



## VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade 8 students,

### Grade 8 Orientation – Tues, September 4th—10:00 am – 2:30 pm—Pizza Lunch Provided

Welcome to Van Tech! We are very excited about meeting you on Tues, September 4<sup>th</sup>! Members of the Community Schools Team, Youth Workers from Frog Hollow Neighborhood House and our student leaders known as “BASE” leaders have worked hard to organize an orientation day filled with fun activities for you. You will also have an opportunity to meet members of the school staff including your grade counsellor Mr. Niek.

On Tuesday, you will meet in the large gym at 10:00 am and dismissal time from your homeroom class will be at 2:30 pm. A pizza lunch will be provided at 12 noon for all Grade 8s—hopefully you like pizza—followed by a grade assembly in the auditorium and then the final activity of the day will take place in your homeroom class. The student leaders will give you a mini tour of the school and accompany you to your homeroom class where you will receive your student schedule for the year. The student leaders will be able to help you interpret your schedule so you know what courses you have on Day 1 and what courses you have on Day 2.

There are always questions regarding school supplies—do not bring any supplies to school on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. However, beginning Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to have two 3-ring binders—one for Day 1 and one for Day 2, dividers for your binders, paper, pens, and pencils. Each subject teacher will inform the grade 8s whether or not they require certain supplies for their course. All grade 8s require two combination locks—one for their locker and one for PE class. The locks can be purchased on Tuesday at a cost of \$11.00 each for a total of \$22.00. We do recommend that the students purchase locks from us, as they have security shields built in. School fees (\$30—which includes a school agenda) can be paid through our online payment system—please see our school website – “publications” and the August newsletter--[www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vantech.vsb.bc.ca) for more details.

We look forward to getting to know you, members of our parent community and our new grade 8 class. Grade 8 Parents/Guardians are invited to attend a Grade 8 Family Welcome at 6:00pm on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, followed by our first PAC meeting at 7:30 pm, in the Staff Cafeteria.

Yours sincerely,

Annette Vey-Chilton  
Principal