

UPDATE FROM VIC HIGH

As I send this letter I am thinking of our students and their families. For many in our community the pandemic has impacted their health, general wellness and financial security. While we are working on supporting the education of our students, their health and welfare takes priority. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, or the school, if the remote learning plan needs to be adjusted to support your child during this time.

While some teachers have started reaching out to their classes, most teachers will be connecting with their students over the next two weeks.

Our preferred method of communicating with students is through email. Please ask your child to check their G-Suite email (@sd61learn.ca) regularly for updates on their learning.

What if a student does not have an @sd61learn.ca account?

Don't have an account? You can request/renew your sd61learn (Google G-Suite) account here:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/student-accounts/student-gafe-account/request-an-account/>

What should a Vic High student expect for their remote learning plan?

As the needs of our students vary greatly, so will the plans. The district framework for learning recommends that each course looks to provide up to 3 hours of work per week. While this is a general guideline we recognize that each course and each student's needs are unique. The ministry has provided flexibility for teachers to identify essential outcomes and eliminate curricular elements that are not practicable in the current context.

Most classes will require some tech access, if you have not already done so, please complete the survey sent last week at <https://forms.gle/nPnhqxQdqiEieDFA6>.

Most plans will not require specific texts, equipment or resources. For those courses that require specific materials, we will be working with the individual teachers to provide instructions for accessing materials at a later date.

What about my child's stuff that is at school?

Students will be able to pick up the contents of their lockers next Wednesday and Thursday, April 15th and 16th in the Fairey Tech concourse.

Pick-ups times can be scheduled online at <https://victoriahigh.schoolappointments.com/admin/> starting tomorrow morning (April 8th) at 9:00 am. At their scheduled times, students will enter

the Fairey Tech wing of the school through the Fernwood Street entrance. Students must line up single file at the 2 meter markers until it is their turn to pick up their belongings. Students will only be given the contents of the locker that is registered under their name. Non-perishable locker contents have been carefully bagged and textbooks and school materials have signed back into the school.

How to Book Times

Go to <https://victoriahigh.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. If you have previously booked Parent/Teacher meetings you can log in directly.

If you haven't previously registered, click the **REGISTER** tab (located top right), fill in the information and click **Register Now**. Click **Add a Student** to add your son/daughter.

NOTE: Each of your sons/daughters is entered separately. (To add another sibling click Insert New).

To schedule times click the blue calendar icon beside the student name.

- a. Select your student's time by clicking the space beside the time your student would like to pick up their belonging. Each time slot will only accommodate 10 students.

What about graduation?

At this time our reservations with the venues that host our Banquet and Dance and Graduation Ceremony have been cancelled. While it is too soon to know how and if we will be able to celebrate this graduation class, we will not be able to hold these events as previously scheduled.

The grad class of 2020 is a special one for many of our staff. They have been a treat to work with for the last four years. I am optimistic that we will find a way to celebrate this wonderful group of young people but will need to wait until we know more about the direction from our chief health officer for May and June before speculating.

I heard students graduate/pass no matter what?

The Ministry provided some clarity last week. *"To be eligible to graduate means that if a student were to successfully complete courses underway and in progress for completion this June, they would satisfy all graduation requirements. This does not mean that students will graduate 'no matter what'."*
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We will be working with our graduating class to support them in meeting the essential outcomes for their graduation. This does not mean that all grads 'automatically graduate'. While we will be providing flexibility in content and delivery methods, all students should continue to work towards fulfilling grad requirements.

What non-course related supports are being offered at Vic High?

Our school based team has been working with food services in the community and connecting our families to much needed supports. We sent a message out yesterday on how students can connect with our counselling supports <https://vichigh.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/covid-19-updates/> and the district continues to publish helpful information in their “Snapshots” see topics available on the district website at:

<https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/newsletters/covid-19-series/>

Our scholarship and transition team will continue to work to support our students accessing post-secondary and financial supports and honours over the next two months. Please see message from our amazing careers coordinator Ms. O’Hara.

MESSAGE FOR VIC HIGH GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Hello Grads of 2020!

I hope you are well and bearing up under these unusual circumstances.

While we are in this period of isolation I wanted to reassure you that I am still here for you. Many of you have already emailed with questions. I wanted to let you know I am happy to hear from you, so please don't hesitate to make contact by email (sohara@sd61.bc.ca) if you have questions or concerns.

Later this week, I hope to send out a Career Centre (Pathways & Partnerships) update, which may answer questions that some of you have.

Until then, please know I am missing you...

Stay safe; stay healthy,

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In closing I would like to thank all the members of our community that have banded together and made supporting their loved ones and the community a priority in this difficult time.

Take great care Vic High.

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