

POINT GREY SECONDARY

NEWS & EVENTS

April 5, 2019 pointgreypac@gmail.com

Grade 8 & 9's: Core Competency Conversations

Reminder that grade 8 and 9's Core Competency Conversations take place on Thursday, April 25th between 2:15 - 3:15 pm. Students should look up their conversation time and location on the lists posted outside the school office. Detailed information was handed out by your child's PE teacher this week.

Grade 10 & 11's: Numeracy Assessment

Lists will be posted on Monday, April 15 outside the school office for the year end Numeracy Assessment. Students please look up the date, time and location for your assessment date.

Updated Monthly Calendar: April - June 2019

To see the school monthly calendar please go the Point Grey website, home page, under School Monthly Calendar.

Host an International Student - Join Langara Homestay

Langara College invites you and your family to join our highly regarded Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Our students come from Europe, Asia and South America - usually stay for five to 10 months, and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family. Generous reimbursement is provided. Please call 604.323.5696 or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

April PAC Meeting: Update & Dessert Night Thursday April 25th 7pm Staff Room

We'll have an update on the VSB Facilities Committee meeting, a brief PAC meeting and Dessert Night - bring a sweet treat to share.

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Upcoming SACY Workshops

www.sacy.eventbrite.com

General parenting for parents of teens

- SACY Communication workshop: Building Bridges with your Teen – have fun & strengthen your connection with your teen – *highly recommended workshop*
 - April 24, 2019 – 7-9pm Point Grey Library,
 - May 3, 2019 9:30-11:30am in Mandarin Kerrisdale Community Centre Mandarin: 中文
查詢和登記 778-227-5452
- SACY substance use and youth workshop (SACY Adult Toolkit) – May 22, 2019 6:30-8:30pm Tupper Secondary – STEP portable
- Ongoing education and support: Solutions Together, Tuesdays at the South Van Youth Centre
- Ongoing education for Cantonese speaking parents of teens Cantonese Parent Group at South Van Youth Centre 春季華人家長討論小組 相信每位父母在子女教育上都有自己獨到的見解,也時常有惱人的問題。在 SVYC 的家長小組,家長們可以通過保密性的互動形式分享經驗,討論問題,找到答案,以及學習和練習強化家庭關係的新技能。如果您也想了解怎樣給孩子打造健康的家庭環境,積極的解決與青少年子女的矛盾,就請趕快加入我們吧!
SOUTH VANCOUVER YOUTH CENTRE 4920 Fraser St Vancouver, BC
費用全免,如欲查詢或報名,請致電: To register or for more information, contact Yorgos Lam 604.653.0092 Yorgos.lam@milieu.ca

Parents who may have challenging concerns or issues with their teenager

- BC Boy's and Girls' Club 12-week ***Parents in the Know*** education series – May 1 – July 17, 2019 ***Parents in the Know*** is an educational support group for parents/caregivers who are concerned about their young person's use of substances and/or their mental health. Contact: **Sharon Lund slund@bgcbc.ca 236 982-1984** for more information.
- BC Boy's and Girl's Club on-going Parents Together Support Group: Parents Together is a professionally facilitated education and support program for parents of teens who want to develop new skills that will help to end the conflict in their homes. Participants learn effective strategies to improve relationships, develop positive communication skills, discover the importance of self-care, and regain control of their lives. **604-325-0556**

Free Confidential Counselling for Youth

Moving Forward Family Services/Adler University

- The Student Trainee Counselling Clinic will provide counselling for youth (12 to 19 years of age).
- The Clinic is intended for youth experiencing difficulty coping with problems/issues (e.g., illness, mild-moderate depression, mild- moderate anxiety, isolation, loss and grief, etc.) who would like to receive free counselling from a student trainee under the supervision of an onsite Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC).
- The clinic will run on Saturdays and Sundays from May 2019 until the end of July 2019, in partnership with Moving Forward Family Services

To register for this free and confidential counselling service, you will need to:

1. Leave a confidential phone message at 778-321-3054
2. An intake worker will contact you within a week at the number you provide.
3. You will then have a brief phone interview.

*Youth under 13 years of age will need a parent or legal guardian to sign a consent for service before starting counselling.

VSB Draft Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) Update

On Tuesday April 2nd, Carmen Cho, VSB Trustee for PG, came to talk to the PAC about the LRFP. Overall the meeting was a very good one, thanks to all the parents who attended. There were a lot of thoughtful questions and Carmen did her best to answer them honestly.

On April 11th, the VSB held a public consultation and groups were able to sit down with trustees and staff and share their comments on the plan. It was well attended, with a number of PG parents there, too many for us to sit in one group – we spread out! We heard a lot of the same information we've been getting, but it was good to be able to reiterate our concerns, have trustees hear from more PG parents, as well as hear the concerns of other schools.

If you missed the public consultation at Kits on April 11, try to make the one on April 16 at VanTech.

Send emails to Carmen Cho carmen.cho@vsb.bc.ca and cc: LRFP@vsb.bc.ca

Sample letters and additional talking points are attached to this email.

The VSB also has an online survey you can provide comments on: govsb.ca/LRFP-2019-feedback if you do complete the survey – make sure to send a letter as well.

Then, as this is a Ministry of Education (MoE) driven requirement, please also send a letter to Rob Fleming, the Minister of Education, letting him know your views as well. The MoE is only funding the cheapest options for each school, which in new schools often means no auditoriums or gyms, no music or art space, etc. We should encourage the Provincial government to fully fund our schools and revise area standards to reflect the new BC Curriculum. We also want to tell the MoE to not only fund music, art, drama and sport, but to include that space in new building design.

1. Write to Rob Fleming, Minister of Education – EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca or call 250-356-8247
2. The correct salutation is: Hon. Rob Fleming
3. CC: your MLA
4. Sign your full name, include your postcode and provide contact details – address, phone number and/or e-mail
5. Personalized letters carry more weight than petitions or form letters

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- Tues April 16th – 6-8pm – LRFP Public Info Session, Van Tech Secondary School
- Wed April 17th – 5-7pm VSB Facilities Planning Committee Meeting – Room 180 Vancouver School Board Education Center – 1580 W. Broadway
- **Fri, April 19th – No school**
- **Mon, April 22 – No school – Earth Day!**
- Tues, Apr 23, 7pm – VSB Special Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole, Public consultation on the 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget Proposals, Mount Pleasant Elementary gym, 2300 Guelph St.
- Wed, April 24th – 7-9pm PG Library Building Bridges with your Teen
- Thurs, April 25 –
 - 7pm – PAC Meeting – update & dessert night!
 - 7pm – DPAC General Meeting: VSB Budget 2019/20 Rm 180, 1580 W. Broadway
- Mon, May 6, 7pm – VSB Special Board Meeting. Report on DPAC general meeting and public survey
- Wed, May 15, 7pm – VSB Special Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole Stakeholder and Public Input on the 2019/2020 budget
- Mon, June 24, 7pm – VSB Board Meeting Third reading and adoption of the 2019/2020 budget bylaw.

Weekly Newsletter submissions accepted until Wednesday 8pm pointgreypac@gmail.com

More information to be found on <https://www.pointgrey.com>

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