



# Vancouver Technical Secondary School

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It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone, at the outset of the 2017-18 school year! We are looking forward to seeing all students on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium for our usual opening assemblies:

9s at 9:00am

10s at 10:00am

11s at 11:00am

12s at 12:00pm

Grade 8s will be here for most of the day, reporting to the gym at 10:00, staying through a pizza lunch in the cafeteria, and wrapping up around 2:30.

Attendance at our opening assemblies and the homeroom periods scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday mornings is vital, as students not in attendance will be dropped from class lists on Friday! Important paperwork will also be handed out on Wednesday morning and expected back on Thursday morning. A list of items that will be sent home on September 6<sup>th</sup> and those expected back (completed and signed) on September 7<sup>th</sup> is available over the page in this newsletter.

Classes begin with Day #1 on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please don't worry too much about school supplies yet, bring some basic supplies on Wednesday and Thursday and find out from your Day #1 and Day #2 teachers what you will need this year. Our bell schedule for the first week is over the page and available on the school website.

You can start now to get ready for September 6<sup>th</sup>! Pay your school fees online through School-Day. Information and instructions are available on the website and in this newsletter. Locker selection can also be completed online, with instructions available in this newsletter. Further pages of the newsletter include information about School Photos and Go-Cards, Parent-Teacher Conferences, PAC Meetings, etc....

It is going to be a terrific year at Van Tech! We are already looking at a calendar full of learning opportunities and activities. Keep checking our school website [www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca), download our school calendar into your calendar and/or download our school information app from the App Store to keep up-to-date about our goings on!!

Ms. Vey-Chilton, Ms. Coflin and Mr. Godfrey

## OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY, September 5th, 2017**

Students report to the **auditorium** during the designated times below:  
Grade 8 students meet BASE leaders at 10:00 am in the gymnasium.

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Grade 8 students  | 1:00pm  |
| GRADE 9 students  | 9:00am  |
| GRADE 10 students | 10:00am |
| GRADE 11 students | 11:00am |
| GRADE 12 students | 12:00pm |

Students will begin regular classes on Wednesday, September 6th and Thursday, September 7th with an adjusted bell schedule (see below)

**Wednesday, September 6th (DAY 1) and Thursday, September 7th (DAY 2)**

|                                                |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| HOMEROOM                                       | 08:40am—10:00am |
| Period 1                                       | 10:10am—10:50am |
| Period 2                                       | 10:55am—11:35am |
| Lunch                                          | 11:35am—12:20pm |
| Period 3                                       | 12:20pm—1:00pm  |
| Period 4                                       | 1:05pm—1:45pm   |
| <i>*1:45pm-3:03pm Department Planning Time</i> |                 |

**Friday, September 8th (DAY 1)**

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Period 1 | 08:40am—10:00am |
| Break    | 10:00am—10:15am |
| Period 2 | 10:15am—11:35am |
| Lunch    | 11:35am—12:20pm |
| Period 3 | 12:20pm—1:40pm  |
| Period 4 | 1:45pm—3:03pm   |

## **OPENING PRODEDURES**

**Homeroom classes will receive:**

- Timetables
- Student agenda book
- Go Card & Photo information
- School Fee Schedules—see next page for on-line payment procedures

**Students must complete and return by September 7th:**

- Media consent & CASL consent forms
- Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement (new students only)
- Student Verification Form
- Other important information

**IF you are not here, you may lose your timetable. Students MUST be present at school to retain their requested classes.**

# VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Our School is Online with School-Day for General Fee Payments!

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

**NOTE: SCHOOL DAY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENTS BEGINNING SEPT 5, 2017 AT 9:00 AM**

School-Day can be accessed from any web browser and gives you real-time access to up-to-date information, and the ability to:

- Complete instant online payments
- View history of previous payments
- View amounts still owing for General School Fees
- Pay using debit or credit on the secure website

Please help us improve our communications and reduce the amount of paper our school uses by registering for School-Day today. **DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL, ONLY ON-LINE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR GENERAL SCHOOL FEES. IF YOU CANNOT PAY USING SCHOOL-DAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY PAYING ONLINE WITH SCHOOL-DAY.**

## Joining School-Day is Simple.

Visit our website [www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca) and click on the School-Day link or visit [www.school-day.com](http://www.school-day.com) and click 'Log In' and then 'Register'. Once you've created a School-Day account you will need to add your student's information:

If you would like more information about School-Day, please visit their website at [www.school-day.com](http://www.school-day.com)

For detailed user guides, FAQs and any additional help with the system, visit [www.school-day.com/support](http://www.school-day.com/support)

For any additional questions, please contact School-Day at [info@school-day.com](mailto:info@school-day.com) or call toll free 1.855.253.1731

Click 'Add a Child to your Account' and select the 'Electronic Authentication' link. Register your child electronically by filling in their unique student information. You must complete all fields:

School Name

Student's Full Name

Student's Date of Birth

Pupil Number – Your student's pupil Number as found on their school timetable document

Student's Current Grade

Once complete, click 'Register' and you will have access to your child's school information. Please Note: Your child must be currently enrolled in a school to join School-Day. If your child is not currently enrolled, you will need to contact your School Administrator.

### **PAC Meeting Dates for 2017-2018**

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Monday, September 25

Monday, October 30

Monday, November 27

Monday, January 22

Monday, February 26

Monday, April 30

Monday, May 28 AGM

Meetings are held in the Staff Dining Room at 7pm

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Parent—Teacher Conferences**

**Thursday, November 9th**

**2:30-3:30pm**

**5:30-7:30pm**

**Conference information will be posted on our website at a later date...**

## Daily Bell Schedule

|                                              | Start time | End Time | Minutes |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Period 1                                     | 8:40am     | 10:00am  | 80      |
| Break                                        | 10:00am    | 10:15am  | 15      |
| Period 2                                     | 10:15am    | 11:35am  | 80      |
| Lunch                                        | 11:35am    | 12:20pm  | 45      |
| Period 3                                     | 12:20pm    | 1:40pm   | 80      |
| Period 4                                     | 1:45pm     | 3:03pm   | 78      |
| Total minutes of instructional time per day: |            |          | 318     |

## Collaborative Day Bell Schedule

|                                              | Start time | End Time | Minutes |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Tutorial Time                                | 8:40am     | 10:00am  | 80      |
| Period 1                                     | 10:10am    | 10:50am  | 40      |
| Period 2                                     | 10:55am    | 11:35am  | 40      |
| Lunch                                        | 11:35am    | 12:20pm  | 45      |
| Period 3                                     | 12:20pm    | 1:00pm   | 40      |
| Period 4                                     | 1:05pm     | 1:45pm   | 40      |
| Collaborative Time                           | 1:45pm     | 3:03pm   | 78      |
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## Meet your new Grade 8 Counsellor—Mr. Price

*Welcome back to school!*

*It is a big change and an exciting time for our Grade 8's, and I'm excited to be a part of it, and there to help along the way.*

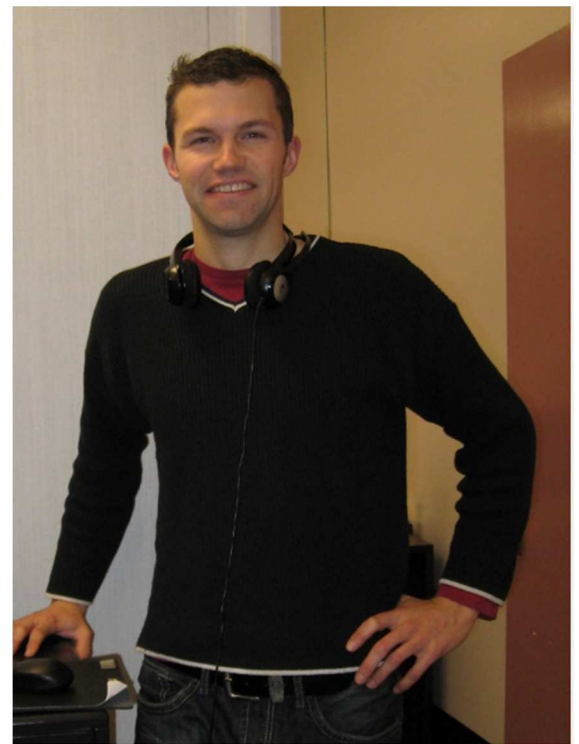
*I am excited to join the Van Tech community this 2017-18 school year. I have taught at both the elementary and secondary levels in Vancouver and Surrey over the past few years and I am a recent graduate of Simon Fraser University's Counselling Program. I am passionate about supporting students and families in need and put a strong emphasis on working collaboratively for positive student outcomes.*

*When I'm not at "Tech," I like to enjoy time with friends and family, I love music and I love sports and the outdoors. I am also a pretty big Canucks fan.*

*My priorities for this school year are to build relationships with youth and families. I hope to meet you all! Another priority for me is on emphasizing health and fun at school and I look forward to working with clubs and sports teams around this.*

*To stay up to date with important events or info throughout the school year, please join my texting notifications (see below). I very much look forward to meeting and working with everyone this school year.*

*To sign up for important text or email notifications send a text message to 226-887-0825 (Canadian Number) with a message that only says @grad2022 or send a blank email to [grad2022@mail.remind.com](mailto:grad2022@mail.remind.com)*



### SCHOOL GO CARDS & PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be at Vancouver Technical on **Friday, September 15th** to take each student's picture for the Student Identification/Go Card. The cost for this service is included in the General School Fee.

The photographer also offers a variety of packages available for purchase. Students who wish to purchase photo packages must bring their money (by cheque or exact change in cash) to the photographer on September 15th.

Cheques can be made payable to: **ARTONA STUDIOS.**

Re-takes will be held on Wednesday, October 11th. For information on how to prepare for your school photo day, check out the Artona website at: <http://www.artonagroup.com>

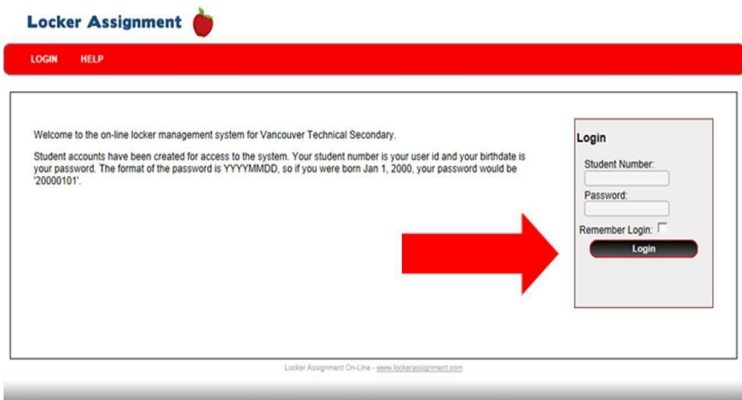
### 2017—2018 Student Council

#### Co-Presidents:

Terisa Dang & Sakura Kubota

**Elections for Student Council  
Executive positions and Grade  
Reps will be held in September**

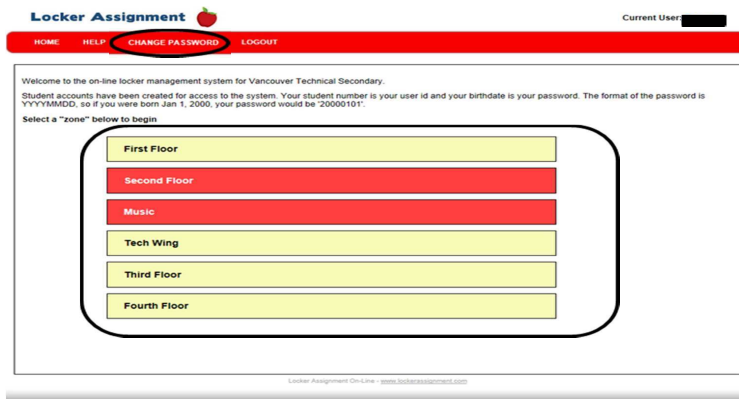
# ONLINE LOCKER DISTRIBUTION



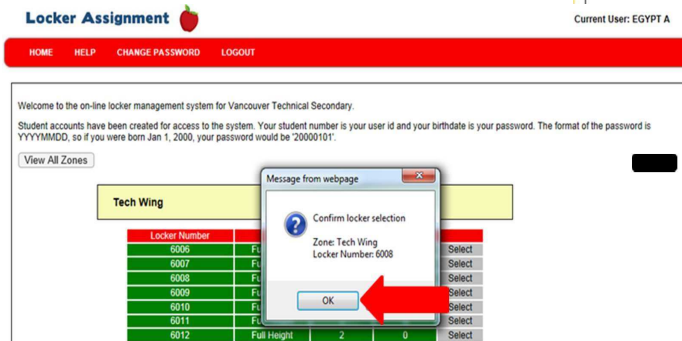
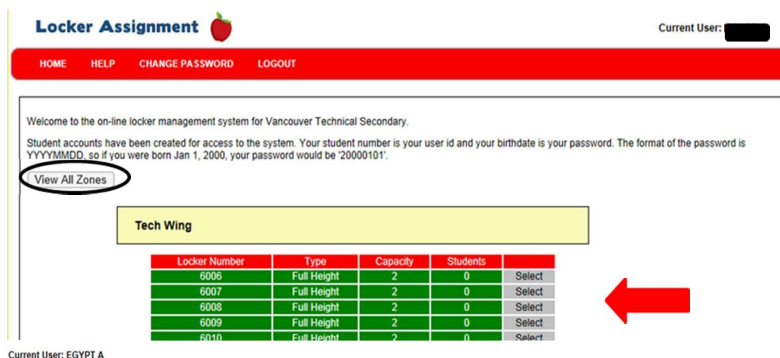
1. Go to: <http://vantech.lockerassignment.com>

- A) Enter your student number
- B) Enter your password—your password is your birthdate (YYYYMMDD)

- 2. Change your password
- 3. Select a zone



4. **Select** an available locker from list. If you don't see a locker that you want, you can click View All Zones to select a locker in a different area.



- 5. **Confirm** your selection **\*\*NOTE – once you select, you cannot change lockers\*\***
- 6. **Logout**
- 7. Go to your locker and put a lock on it ASAP. If you don't have a lock, you can purchase one in the office.

## Important Information:

- Mr. Godfrey is the Administrator contact for any issues regarding lockers
- Don't locker squat – if you choose a locker before registering online, your lock will be cut and the contents stored in the office
- All lockers can be shared
- Distribution times – registration is open:
  - Gr 8 – during orientation on the first day back
  - Gr 12's (purchased ticket from Grad Committee) – after assembly on first day
  - Gr 12's and Gr 9's – first day of home rooms
  - Gr 10's and 11's – second day of home rooms—because lockers will have been chosen on previous days, you'll have to share

# VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Standardized General School Fee Schedule

School Year: 2017 -2018

| Fee Type                                                                                                                 | Gr. 8          | Gr. 9          | Gr. 10         | Gr. 11         | Gr. 12         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Student Agenda Book</i>                                                                                               | \$9.00         | \$9.00         | \$9.00         | \$9.00         | \$9.00         |
| <i>Student Activities/Student Leadership</i>                                                                             | \$21.00        | \$21.00        | \$21.00        | \$21.00        | \$21.00        |
| Includes: intramurals, clubs, student welcome events, social responsibility activities, and student council initiatives. |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                             | <b>\$30.00</b> | <b>\$30.00</b> | <b>\$30.00</b> | <b>\$30.00</b> | <b>\$30.00</b> |

| Optional Fees                                                                                               | Gr. 8   | Gr. 9   | Gr. 10  | Gr. 11  | Gr. 12  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Yearbook-not required</i>                                                                                | \$45.00 | \$45.00 | \$45.00 | \$45.00 | \$45.00 |
| <i>Locks</i>                                                                                                | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| 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          | Gr. 11 | Gr. 12 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Camp - Loon Lake UBC Research Forest  | \$210.00        | \$210.00        | \$210.00        |        |        |
| Additional Activity and Program Costs | \$50.00         | \$50.00         | \$50.00         |        |        |
| <b>Total:</b>                         | <b>\$260.00</b> | <b>\$260.00</b> | <b>\$260.00</b> |        |        |

Fee includes: fieldtrips, media supplies, equipment requests and special events. Costs determined by a Student Finance Committee at each grade, overseen by parents and teachers.

| Summit                                | Gr. 8           | Gr. 9           | Gr. 10          | Gr. 11 | Gr. 12 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Timberline Ranch Camp                 | \$240.00        | \$240.00        | \$240.00        |        |        |
| Bard on the Beach Fieldtrip           | \$20.00         | \$20.00         | \$20.00         |        |        |
| Fort Langley Fieldtrip                |                 | \$35.00         |                 |        |        |
| Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Trip         |                 |                 | \$70.00         |        |        |
| Hobbit Banquet                        | \$5.00          |                 |                 |        |        |
| Additional Activity and Program Costs | \$35.00         | \$20.00         | \$15.00         |        |        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                         | <b>\$300.00</b> | <b>\$315.00</b> | <b>\$345.00</b> |        |        |

### 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.

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## Standard Supplemental Fee Schedule School Year: 2017 - 2018

| Course                                                   | Supplemental Fee / Description                                                                                                                        |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>ART</b>                                               |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| Art 8                                                    | \$10.00                                                                                                                                               | sketchbook                                |
| Art 9                                                    | \$25.00                                                                                                                                               | 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                |
| <b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>                                       |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| 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 photo courses. |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| <b>HOME ECONOMICS</b>                                    |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| Foods 9                                                  | \$15.00                                                                                                                                               | 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                                       | \$20.00 -- Food Safe Certificate                                                                                                                      |                                           |
| <b>MUSIC</b>                                             |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| Music 9-12 (Band & Choir)                                | No fee -- deposits may be collected for uniforms, sheet music, rentals                                                                                |                                           |
| <b>TECHNICAL STUDIES</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| Tech Ed 8                                                | \$5.00                                                                                                                                                |                                           |
| All Courses 9 - 12                                       | No fee -- supplemental cost based on individual projects<br>-- deposits may be collected for safety glasses, coveralls                                |                                           |
| <b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| All Courses                                              | No fee -- may charge for optional activities                                                                                                          |                                           |
| PE 11/12: Outdoor Education                              | Estimated cost for this program (including equipment rental, activities and fieldtrips) is \$500. Students are responsible for \$350 and fundraising. |                                           |

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AP Courses</b>                     | \$140 Exam Fee (may change due to USD exchange rate)                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Certification Programs</b>         | Fees may be charged for optional certification programs (ie: SuperHost, FoodSafe, Quantum, First Responders, CPR, etc...)                                                                            |
| <b>Optional Fieldtrips/Activities</b> | Fees may be charged                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Refundable Workbook Deposits</b>   | 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). |
| <b>Extracurricular Athletics</b>      | Fees are charged to cover costs of uniforms, referees, and equipment. Fees are only charged to those who participate.                                                                                |

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## Calendar of Events

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|       |           |                                                                                    |
|-------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues  | Sep 5     | Welcome Back! Grade Assemblies (see schedule on page 2)                            |
|       | Sep 14-15 | Duke of Ed Bronze Hike                                                             |
| Fri   | Sep 15    | Photo Day                                                                          |
|       | Sep 20-22 | Duke of Ed Silver Hike                                                             |
| Thurs | Sep 21    | French Immersion Grade 8 Potluck; Leadership 11/12 UBC ropes                       |
| Fri   | Sep 22    | Pro—D Day (classes not in session)                                                 |
| Mon   | Sep 25    | Student Council Elections; Indigenous Family Welcome 5pm; Gr 8 Family Welcome 6pm; |
|       |           | PAC Meeting 7pm                                                                    |
| Tues  | Sep 26    | FlexHum Potluck                                                                    |
|       | Sep 27-29 | Summit Timberline Camp                                                             |
| Fri   | Sep 29    | PE 11/12 Golf                                                                      |
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## 2017—2018

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### Administration:

Ms. A. Vey-Chilton, Principal, Grade 10  
Ms. K. Coflin, Vice-Principal, Grades 9 & 11  
Mr. P. Godfrey, Vice-Principal, Grades 8 & 12

### Counsellors:

Mr. T. Price, Grade 8  
Mr. N. van Iersel, Grade 9  
Ms. C. McGillivray, Grade 10  
Mr. A. Cuerrier, Grade 11  
Mr. B. Niek, Grade 12

### Van Tech Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

Executive: Ele Cavallin  
Treasurer: Sharon Henderson  
Secretary: Ginny Cobbin

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