

# Vic High



February 2022



## Principal's Message

While it feels like a disappointingly familiar start to 2022, there are many achievements from the first half of the school year to celebrate, and much to look forward to in the second half. Our athletic teams continue to compete, clubs and extracurricular activities continue to meet and many of our performance groups, including musical theater, are actively preparing for spring performances. Most importantly students have been able to progress in their learning and successfully complete term two classes despite the delayed return to instruction and increased absenteeism at the school.

Over the next few weeks we will be conducting course selection. This is an exciting and important time for students and our school. High school is a time when students are supported as they take ownership of their education. We are proud to offer a wide variety of engaging and valuable course offerings. I would encourage you to review the course handbook on our website with your child and join them in their planning.

Feb 22	Grade 9 course selection 9:00-10:00, Grade 10 10:00 - 11:00
Feb 23	Grade 11 course selection 9:00 – 10:00
Feb 28	Course Selection Final Submission (All grades)
March 11	Course selection verification form delivered to students

We look forward to a safe and productive second half of the school year. Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions about your child's school experience.

Take care,

Aaron Parker  
Principal

## Important Upcoming Dates

February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day (no classes)
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Family Day (school closed)
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent / Teacher Meetings
March 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grad Photo Retakes
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	QTR 3 Midterm – Interim Rpt
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Alumni Meeting
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Classes
March 21 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Break
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Break
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Classes
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Alumni Meeting
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday (school closed)
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday (school closed)
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Q3
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Q4
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day (no classes)
April 26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Numeracy/Literacy Assessments
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Issued

**Student Teachers** – Last day at Vic High for the student teachers. Ms. Drengson, Mr. Hampton and Mr. Brown



# Grad Winter Formal!

After much trepidation about whether we could have a grad winter formal or if we couldn't have a grad winter formal, we were extremely pleased that we were able to make that happen for our wonderful and deserving grade 12 students. Our grads celebrated with a mocktail bar, a tasty Greek dinner, board games, dancing outside (brrr...but they didn't feel the cold!), cookies and hot chocolate...and what would a Vic High event be without a flute serenade and some Irish jigs? It was an awesome night.





# Student Leadership

Our Leadership program has had a busy and eventful few months. This year, more than ever, our program has made it a priority to keep school spirit alive in fun and safe ways. We have had to get creative in how we organize many of our usual activities, however, the students have shown optimism, resiliency and dedication throughout each obstacle the pandemic has thrown our way. In December, students worked on various initiatives around the school to get Vic High in the Winter Holiday Spirit. Students planned an entertaining virtual variety show that showcased our exceptionally talented student body (and some staff). Additionally, they organized our annual Santa's Breakfast where students and staff enjoyed pancakes and festive music to cap off the last day of school before winter break. One initiative we are particularly proud of is Vic High's support of the CoolAid Society. This year, students helped create a classroom competition to collect goods for new residents moving into CoolAid Society housing. We were blown away by the participation and generosity of our students and staff and were able to fill an entire CoolAid van full of our donations. Special shout out to Mr. Wallace and Ms. Conkin's classes, as well as the office staff for contributing the most items! For the remainder of the 2022 school year, Leadership will continue to support Vic High athletics by scorekeeping home games, and the Environment Program, that keeps our recycling and garbage receptacles clean, sorted, and managed. Leadership students give up their time before and after school to work in these programs that are essential to VicHigh.



Several members of Student Leadership have also joined Vital Youth, an organization run through the Victoria Foundation. Throughout the year, these students will be researching charitable groups in the city and deciding on what one they would like to allocate grant money to. Last year, Vic High's Vital Youth Group provided funds to Sea Change - cleaning and protecting Tod Inlet and to Power of Hope, which funds local youth programs.

We are lucky to have such a large group of motivated, dedicated, and kind students. We are looking forward to upcoming activities including Compassion Month in February and many fun spring activities. From all of Student Leadership, we thank you for your continued support of our program, and look forward to the many exciting events the rest of the year will bring!

# CAREERS

<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/>

"It's not what you want to do,  
but who you want to be"

Check out Vic High  
Career Centre



[vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca](https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca)

<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/secondary-schools/tale/>

Summer Program Applications  
*are*  
**Open**

**TALE**

Tourism And Leadership Exploration

Do you... Gain Knowledge in:

- Love the outdoors?
- Want to travel the world?
- Want to learn more about leadership?
- Want to experience the adventure tourism industry?
- wilderness first aid,
- navigation, leadership and communication skills,
- risk management,
- trip planning and survival skills.

4 credits: July 2022 coursework  
4 credits: August 2022 Work Experience  
with a local company (Ocean River Sports, Prince of Whales, Wild Play, Eagle Wing, Kelp Reef, Victoria Kayak, and more!)

Apply today with your Career Coordinator  
Applications Due: April 22nd, 2022

One Learning Community

WESTCOAST  
VICTORIA  
COLLEGE

Greater  
VICTORIA  
School District

See Samantha in the Career Centre to apply



# MORE CAREERS

<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/secondary-schools/graphic-design/>

## Summer Program Applications

*are Open*

Do you...  
Love art & design?  
Enjoy being creative and original?

### Graphic Design Program

July 2022:  
Skill Development & Software Training  
(4 credits) @  
Pacific Design Academy

August 2022:  
Work Experience  
(4 credits)  
Local Companies

8 week program:  
Foundation of graphic design knowledge, connection to local industry, advance soft skills, and gain life experience and passion for the industry.

Apply today with your career coordinator  
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<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/secondary-schools/seed-the-city/>

## Summer Program Applications

*are Open*

### SEED THE CITY

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE COURSE IN GARDENING & FARMING



**GROW FOOD • GAIN SKILLS • EARN CREDITS**

- Learn how to grow, harvest, sell, and cook local foods
- Build your resume for employment and post-secondary
- Earn your FOODSAFE Level 1 certification
- Learn to make pickles, jams, teas & bodycare products
- Become part of the local food movement that is improving the health of people and the planet!



**EARN GRADE 12 COURSE CREDITS**

**WHEN** July - August (8 weeks)  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:30am - 3:30pm

**STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11 CAN APPLY! \***

**WHERE** Reynolds Secondary school garden & micro-farm  
3963 Borden Street

**APPLY BY APRIL 15TH AT:**  
[LIFECYCLESPROJECT.CA/SEED-THE-CITY](https://lifecyclesproject.ca/seed-the-city)

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT YOUR CAREER CENTER OR CONTACT: LEAH @ LIFECYCLESPROJECT.CA

\*Students completing extra credits after their Grade 12 year are also eligible

See Samantha in the Career Centre to apply

# MORE CAREERS

<https://vichighcareers.sd61.bc.ca/whats-happening/>

## What to Watch for @ the Career Centre

### TRADES

#### Camosun's Women in Trades & Technology (WITT)

In April, students identifying as female spend a whole day exploring trades and technology at Camosun's Interurban Campus

### DUAL CREDIT

#### Camosun & UVic Dual Credit

Grade 11 students-apply for dual credit exploration on UVic or Camosun Campuses in their grade 12 year

**Camosun**-Applications open now-June

**UVic**-Applications open March



## Cheer on Vic High!

Vic High students will start competing in regional Skills events in March!

Keep an eye on the Vic High Careers Site for competition details!

Registration closes  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

See Samantha in the Career Centre for more info!

# Vic High Athletics

For the first time in over 5 years, Vic High has 4 basketball teams competing this year. The junior girls are a force to be reckoned with in their division. The junior boys have a team of mainly all grade 9s and are improving every game. The senior girls have 14 players out competing for the black and gold. The senior boys are making a run for the island championships this year with a strong grade 12 dominant squad. A lot of athletes are representing the black and gold proudly. We are proud of you. We are Vic High.

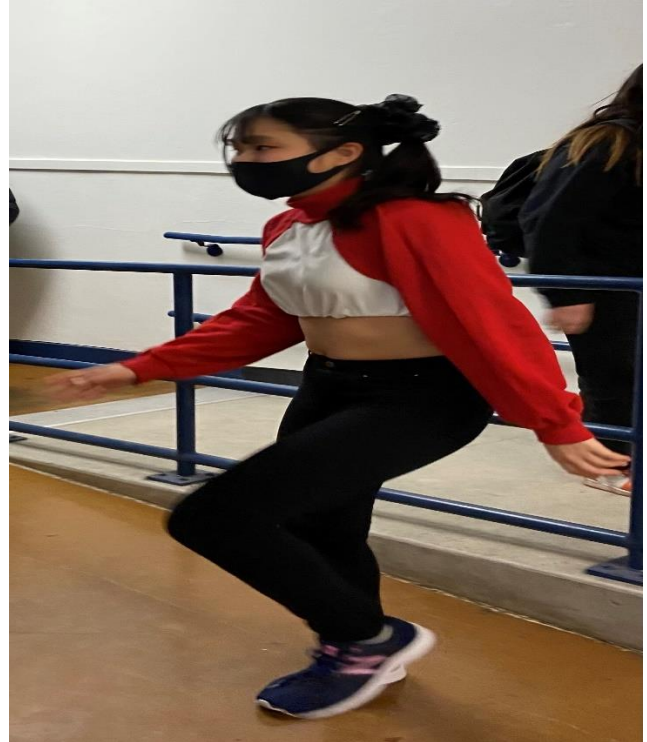




## Beginner Dance Quarter 2

Dancers from our Beginner class, which also included some not so Beginner dancers and TAs Penelope and Piper, danced a joyful farewell to our VHS students and Faculty on our last school day of 2021. The hallways of our Topaz campus are almost perfect for those spontaneous—COVID—friendly ‘performances’ which really are a way to share our love of dance with all of you.

We are more than ready to receive the new year—Year of the Tiger—the tiger embodies courage and bravery, which also suggests our new year could symbolize resilience and strength, even in time of struggle! Well, the dancers are always ready to welcome positive changes...a huge welcome to our new dance teacher Layla Casper...Vancouver’s loss and Victoria’s gain. Layla is teaching our upper end students, Advance Technique and as well, “Platform 61” Performance Troupe. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise with her to Victoria High and we welcome her to our VHS Community.







## VHS Dance Department Dance Wear

New and ready for ordering—2022 Dancewear--with our VHS Dance Dept logo. The classic long sleeve black T which has been around for 20 years now; grey and black sweatpants—joggers; and a beautiful white hoodie. Selling is now available on our Vic High Website Cash On Line. Please visit the Dance Department—Room 112—for samples of sizes. Orders will continue until the end of February. Questions, please ask me: Kerry Krich. [kkrich@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kkrich@sd61.bc.ca)



# DANCE DEPARTMENT



*Vic High's Platform 61 Dance Company welcomes Layla Casper as the new program Director. Layla is a Vic High alumna and has danced professionally in Europe and BC.*

*Layla is a Dance and Business Education specialist and is thrilled to be back at Vic High.*



**Cool Aid Hampers** – Leadership students put boxes around the school to collect items to support the Cool Aid Society for some Move-In Kits to help some individuals in our community that have been moved from the streets into subsidized housing.



## FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Students in our French Immersion program have been busy once again this quarter. We were very excited to welcome back Mme Mengual in December. Mme Mengual will be finishing the quarter teaching our Physical Education and Career Life Exploration courses in French. The students in her Career Life Education class have been working hard to complete their level 1 first aid certification course and her PE students have been enjoying a variety of activity and health lessons.

This past quarter all our French Immersion students also had the opportunity to go skating at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre. This has been a tradition for our students for many years and we were so happy that some of the Covid-19 restrictions were able to be lifted just in time for our visit! All students had a blast skating, or learning to skate! Our French Immersion students also visited the local chocolate shop, Chocolat Favoris, and the poutine restaurant, La Belle Patate, to sample some authentique francophone cuisine.

In collaboration with Ms. Burleson in the library our students also organized and participated in their second French Salon of the year in December. Students had the chance to research and learn about holiday celebrations around the world and again sampled some traditional food from a number of francophone countries.

Our grade 9 and 10 Français Langue students have had the unique opportunity to work remotely with the Royal BC Museum these past few weeks. The museum provided our students with some amazing artifacts and the students had the chance to research the items and film informative videos, in French, of course, that will be shared with other students and teachers across the province as part of the museum's online learning portal. What a fun and unique opportunity! We so look forward to collaborating with the museum again in the future!

We are very much looking forward to quarter three. This quarter will be the first in which French Immersion students in grades 9-11 will commence their Social Studies classes and will see many of our French Immersion graduates work on completing their coursework for their Career Life Connections class. We continue to encourage all French Immersion students to engage with our French Immersion Google Classroom for more information about French language travel, study and career opportunities as well as lessons created to help them further develop their French language skills.

Bon courage à tous!

Jean Morrison  
Vic High French Immersion Program



# FRENCH DEPARTMENT



**French Salon** –French Immersion and the library hosted their second French "Salon"! There was food tasting and fun learning quizzes for edible prizes





**Gingerbread** – International Student Program students decorated gingerbread cookies and watched Elf





**Santa's Breakfast** – Annual Santa's pancake breakfast organized by leadership



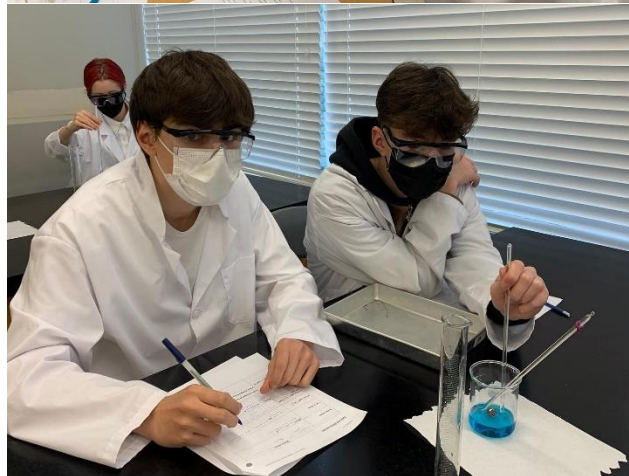
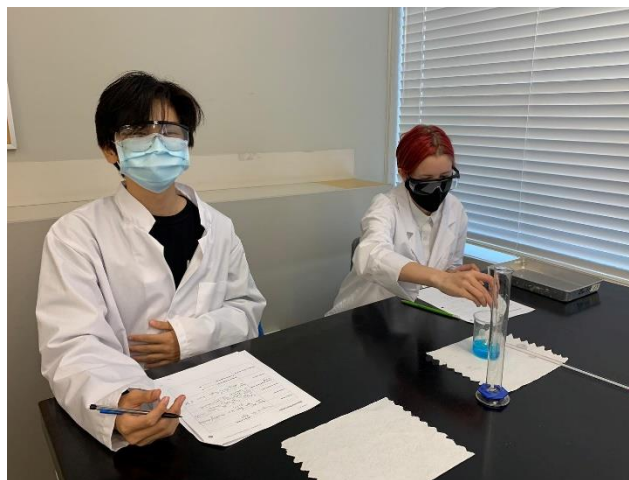


**Hair Studio – Practicing skills and Client Day in the studio – EVERY TUESDAY**





**Ms.K's Class** – Ms. Kozlowki's Block D  
Chemistry 11 class doing a chemical lab



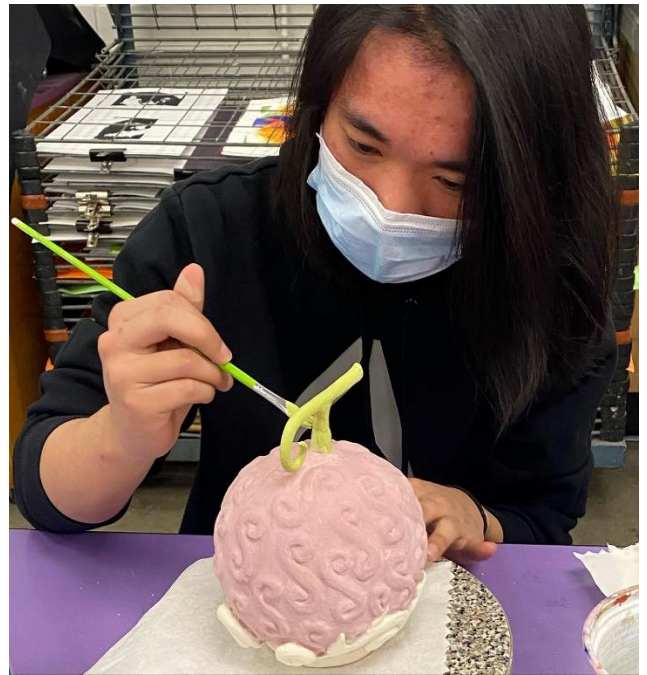




**Ross Bay Field Trip** – Field trip to Ross Bay cemetery — lots of learning and storytelling about Emily Carr & key figures in her life. Very spooky and informative.



**Studio Arts 3D** – Studio Arts 3D students working on their ceramics projects. A large focus of this course is on ceramic production, including sculpture, wheel and hand-built ceramics

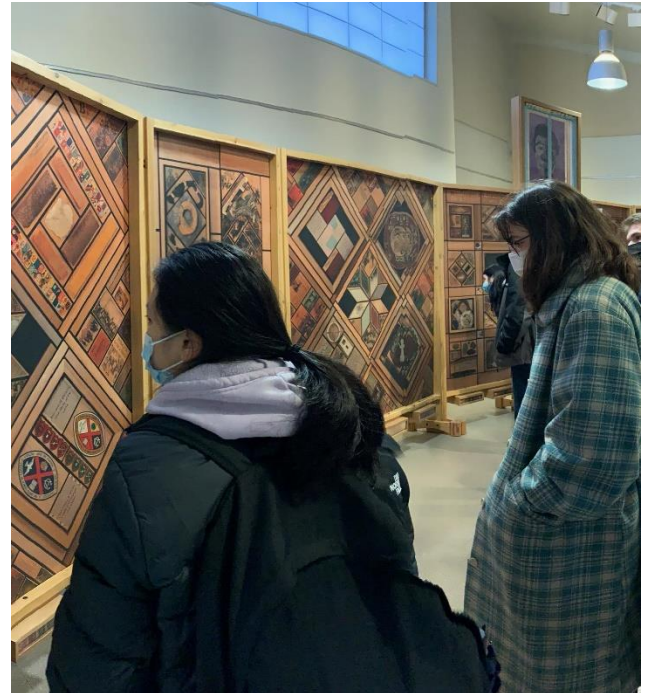




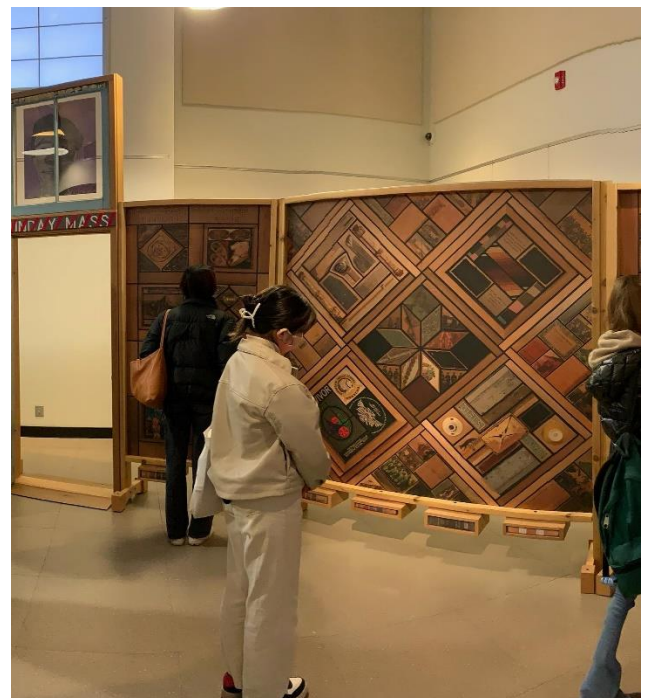
**Textiles 10** – Textiles 10 students and Ms. Adamschek showing off their Giant Octopus projects



**Cooking** – Daniella and her pasta dish in foods class



**Witness Blanket** – Ms. Hope's class visiting The Witness Blanket - Travelling Exhibition at Cedar Hill Recreation and Arts Centre. The Witness Blanket is a powerful art installation created by master carver Carey Newman to recognize the atrocities of the Residential School era, honour the children and symbolize ongoing reconciliation





**Settlement Workers in Schools** is an outreach program aimed at helping eligible newcomer students (immigrants and refugees) and their families settle and integrate into their school and community. Services are provided throughout the Greater Victoria School Districts 61, 62 and 63.

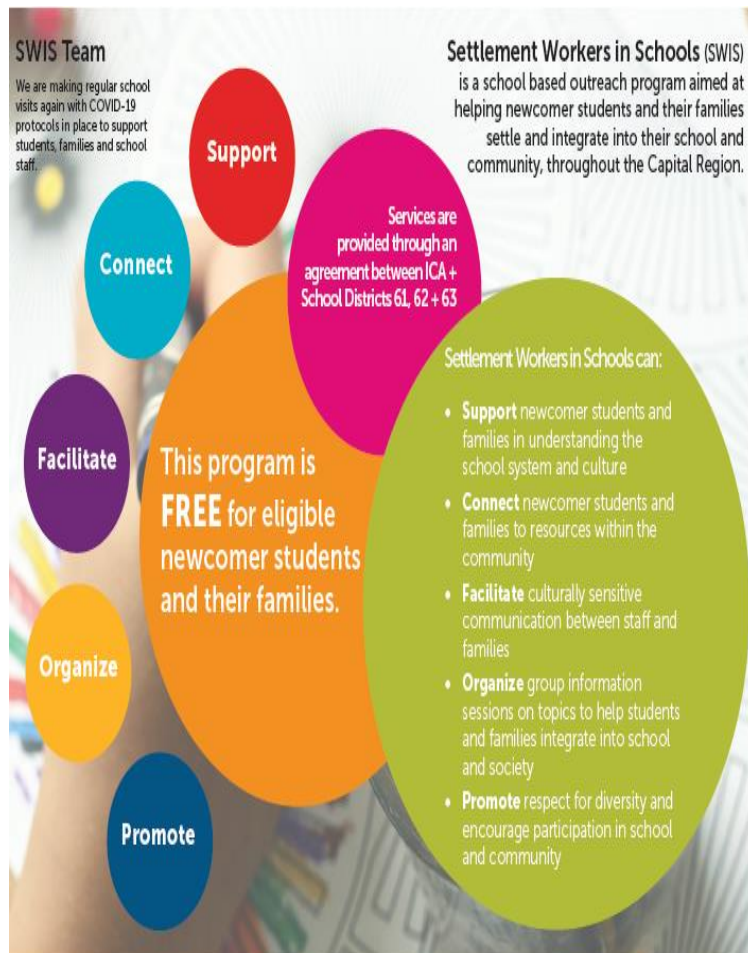
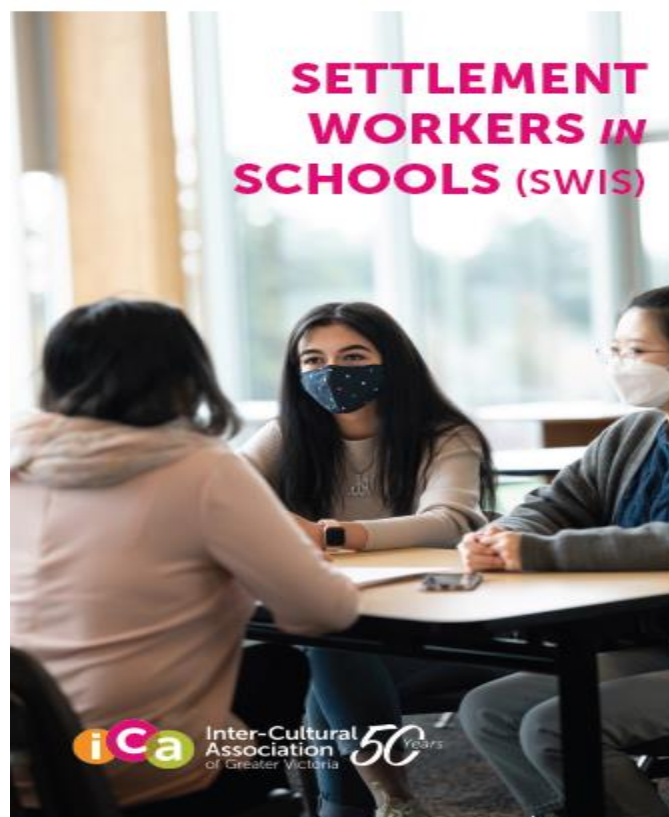
**How It Works: Settlement workers assist newcomer students and families by:**

- Connecting them to resources and essential services within the school and community
- Supporting them in gaining an understanding of school culture and expectations
- Organizing group information sessions on school, diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and other topics to help students and families integrate into school and society
- Facilitating culturally sensitive communication between school staff and families and encouraging parent participation
- Promoting respect for diversity and encouraging participation in school and community

This program is **FREE** for eligible students and families. It is provided through an agreement between ICA and participating school districts, and is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. **Contact Us:**

**Lisa Wang, SWIS Coordinator**  
Email: [lwang@icavictoria.org](mailto:lwang@icavictoria.org)  
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What?

**LEARNING SUPPORT**

Who?

**EVERYONE**

Where?

**ROOM 124**

When?

***8:00-9:00am AND/OR LUNCH***

Why?

***To Get Help with your Course Work***

How?

**No appointment necessary, just show up and  
get help with school work if you need it!**

**\*MASKS REQUIRED\***



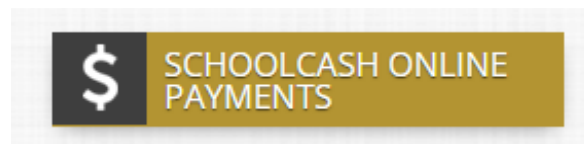


# Victoria High School **year book** **sales**

PAY ONLINE USING SCHOOL CASH ONLINE – CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

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Look for this link ↓



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OR

PAY IN PERSON WITH ACCOUNTS IN MAIN OFFICE – CASH OR CHEQUE

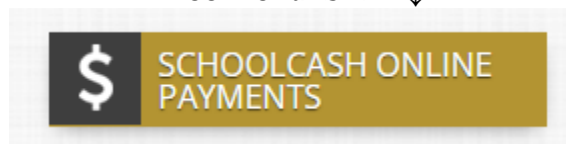




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**We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.**

**During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca>.**

**Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Shelley Green, will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 am.**



**Congratulations to the following students who achieved an A (86% or better) in both their  
Quarter Two classes of the 2021-2022 school year**

**Grade 12**

Abousaleh, Ahmad  
Araleh, Ayan  
Beckett, Shay  
Brouwer, Silas  
Butterfield, Nina  
CARATTI, ELENA  
Collins, Talia  
Craig, Scarlett  
Daunis, Alexei  
Fevaleaki, Pita  
Fox, Trinity  
Gabun, Karl  
Gomez, Nadine  
Gubby-Hurtig, Matisse  
Hatt, Kai  
Junker, Mateo  
Kabd, Bashar  
Klazeck-Schryer, Tamsyn  
Lan, Penelope  
Levagood, Madison  
Looi, Maia  
MAGRINI, MARGHERITA  
Movahedian, Mahsa  
Pearson, Elliot  
Ratsma, Annie  
RAYNERI, EMMA  
Rempel, Mathew  
Schultz, Naïke  
Starkey-Engel, Maisie  
Stidston, Sasha  
Tay-ew, Glenn  
Waldhaus, Silas  
White, Amelia

**Grade 11**

Aiken, Cohen  
Allard-Shiau, Etienne  
ANUPHANTANES,  
PATNAREE  
Ayles, Noah  
Barnacha, Maria  
Barr, Rebeka  
Bartleman, Cameron  
BERGHOLZ, KEIRA  
Black, Josh  
Bowles, Tamsin  
Chapman, Maya  
Dean, Noah  
Dunbar, Abigail  
Duncan, Violet  
Enicame, Daniella Grace  
Golder, Oliver  
Golinowski, Ella  
GRANCIC, FILIP  
Grundy, Cohen  
Harrison-Edge, Charlotte  
HATTORI, KAEDE  
Hesse, Katrina  
HINTERSEER, JULE  
SOPHIE  
Hsu, Jonas  
IIDA, RINKA  
Jones-Munro, Mia  
KARSCH, NELE  
FABIENNE  
Koetke, Lola  
Leckenby, Ayla  
Leopkey, Bella  
LUONG, SERENA  
MANSIUS, JIL  
MASHIKO, ANNE  
Mauro, Addy  
McCowan, Maire  
Migallo, Fynn  
Mitchell, Nathan  
Morton Ceroni, Emily  
MURAHASHI, KOHARU  
Naderi, Hafiz  
O'Connor-Jaeckel, Asa  
Olsen, Mica  
Phelan, Durga  
POECKER, AGNETA  
PORKPOONKHAM,  
NATHAN  
Rianne, Teanna  
Russow, Anise  
Rysiew, Leo  
SAITOH, AINA  
Sanford Blades, Simeon  
Schuckel-Bailey, Oscar

**Grade 10**

Aire, Iona  
Archibald, Emily  
Balobanov, Maxim  
Bartleman, Savannah  
Bissonette, Zachary  
Booth, Lucinda  
Britskaya, Marina  
Clayton, Erina  
Coelho, Antonio  
Crisostomo, Xyrehl  
Derdak, Yasin  
Dixon, Rylee  
Eldredge, Elijah  
Fleming, Rory  
Foord, Arco  
Fraser, Lucy  
Gates, Ronan  
Gladman, Naomi  
Gomez, Rainier  
Gotro, Briar  
Harris, Ocean  
Hill, Adam  
Hocking, Tobin  
Holden, Trinity  
Holland, Naiomi  
Hong, Sandy  
Isitt, Aviva  
Labinsky, Biatrix  
Lalonde, Bijou  
Lane, Keira  
LEEKRAJANG, LEO  
Lohner, Charlotte  
Looi, Leo  
Mishra, Anil  
Mitchell, Avery  
Moneda, Andre  
Neilson, Jacob  
Niedjalski, Fred  
O'Shea, Spenser  
PASCUAL GARCIA,  
ANDREA  
Pinon, Brian  
Read, Piper  
Rose, Elizabeth  
Sandham, Caleb  
Waldron, Mattigan  
Walshaw, Jenny  
Yaranon, Charlize  
Yewchuk-Noesgaard, Micah

**Grade 9**

Abellar, Chrystiene Joie  
Aiken, Parker  
ALAM, MD ABRAR  
Anderson, Audrey  
Baginski, Kassi  
Bautista, Jill Denisse  
Bazar, Gaia  
Berkhout, Mateo  
Black, Claire  
Clark, Emilia  
Clarke, Cassandra  
Contandriopoulos, Zora  
Coppard, Alexei  
Crawford, Amika  
Crossley, Maryn  
Dale, Torsen  
De Melo, Liv  
Dean, Rihana  
DECKER, AUGUST  
Descantes, Molly  
Evans, Adrian  
Gleed, Violet  
Haq, Aisha  
Holm, Ansel  
Horter, Asha  
House, Roman  
Hyatt, Keida  
Jack, Theodore  
Janz, Andrew  
Jensen, Danielle  
Jung, Hanwool  
Kucher, Hanna  
Kulpas, Spencer  
Leir-Apedaile, October  
McDonnell, Katie  
Menard, Asuka  
Mercado Jimenez, Regina  
Moradmand, Nooreen  
Nelson, Coral  
Nguyen, Sandy  
Pedroso, Maria Eduarda  
Perera, Chelsey Lorraine  
Plommer, Jack  
Quiambao, Justin  
Razon, Micah  
West, Kaitlyn  
Williams, Lucy  
Woodrow, Sydney



**Grade 11**

Sleen, George

Spindler, Ella-Jo

Sproule, Nyla

Suurkask, Anneli

Threlfall, Jackson

Troost, Julia

Van Mil, Marijke

Vovk, Alex

Wallace, Ruby

WATANABE, MIWA

Williams, Ella

Yap, Elijah

