



Fall 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in our District Alternative programs (Mini Schools). Parents are encouraged to attend several Information Nights to select the most appropriate program for their child. Information Nights begin on **Oct. 2nd** and run to **Nov. 8th 2017**.

From **October 27th to Nov. 9th** the **online registration** for the **November 21st, 2017** large group assessment will be open.

Please note:

You can register online only for the **November 21st 2017** large group assessment. The link will be live on the VSB website at www.vsb.bc.ca on **Nov. 9th 2017**.

Before you register online you must obtain your **STUDENT PEN number**. This is a nine digit number you can get from your Elementary School office.

You can only register online from **October 27th to November 9th**. **NO LATE** registrations will be accepted.

The **November 21st** assessment is a test of cognitive abilities and English proficiency. The test is approximately 2.5 hours long and students are assigned to a local Secondary school to take the test. Once you register you will receive the location information. No sample questions or information on the content are available to parents or students. The test is used for the purpose of program selection only. No test results are given out to students or parents. Not all programs use the test results for recruiting students.

You must also **apply to each program** for which you want to be considered. Registering for the test does not mean you are automatically registered in a program. Apply for each program **at the school** where the program resides. The **Deadline** for Registration for each Program is **DECEMBER 21st, 2017**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

First offers are made on **Feb. 20th, 2018**.

Acceptances are to be made by noon on **Feb. 22nd, 2018**.

Second offers are made on **Mar. 1, 2018**.

Second offer acceptances are to be made by noon on **Mar. 2nd, 2018**.

Please refer to the Secondary Programs brochure available through your Elementary school or on the website in PDF format.

Each year approximately 1400 students apply for 650 available spots in the Grade 8 intake. Every Vancouver School District classroom offers a variety of exciting and challenging learning opportunities for our students. Thank you again, for your interest our programs.