



Shaughnessy Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

September 4th, 2018,



Dear Shaughnessy Community,

Here we go! The school has been cleaned and waxed, the teachers are ready, and the leaves are starting to turn colour. It's time for a new school year to begin! Welcome back to all our returning students and their families and a warm Shaughnessy welcome to our new students and families. We are happy to have you join our community.

Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, September 5th, school hours are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday. The warning bell rings at 8:55am daily and classes begin at 9:00am. Recess is from 10:40 – 11:00am and lunchtime is from 12:10 – 12:57pm, with play time before eating.

After a number of retirements last year, we are welcoming some new staff members to the Shaughnessy community. Ms. Yip will be joining our primary team and Mr. Nicanor and Ms. Weisinger will be teaching in the intermediate grades. Mr. Mulligan is joining us part-time for resource support and Ms. Norris will be our Area Counselor this year. Ms. Stec has been offered a position in Delta, close to her young family, and as a result, she is reluctantly leaving Shaughnessy. Please see her note on the following page.

Newsletters and **Mid-Month Memos** will be emailed to parents and posted on our school website each month. (Publication dates are noted in the Parent Calendar Handbook.) Please ensure that you have supplied the school with your **email address**. If you are not receiving newsletters and information please contact the school and we will check to see that your information is up to date. You may also wish to check your spam folder in case messages have inadvertently been sent there. Emails will usually arrive from our office administrator assistant, Ms. Good and will show in your inbox as a message from "Elementary,Shaughnessy." As well, please refer to our school website at <http://shaughnessy.vsb.bc.ca>.

Once students are in their permanent classes, a package of forms will be sent home with each child. Please review these forms very carefully so that information is correct and up to date. The required contact numbers are most important so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency. At this time we hope to have students in their permanent classes by early next week.

Although September is in the middle of the calendar year, it is definitely the “New Year” for all of us in schools. We appreciate your support with preparing your child for the excitement, and inevitable anxiety, associated with a time of transition. Please ensure your child is getting enough sleep to be rested for the day and provide a healthy snack and lunch to maintain their energy through a full day at school. Your encouragement and positive approach to change will help your child to adjust and thrive in their new learning environment.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Meet the Staff Night on Wednesday, September 19th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. In addition, please feel free to stop by the office to say hello or if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of the Shaughnessy staff, welcome to the 2018 -2019 school year!

Warm Regards,

Janet Souther
Principal

A Farewell Message from Ms. Stec

Dear Shaughnessy Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to say goodbye to Shaughnessy Elementary. It has been an absolute pleasure working here for the past 12 years and I leave full of gratitude and happiness for all the memories I have that will stay with me. I have accepted a teaching position at a school much closer to home, so that I am able to have more time to spend with my two young children and my husband. While it was a very difficult decision for me, I know it is the right one for our family.

Shaughnessy has been my home away from home for so many years now and I am so thankful to have been a part of this community. Thank you for all your support, generosity and kindness. A piece of my heart still lives in Kitsilano, so I am sure I will run into many of you around the neighbourhood.

Wishing you all a wonderful school year and beyond,

Ms. Stec

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 5 th	First full day of school, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, September 12 th	Kindergarten students start full day attendance
Friday, September 14 th	Kindergarten parent orientation, 9:30 am
Wednesday, September 19 th	Meet the Staff evening, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Friday, September 21 st	Terry Fox Run, 11:00 am
Monday, September 24 th	School-based Pro-D Day. No school for students.
Wednesday, September 26 th	Parent Coffee Club. 9:00 – 10:00 am. Staffroom.
Thursday, September 27 th	PAC Family Dance. 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Gym.
Friday, September 28 th	“Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters”
Friday, September 28 th	September newsletter – emailed and posted to website

Reporting Student Absences & Student Sign Out

Reporting Student Absences:

If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling this VSB District number. **604-713-5159**. Parents will be prompted to provide the two-digit extension for their child's school to access the school's voice mailbox for reporting an absence. Shaughnessy's school code is **78**. Ms. Good will access this voice mailbox each morning.

Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159** and use the Shaughnessy School Code **78**, prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign-Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a "missing student" and will commence a search of school grounds, and if necessary, call the Vancouver Police Department.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Shaughnessy's Code of Conduct

At Shaughnessy we:

Act Respectfully
Act Responsibly
Act Safely

Shaughnessy's **Code of Conduct** aims for all individuals to show respect for, and consideration of others. A copy of our Code of Conduct is being sent home with your child this week. Please review it with your child. All teachers will be reviewing the same Code in classes this week. The Code of Conduct is included in the student agenda, and as well, posted on the Shaughnessy website and on the parent bulletin board.

Shaughnessy Parent Calendar Handbook

Please look for our annual **Parent Calendar & Handbook** to be sent home to each family. This year, we have included additional material that has previously been sent home in the **Welcome Package** from the **Shaughnessy PAC**. Please review the contents carefully and hang it in a convenient place for easy reference throughout the year. Special events, PAC meetings, photo days, performances, hot lunch days, newsletters, professional days and report card conferences are all noted for the year.

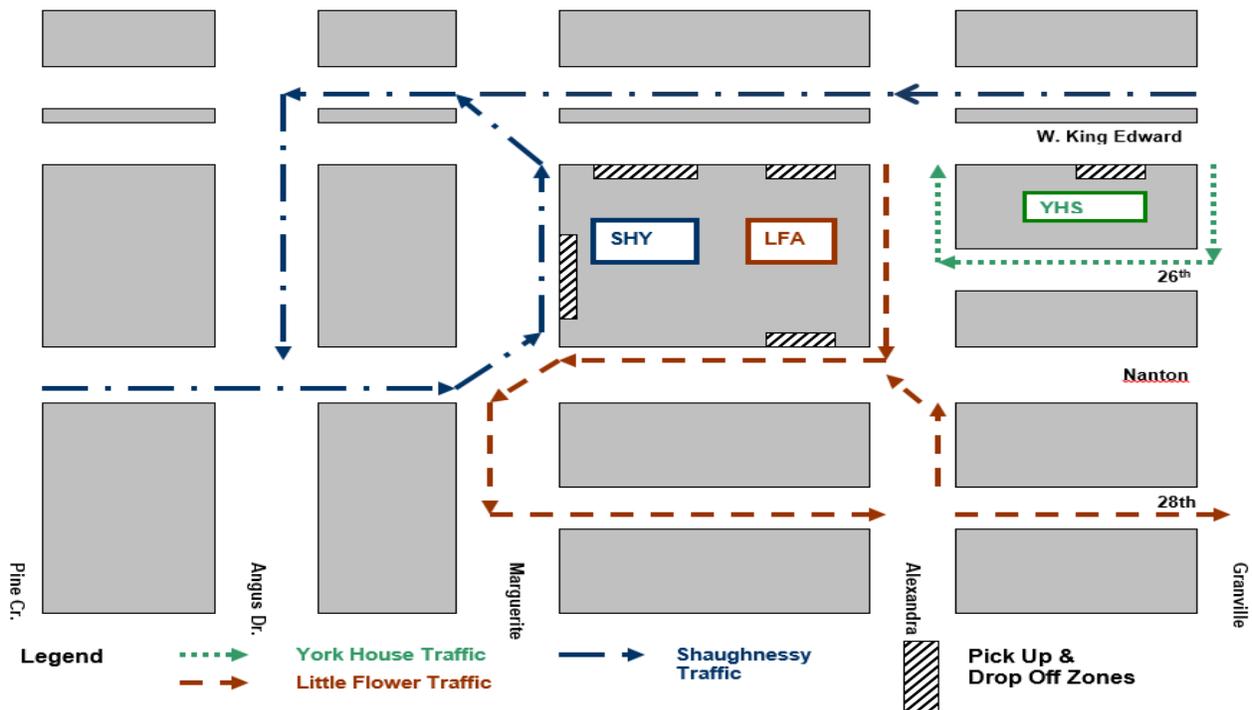


September Traffic Safety Reminders



Be sure to review traffic safety guidelines with your child this week. We recommend parking a couple of blocks away from the school and walking for fresh air and to avoid traffic congestion near our school. If you are driving, please drop students off quickly and safely on the **east side of Marguerite Street**.

Please keep our students safe by reviewing and adhering to our detailed traffic safety plan, below, as there are three busy schools in our neighbourhood.



A message from the VSB - Voluntary Student Participation in School Events

The B.C. School Act states that all (public) schools and Provincial schools must be conducted on strictly secular and non-sectarian principles. The Vancouver School District plans its athletic events, field trips, assemblies, and other school events around Ministry required instruction days, statutory holidays, Pro D days, various other school events and the weather. We make every effort to accommodate schools' and district calendars to make these events as accessible as possible to all students. Given all other constraints we are not always able to plan our events around the various religious holidays that families may observe on their own. All extra-curricular sports activities and events are voluntary and not required by the school. By signing permission forms for school events you acknowledge that the District is not able to accommodate all religious holidays that students' and their families observe or celebrate and you agree to allow your student to participate in these events regardless of the day.

Join Shaughnessy's Cross Country Running Team!



At Shaughnessy we welcome **any** student who wants to join in and participate on the Cross Country Running Team. This is the only team that includes all students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. It is always wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by the students. Each year we have from 200 - 250 students on the team so it is a big focus for our school community.

Practices for **Kindergarten to Grade 2** are held **during school time** as part of their daily running program. These students **do not attend** morning practices. They will be able to participate in any after school **Mini-Meets and the District Final**. They should be attending the mini-meets in order to attend the District Final.

For **Grades 3-7** we will have morning practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting in the gym. Students will be divided into a variety of groups and each group will run with adult coaches.

Practices Start: Thursday, Sept. 20 (Gr. 3 - 7 only)

Practices: Tues. and Thurs. mornings, starting in the gym...

Students must sign-in for attendance at **7:50 – 7:55 am sharp!!**

Rain or Shine!!!! Bring your child to the gym....there are only 8 practices so if your child is keen then they can also run at home!

Mini-Meets will run after school from 3:30-4:45 pm at a local park (TBA). The **District Finals** are at Trout Lake from **1:00 to 3:00 pm on Oct. 19**. I will send more information regarding these events soon. Our Zone Schools will have a meeting to organize two dates for the Mini-Meets. A team sign up will happen soon. Your child will be informed of the sign-up during school time.

Finally, I will be sending emails to all cross country parents through each division's class parent or volunteer. I will be asking you for your email when you sign the permission slip for your child. This is a great way to keep informed during this quick cross country season.

Important!!

If your child plans to run on the K-7 **Cross Country team in the Fall and/or the Gr. 4-7 Track and Field team in the Spring**, they must wear our **black Shaughnessy Athletic t-shirt**. We will sell SHY t-shirts **September 11-14 from 8:40 to 8:55 am and 3:00 to 3:15 pm** in the front hallway outside the office or outside on the Marguerite Street side. Small sizes go fast!!

Thank you,
Ms. Pace