



# Vernon Secondary School

*“Pride on the Hill”*

January 31, 2025

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## **Transfers and Applications for Specialized Programs**

If you are looking to move your child to another school for next year or to register for a specialized program, the student transfer date is now open and closes on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Student transfers must be brought into the school in which your child is currently registered. These are reviewed on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that VSS is closed to new students who do not live in our catchment area.

## **Report Cards/New Semester**

The new semester started on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Report Cards will be available on MyEd BC on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that if your child wishes to change a class, the last day to do this is February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child meet with the counsellor to do this. Spares for grade 12's need to go through the counsellor as well. **Spares are only provided to grade 12's and must be approved. Each grade 12 is only permitted one spare for the grade 12 year.**

## **GRAD INFORMATION**

### **Scholarships**

Applications for local scholarships will open online on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be an informational Zoom Scholarship meeting with counsellors on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. There will be a link sent out to all grade 12's and parents via your MyEd email for further information.

### **Grad Photo Retakes:**

Hello Grads and Families!

Retakes for Grad Cap and Gown and Full Length Fashion photos are coming up next month at the school.

If you missed the opportunity to have graduation photos taken during the first sittings or wish to have retakes done, please visit the link below to book an appointment.

**This is an important reminder!** Your graduation photo must be taken by Mountain West Studios in order for your image to be included in your school yearbook and on the commemorative composite of the graduating class.

### **Grad Cap and Gown/Fashion Retakes - February 27, 2025**

[Vernon Secondary Grad Retake Sittings](#)


For more information on how to prepare for your grad sitting, please review:

<https://videos.mountainwest.ca/mountainwest/MWSGradVideo.mp4>

<https://www.mountainwest.ca/grad-photos>

**Grad Baby Photos and Write ups: Email will be sent home next week with information regarding doing the write ups and handing in baby photos. Check your student email**

## Fundraising! Last chance to buy tickets



VSS SUPER GRAD COMMITTEE  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

# PUB NIGHT

A FUNDRAISING EVENING TO SUPPORT  
VSS SUPER GRAD 2025

THURSDAY FEB 6TH @  
SILVER STAR BREWING

**TWO SEATINGS:**  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (KID FRIENDLY)  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ADULT ONLY)

**TICKETS - \$35/PERSON**

Please join us for a night of fun and fundraising at Silver Star Brewing as we raise money for VSS Super Grad 2025. Tickets include a 5 oz Burger, Soup, Salad or Fries, a 14 oz House Draught Beer, Tax & Tip. 5:30 Seating is Child Friendly 7:30 Seating is Adult Only 50/50 Draws & Silent Auction at Each Seating.

CONTACT KIM CUCHERAN  
TO GET YOUR TICKETS!  
250-306-3463  
KIMCUCHERAN@HOTMAIL.COM

### **Career Programs & Academies**

#### **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 and evenings twice a week. SD22 will pay the tuition. The application deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup> for this year's gr. 11s to apply. Students can take up to two courses at the college (1 per semester).

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

[www.sd22.bc.ca/careers](http://www.sd22.bc.ca/careers)

*For more information on Career Programs and to apply contact:*

Tim Thorpe Career Programs Coordinator

[tthorpe@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:tthorpe@sd22.bc.ca) 250-549-6921

## Academy Information Night

Academies are SD22 Specialty programs that provide personalized learning opportunities in unique settings. Most academies are offered through the district online school vLearn and are in partnership with community organizations and service providers. Students participating in these programs receive specialized instruction and unique learning opportunities while taking courses online. **All families interested in learning more about SD22 Academies are invited to attend an information night at Fulton Secondary on February 19, 2025, from 6 – 7 PM (see [link](#)).** Expressions of Interest for SD22 Academies will open on February 19 at 6 pm. To learn more about academies, please visit: [www.sd22.bc.ca/academies](http://www.sd22.bc.ca/academies)

**Yearbooks are still for sale.** \$55.00 cash or cheque in the office or email [vss@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:vss@sd22.bc.ca) and have one added to your student's MyEd account. Deadline to order is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## February is Black History Month

This year, Student Voice and Leadership students are planning a series of events in February to celebrate and recognize the contributions of African Americans in our society. This will include trivia games, creative activities, a movie night, and recognition of famous African Americans in our history. Events will be held in the commons during lunch.

## Happenings Around VSS

### Law Studies 12 Travels to the Kelowna Court House

On January 16th, Mr. Kopy's Law Studies 12 class travelled to Kelowna for a tour of the Kelowna Court House and to view trials. Thanks to the generous support of PAC, the class was able to bus to Kelowna and stay for the entire day. Students got to have a tour of the Sheriff facilities, including a prisoner transport vehicle, as well as the high security courtroom. They also were able to have an impromptu question and answer session with a Provincial court judge in Family Court, and with a crown prosecutor and defense lawyer who were arguing an assault charge case. Overall, it was a fantastic day of learning.



Thank you to Avery Mancini & Kaitlyn Carlos (Foods 9) for designing & painting a label on our new Foods Room Ladder!!



## Upcoming Events

February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 10 – 12 Grade Assemblies
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Released to MYED
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 9 Immunizations
	Angus Reid Presentation Grades 10 – 12
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to add/drop courses
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development day – no school
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day – no school
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8-9 Grade Assemblies
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting in library at 5:45
	Grad Parent Meeting in library 7pm
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grad Photo Retakes
March 3/4 <sup>th</sup>	Course Selection
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Impossible 7 – 9pm Graduates Only
March 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	CHIMO Week
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before spring break
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	School Reopens