

Newsletter

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October 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Students not in attendance		Photo Day	3`	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	Thanksgiving Students not in attendance	15	16	Big Shake Out @10:19am PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library	18	19
20	21	22 Conferences 2pm Dismissal	Conferences 2pm Dismissal *Pizza Day cutoff in SchoolCash	24	Professional Development Day Students not in attendance	26
27	28	29	Pizza Day	31 Halloween		

Student Fees 2024-2025

Just a reminder that student fees are due on SchoolCash Online. The Supply Fee continues to be \$35, and Agendas are \$7 for those classes who use them. Performance fees, activity fees and field study costs will be determined throughout the school year at a classroom level. Families who are unable to pay the student fees, are asked to contact the office to receive financial assistance.

Safe Arrivals

We will continue to use the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. This is effective immediately. Please call **(604) 713-5159** and enter school code **37** for Safe Arrival (there is a prompt). You will then leave a message for the office. It is vital that all absences are called into the school prior to 9am. If you prefer to send an email, please use <a href="https://distriction.org/block-new/blo

Allergies

Please note that we are an allergy aware school. We have several students with severe allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, and nut products (peanut butter, Nutella, etc.). We ask that everyone avoid bringing lunches and snacks with these ingredients as such ingredients can be dangerous to others. We appreciate our families working together in this regard.



Medical Conditions

- 1. Please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school, i.e., anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, severe asthma, and serious heart conditions.
- 2. A "Request for Administration of Medicine at School" form, completed by a physician, is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available in the office.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/killarney/Families/Forms/Documents/sbfile/200218/Permission%20to%20give%20Medication.pdf

3. Parents choosing to keep medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid area at school are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed.

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs)

In the coming weeks, students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA). These assessments focus on students' literacy and numeracy development. As mentioned earlier this week in a message from our superintendent to families of students in grades 4 and 7, the FSAs provide valuable information about how students in Vancouver schools are doing. Individual classroom teachers can use assessment results as one measure of how students in their classrooms are doing and where they need more support. As a school district, FSA results are used to help make evidence-informed decisions about where we need to focus resources and supports to enhance student learning. The Ministry of Education and Childcare has more information about FSAs – available in a variety of languages. Here are links to that information.

- Link to recording of VSB FSA information session and FSA FAQ (2024).pdf
- Link to Ministry <u>Parent and Caregiver FSA Brochure</u>
- Link to Ministry <u>FSA website</u>
- Link to FSA Sample Questions

If you have any questions about these materials, how the FSA will be conducted in our school, or the implications for your child, please contact the school vice-principal, Ms. Gill (cgill@vsb.bc.ca)

Hudson School and District Student Code of Conduct

All VSB schools have a school code of conduct that students, staff, families, and visitors are expected to follow as is developmentally appropriate. Here is the link to ours:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/henry-hudson/Guidance-and-Support/Code-of-Conduct/Pages/default.aspx Here is a link to the VSB Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians):

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/Safe_Caring/Student_Threat_Risk_Assessment/Documents/VSB%20%E2%80%93%20Student%20Threat%20Risk%20Assessment%20Protocol-Fair%20Notice.pdf

Henry Hudson Parent Advisory Council Info

Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC will be held on **Thursday, October 24th** from 6:30pm to 8pm in the school library. All parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Children are welcome and babysitting will be provided by Petit Cafe. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mitchell's Soup Fundraiser

Family and friends can place an order directly through our link and orders will be distributed after the campaign is over. All orders will be fulfilled by the winter break for those looking to purchase as gifts for the holiday season. The campaign will run from October 9 - November 15. 35% of each sale goes directly to the Henry Hudson PAC. Please see attached flyer and QR code.



Our link is: https://raise.mitchellssoupco.com/henryhudsonelementary/henryhudsonelementaryf24

PAC Hot Lunch Program

Every Tuesday and Friday during the school year, Hudson students can enjoy a prepared lunch delivered to their class by <u>Calhoun's Catering</u>. Lunches must be ordered and paid for in advance – see details below.

The hot lunch program benefits our community in several ways:

- Hot lunch is one of Hudson PAC's primary fundraisers. It is a source of funding for all the wonderful programs, initiatives
 and events with which we enhance our children's school experience. When you order hot lunch, a portion of the proceeds
 goes directly to the PAC.
- Students enjoy a variety of meals and sides, prepared fresh and delivered right in time for lunch.
- Caregivers choose from a large menu of healthy and kid-friendly options, and get a break from food prep.

For a sample menu, <u>click here</u>. Note that the menus may change from day to day.

The first hot lunch of the school year will be delivered on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

How to register

- 1. Go to: https://munchalunch.com/schools/HenryHudson
- 2. Click the "Register Here" button. The system will guide you through the process.
- 3. Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.

How to order lunch

- 1. After registration, click the green "Order Lunch" button at the top of the page.
- 2. You can order for any available dates during the school term. You can always add more orders later, or change your existing orders, as long as you do so before the deadline which is <u>9:00 AM the day before lunch is to be delivered</u>.
- 3. After making your selection(s), press "Go to Last Menu", then hit "Finished". This will prompt you to the next page to finalize your order and process online payment.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships may be available for families that require financial support. Please contact the school Principal at srondestvedt@vsb.bc.ca directly. All requests will be handled confidentially.