



Vancouver Technical Secondary School

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Principal's Message

August 2016

Dear Parents, Guardians and Grade 8 students:

Welcome to Vancouver Technical! We are looking forward to meeting you on Tuesday, September 6th for our Grade 8 orientation! Members of the Community Schools Team, Youth Workers from Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House and our student 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 our school staff including your grade counsellor Mr. van Iersel.

On Tuesday, you will meet in the large gym at 10:00am and dismissal time will be 2:30pm. A pizza lunch will be provided for all Grade 8s—hopefully you like pizza. Student leaders will give you a tour of the school and accompany you to your homeroom class where you will receive your schedule for the year.

There are always questions regarding school supplies — do not bring any school supplies to school on Tuesday, September 6th. However, beginning Wednesday, September 7th, students are encouraged to bring two 3-ring binders—one for Day 1 and one for Day 2, dividers for your binders, paper, pens and pencils. From here teachers will let you know whether or not they require additional supplies. All grade 8s require two combination locks—one for their locker and one for PE class. The locks can be purchased at the main office at a cost of \$9.00 each. We do recommend that the students purchase locks from us, as they have security shields built in. School fees can be paid through our online payment system.

We look forward to getting to know you, members of our parent community and our new grade 8 class. Grade 8 Parent/Guardians are invited to attend a Grade 8 Family Welcome at 6:00pm on Tuesday, September 22nd and our first PAC meeting on Monday, September 26th at 7:00pm, in the Staff Cafeteria.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, September 6th, 2016

Students report to the auditorium during the designated times below:

Grade 8 students meet BASE leaders at 10:00am in the gymnasium.	
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 7th and Thursday, September 8th with an adjusted bell schedule (see below)

Wednesday, September 7th (DAY 1) and Thursday, September 8th (DAY 2)

HOMEROOM	08:40am—08:55am
Break	08:55am—09:10am
Period 1	09:10am—09:55am
Period 2	10:00am—10:45am
Period 3	10:50am—11 :35am
Lunch	11:35am—12:20pm
Period 4	12:20pm—1:40pm
	<i>*1:45pm-3:03pm Department Planning Time</i>

Friday, September 9th (DAY 1)

HOMEROOM	08:40am—08:55am
Break	08:55am—09:10am
Period 1	09:10am—10:20am
Period 2	10:25am—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 and/or complete the following:

- Timetable
- Media consent & CASL consent forms
- Student agenda book
- Go Card & Photo information
- School Fees—see next page for on-line payment procedures
- Other important information

IF you are not here, you may lose your timetable. Students MUST be present at school to retain their assigned 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 6, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M

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 and click on the School-Day link or visit 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

For detailed user guides, FAQs and any additional help with the system, visit www.school-day.com/support

For any additional questions, please contact School-Day at 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.

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

Save the Date!

**Parent—Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 9th**

2:30-3:30pm

5:30-7:30pm

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

2016—2017 Student Council

President: Fionnuala Sherbot

Vice-Presidents: Antonio Cao Shen & Jim Ilao

Treasurer: Serene Mitchell

Secretary: Jessica Liang

Jr. Ambassador: Terisa Dang

Sr. Ambassador: Juan David

Public Relations: Merissa Mah

Sustainability Rep: Olivia Chan

Grade Reps:

Grade 8

Election in September

Grade 9

Jela Lorete
David Zhang

Grade 10

Sakura Kubota

Grade 11

Lily Du
Julia Rapaport

Grade 12

Noor Al-Swij
Joanna Zhang

SCHOOL GO CARDS & PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be at Vancouver Technical on Friday, September 16th 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 16th. Cheques can be made payable to: ARTONA STUDIOS. Re-takes will be held on Thursday, October 13th.

For information on how to prepare for your school photo day, check out the Artona website at: <http://www.artonagroup.com>

PAC Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Monday, September 26
Monday, October 24
Monday, November 28
Monday, January 23
Monday, February 27
Monday, April 24
Monday, May 29

Meetings are held in the Staff Dining Room at 7pm

Meet your new Grade 8 Counsellor (Mr. Van)



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Phone: 604-713-8215 (office)

Website: www.mrvan.org

Blog: mrvan.org/grad-2021-blog

Twitter: @nickvaniersel

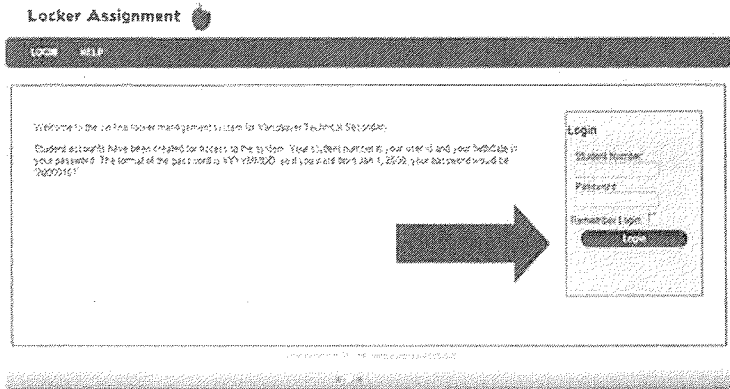
Welcome back to school! My name is Nick van Iersel and I'm excited to be joining Van Tech starting this 2016-17 year. I taught Social Studies and Special Education in Victoria for 8 years before moving a year ago to Vancouver where I started school counselling. I'm a passionate advocate for my students who works from a strength based perspective. When I'm not at school (which isn't a lot) I'm a soccer player and traveler.

Building links to students and families, improving student organization, and building positive student connections to VT are the major priorities for me this year with the grade eights.

I'd encourage you to join my texting notifications (see below) and follow along on our Grad 2021 blog. Please never hesitate to get in touch. For the next five years we'll all be working together.

To sign up for important text or email notifications send a text message to 604-670-2253 with a message that only says @tech2021 or send a blank email to tech2021@mail.remind.com

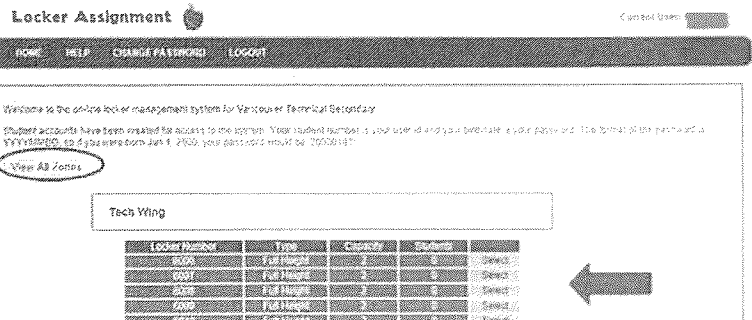
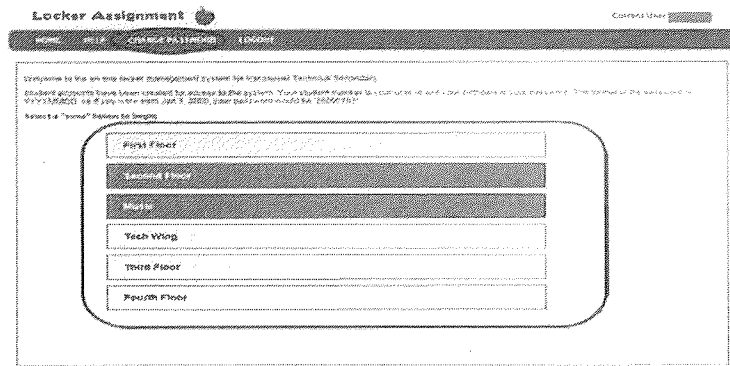
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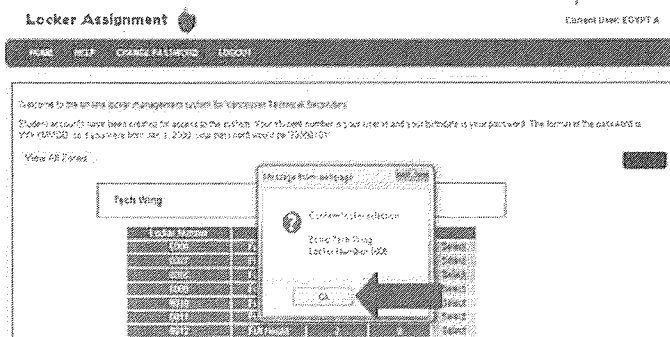
1. Go to: <http://vantech.lockerassignment.com>

- 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: 2016 -2017

Fee Type	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Student Agenda Book	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Student Activities/Student Leadership	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
includes: intramurals, clubs, student welcome events, social responsibility activities, student council					
Total	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

Optional Fees	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Yearbook-not required	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Locks	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Grad—Valedictory Fee					\$85.00
Fee includes: grad gown, tickets, facility rental, decorations, and photographer.					

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		
Allocated Program Costs	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Total:	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00		

Fee includes: field trips, media supplies, equipment requests and special events. Costs determined by a Student Finance Committee at each grade, overseen by parent and teacher.

Summit	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Timberline Ranch	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00		
Bard on the Beach	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		
Fort Langley		\$35.00			
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze			\$70.00		
Hobbit Banquet	\$5.00				
Allocated Program Costs	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		
TOTAL:	\$270.00	\$300.00	\$330.00		

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 committee, and/or the school Principal.

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Standard Supplemental Fee Schedule

School Year: 2016 - 2017

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 9	\$20.00 photo paper beyond the basic requirements
Photography 10	\$20.00 photo paper beyond the basic requirements
Photography 11	\$30.00 photo paper beyond the basic requirements
Photography 12	\$30.00 photo paper beyond the basic requirements
N.B. Inclusive of digital and traditional photo courses.	
HOME ECONOMICS	
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
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 is \$500. Students are responsible for \$250 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 Field Trips/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.

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Calendar of Events



Tues	Sep 6	Welcome Back! Grade Assemblies (see schedule on page 2)
	Sep 8-9	Duke of Ed Bronze Hike
	Sep 14-16	Duke of Ed Silver Hike
Fri	Sep 16	Photo Day
Thurs	Sep 22	Summit—Bard on the Beach
	Sep 22	Grade 8 Family Welcome 6—8pm
Fri	Sep 23	Grade 10s—Bard on the Beach
	Sep 23	Leadership 11/12—UBC
Mon	Sep 26	PAC Meeting—7pm in the Staff Dining Lounge
	Sep 28-29	PE 11/12—Golf
	Sep 28-30	Timberline Camp
Thurs	Sep 29	Flex Humanities Potluck
Fri	Sep 30	Pro—D Day (classes not in session)

2016-2017

Administration:

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

Counsellors:

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

Van Tech Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

Executives: Ms. D. Kwan / Mrs. D. Levi
Treasurer: Mrs. E. Cavallin

Student & Community Bulletins:

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