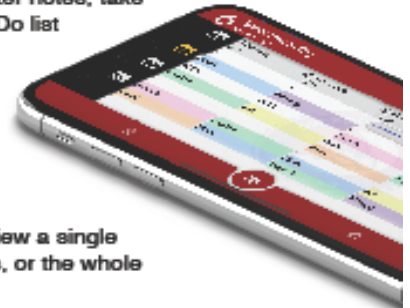
4. See your schedule.

The calendar view shows school events at the top and your classes below.

Swipe left and right to move through the days. Tap the date to go back to today. Tapping on the "Options" button will let you select a specific date to view.



- Tap on a class to enter notes, take photos, and add To-Do list items for that class.
- To see a week or month at a time, turn the phone sideways.



Once there, you can view a single day, 5- or 7-day weeks, or the whole month.

5. Browse the menu.

Tap the menu icon to get access to news, notification history, links, and more.

Tap "Select Channels" to find courses and activities you can subscribe to for notifications, news and calendar events.



For Parents too!

Subscribe to the same channels as your student and get all the same notifications as they do.

If you have multiple students, add extra profiles for the same or different schools during setup, or afterwards: Hold on one of the four shortcut buttons at the top right, and select "Student" as the action. From then on, tapping that button will let you add and switch between student profiles.

VSS STAFF

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HPP Program/On-Line Learning /1st Aid
English
Science
Art
Math (Dept. Head Math)
Teacher Librarian (Dept. Head Computer Tech)
PE
Mechanics
Behavior Support
ELL
PE
Chemistry/Science (Dept Head Science)
Counsellor (A—L) Thurs/Fridays
Home Ec. (Dept. Head Applied Skills)
English
Math
Web Development
Social Studies
Counsellor (A-L) Mon—Wed
Cafeteria
Science 2nd semester
German (Dept. Head Languages)
Careers 1st semester
Vocations SBRT
PE 1st semester
SBRT/English
Music 2nd semester
Photography /Art
Social Studies
English (Dept. Head English)
Social Studies (Dept. Head Social St)
Science
Home Ec.
School Based Resource Teacher and Dept Head for Student Support Services
School Based Resource Teacher
Math/Careers
Social Studies
Drama/English (Dept. Head English)
French/Digital Media
School Based Resource Teacher
English
PE
English
Social Studies/Geography/Psychology/Sociology
Science & Physics
Biology (Department Head for Science)
Connections SBRT
Counsellor (M-Z)
International
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Mr. Brad Wyse	Resource Room
Ms. Amelia Wirch	School Based

Aboriginal Support Worker

Ms. Kudagan Anderson	Aboriginal Education
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Alex Tobler	Custodian

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Mr. Tim Thorpe	Career Program Coordinator