



Vancouver Technical Secondary School

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Principal's Message

August 2018

It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone, at the outset of the 2018-19 school year! We are looking forward to seeing all students on Tuesday, September 4th at 1:00pm in your assigned homeroom.

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

Attendance at our opening day 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 5th and those expected back (completed and signed) on September 6th is available over the page in this newsletter.

Classes begin with Day #1 on Wednesday, September 5th. 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 in this newsletter and available on the school website.

You can start now to get ready for September 5th! Pay your school fees online through School-Cash-Online. 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, and 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. Spence

Grade 10s building mentorship connections with this year's Grade 8s

This year a group of just under 50 grade 10 students who have been doing some preparation work on how to be mentors and leaders will be teamed up with grade 8 students. Each mentor will have about 7 students that they will be available to chat, meet, or text with throughout the year.

The goal is threefold: To increase feelings of connectedness for grade 8s, to develop empathy and leadership skills in the mentors, and to help with the grade 8s through their transition to high school. Expect to see the students at grade 8 events throughout the year.

The mentors will be there to meet and greet on the first day of school when the 8s arrive and to hang out with them during their first day activities. **And don't be surprised if you or your child gets a phone call from them in the days leading up to the first school day. We'll be reaching out in as many ways as we can!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Van (grade 10 counsellor) at nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca

OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018

- Grade 8 students meet BASE leaders at 10:00am in the auditorium.
- Students Grade 8—12 report to homeroom classes at 1pm.
- Students will begin regular classes on Wednesday, September 5th with an adjusted bell schedule (see below)

Wednesday, September 5th (DAY 1) and Thursday, September 6th (DAY 2)

HOMEROOM	08:40—10:00
Period 1	10:10—10:50
Period 2	10:55—11:35
Lunch	11:35—12:20
Period 3	12:20—1:00
Period 4	1:05—1:45
Collaborative Time	1:45—3:03

Friday, September 7th (DAY 1)

Period 1	08:40—10:00
Break	10:00—10:15
Period 2	10:15—11:35
Lunch	11:35—12:20
Period 3	12:20—1:40
Period 4	1:40—3:03

OPENING PRODEDURES

Homeroom classes will receive:

- Timetables
- Student agenda book
- Go Card & Photo information

Students must complete and return by September 6th:

- 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

School Cash Online for General Fee Payments!

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

NOTE: SCHOOL CASH ONLINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENTS BEGINNING SEPT 4, 2018 AT 9:00 AM

The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.

eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

1. Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>
and click on "Get Started Today".

2. Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Please help us improve our communications and reduce the amount of paper our school uses by registering for School Cash Online 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 CASH ONLINE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY PAYING ONLINE WITH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com or 1-866-961-1803

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
Total minutes of instructional time per day:			318

Save the Date!

Parent—Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 8th

2:30-3:30pm

5:30-7:30pm



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

PAC Meeting Dates for 2018-2019

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Sep 25

Oct 30

Nov 27

Jan 29

Feb 26

Apr 30

May 28 (AGM)

Meetings are held in the Library at 7pm

SCHOOL GO CARDS & PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be at Vancouver Technical on **Friday, September 14th** 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 14th.

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

Re-takes will be held on Wednesday, October 10th. For information on how to prepare for your school photo day, check out the Artona website at: <http://www.artonagroup.com>

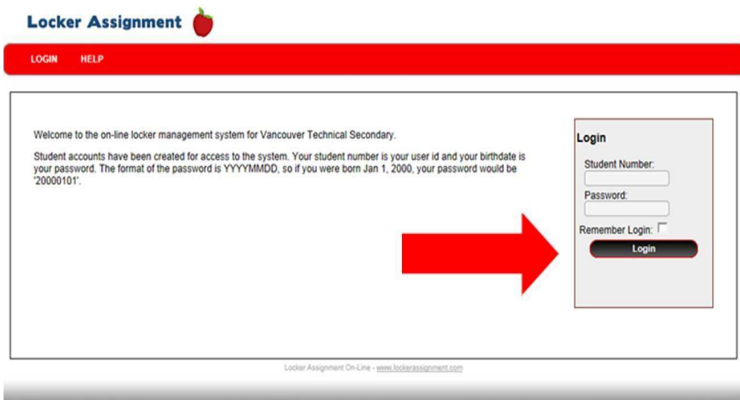
2018—2019 Student Council

President—Sakura Kubota
 1st Vice-President—Simon Wilcox
 2nd Vice-President—Terisa Dang
 Secretary—Krystal Chan
 Treasurer—Isolde Tan
 Public Relations—Andrea Xie
 Sustainability Rep—Sasha Mines
 Senior Ambassador—Ethan Cheung
 Junior Ambassador—Angela Garampil

Grade 12—Marissa Wong & Tamara Sim
 Grade 11—Fateh Karan Chohan & Tiffany Vien
 Grade 10—Carmen Nguyen & Grady Smith
 Grade 9—Connor Cheung & Matthew Shang

Elections for Student Council Grade 8 Rep will be held in September

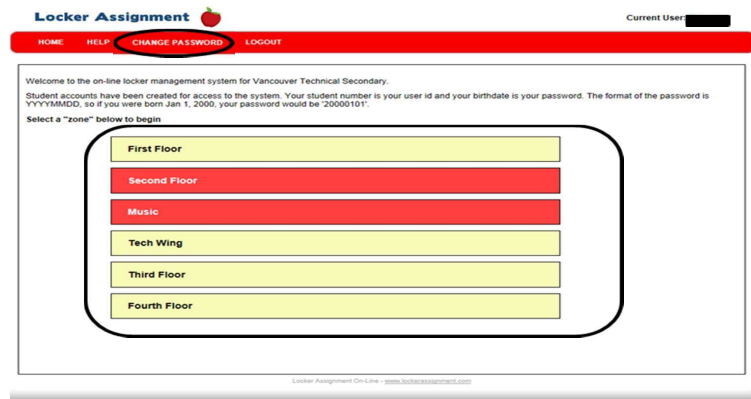
ONLINE LOCKER DISTRIBUTION



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

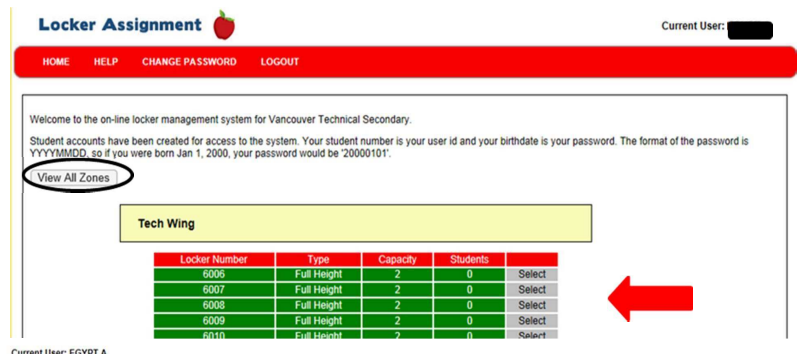
- A) Enter your student number
- B) Enter your password—your password is your birthdate (YYYYMMDD)

- 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**

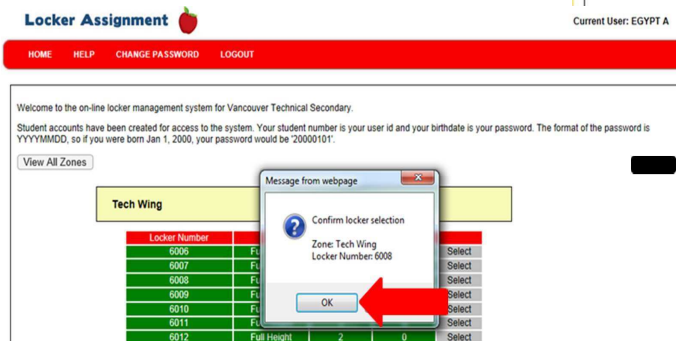


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select, you cannot change lockers**

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:

- Ms. Coflin 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
- Grade 8s will get their lockers on the first day, other grades will follow

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Standardized General School Fee Schedule

School Year: 2018 -2019

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.					
Total	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

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>	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
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	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00		
Additional Activity and Program Costs	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Total:	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00		

Fee includes: guest speakers, fieldtrips, enrichment activities and special events.

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		
TOTAL:	\$300.00	\$315.00	\$345.00		

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.

Important Information – Please Translate

這是一份重要資訊 — 請找人為您翻譯

这是一份重要信息 — 请找人为您翻译

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin phiên dịch

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki sali sa sariling wika

Información importante - Por favor traducir

VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Standard Supplemental Fee Schedule

School Year: 2018 - 2019

Course	Supplemental Fee / Description	
ART		
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
PHOTOGRAPHY		
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.		
HOME ECONOMICS		
Home Ec 8	\$5.00	better ingredients, more labs
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	
MUSIC		
Music 9-12 (Band & Choir)	No fee -- deposits may be collected for uniforms, sheet music, rentals	
TECHNICAL STUDIES		
Tech Ed 8	\$5.00	better materials
All Courses 9 - 12	No fee -- supplemental cost based on individual projects Deposits may be collected for safety glasses, coveralls	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION		
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.	
AP Courses	\$140 Exam Fee (may change due to USD exchange rate)	
Certification Programs	Fees may be charged for optional certification programs (ie: SuperHost, FoodSafe, Quantum, First Responders, CPR, etc...)	
Optional Fieldtrips/Activities	Fees may be charged	
Refundable Workbook Deposits	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).	
Extracurricular Athletics	Fees are charged to cover costs of uniforms, referees, and equipment. Fees are only charged to those who participate.	

Calendar of Events



Tues	Sep 4	Welcome Back! (see schedule on page 2)
Fri	Sep 14	Photo Day
Mon	Sep 17	Grade Assemblies
Tues	Sep 25	Grade 8 Family Welcome 6pm
Tues	Sep 25	PAC Meeting 7:30pm—Library
Wed	Oct 3	Collaborative Day (see bell schedule on page 4)
Mon	Oct 8	Thanksgiving Day (school is closed)
Wed	Oct 10	Photo re-takes
Fri	Oct 19	Professional Day (Classes not in session)
Tues	Oct 30	PAC Meeting 7:00pm—Library

2018—2019

Administration:

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

Counsellors:

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

Van Tech Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

Executive: Amy Chuang
Treasurer: Sharon Henderson
Secretary: Ginny Cobbin

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