

Vic High



April 2022



Principal's Message

We are in that extremely busy time of the year where we are preparing for next year while staying focused on a successful

final term. We are preparing for one more year at our topaz campus. We will be returning to a semester schedule for next year and have requested feedback from parents, staff and students in regards to focus block and school start and end times.

Grad season has officially begun and there is a lot to look forward to! The grads of 2022 are preparing for the formal graduation ceremony at The University of Victoria on June 2 where they will be able to enjoy the formal rites of passage in person once again. They are also very excited about the grad dinner dance at the Inn at Laurel Point on June 23. The House of Savoy have generously donated incredible dresses, tuxes and accessories for the big event. Apart from the more formal celebrations, we look forward to another grad spirit week, grad picnics, an attic signing (with an invitation to the attic in a year or so when it's safe to go in) and other events that the grad committee will plan for their grad group. We are so pleased that this group gets to enjoy the celebrations in a more normal way! I look forward to a successful final term and a safe celebration of our graduating class. As always feel free to reach out to our staff at Vic High should you have any questions about your child's learning.

Take care,

Aaron Parker
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

May 9 th	PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
May 11 ^h	Parent Teacher Meetings
May 19 th	Quarter 4 Midterm – Interim Reports
May 23 rd	Victoria Day (school closed)
June 2 nd	Grad Ceremony - UVIC
June 6 th	PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
June 9 th	Indigenous Graduation
June 13 th -17 th	Provincial Numeracy/Literacy Assessment
June 13 th	Awards Evening
June 14 th	Français Langue Assessment
June 23 rd	Curriculum Completion – No Classes
June 23 rd	Grad Dinner Dance, Inn at Laurel Point
June 24 th	Administrative Day
June 30 th	Report Card Pickup



We are hiring!

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team in the following key roles:

- Educational Assistant Spareboard
- Clerical Spareboard
- StrongStart Program - Early Childhood Educators

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what positions we offer, please visit our website here:

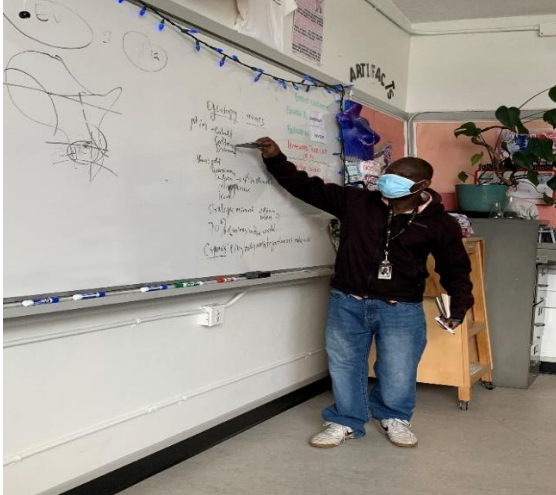
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/employment/>

You can submit your resume, cover letter and qualifications to:
hrs@sd61.bc.ca



English

Ms. Hope's English Composition 11 class was gifted a visit from Mali Nduikale, who joined our class following our discussions around Black History Month. Mali taught us about his homeland, the Congo, and his belief that "Education is the harmony of the head, the heart, and the hand." We learned how rich the Congo is in terms of culture and resources, and how right now, we all need to work to protect the forest there, as it is literally the lungs of the Earth.



Emily Carr's Grave Site

Students from Ms. Hope's Composition 11 class were met by Old Cemeteries Society tour guide, Yvonne, at Ross Bay cemetery to listen to the writings of Emily Carr and visit her grave site. Students will incorporate some of their learning into projects which will be embedded in a sculpture at our "new" old building, by local driftwood artist, Tanya Bub. A big shout out to teacher-librarian Wendy Burleson who is spearheading this project!



English Language Learners – ELL

Class trip downtown before Spring Break.

We visited Chinatown, Market Square, and the BC Legislature, stopping for food and coffee along the way. At the legislature, a tour guide told us the architect of the building was only 25 years old at the time!



Spirit Wear



Learning Farm - Foods Studies 10 students out enjoying a sunny afternoon at our Learning Farm



DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

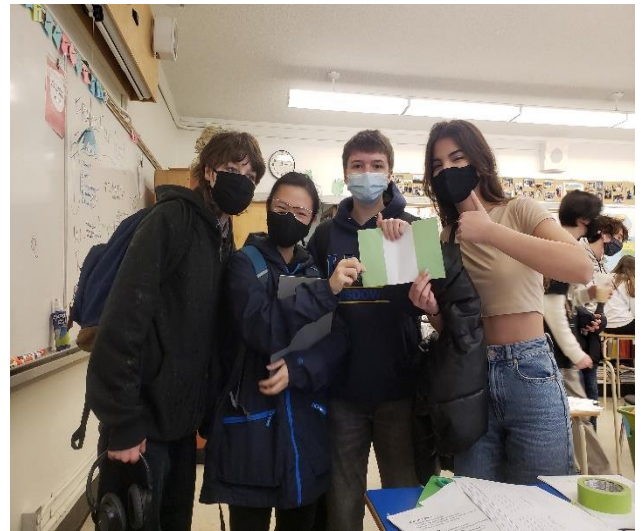
Platform 61 Dance Company will be performing live at The Dave Dunnet Theatre (located at Oak Bay High) on Tuesday May 24th at 7pm. One night only! Please join us for a fantastic evening of Hip Hop, Contemporary, Bollywood, and so much more! Live performance is back and we look forward to seeing you in the audience! Entry is by donation.



French



Our French Immersion students have been very busy in Quarter 3. This quarter our Sciences Humaines classes have started and our students have been busy working on projects that have helped them explore the concepts of revolution, rebellion, climate change and social justice. These classes will culminate with an amazing showcase of learning, The Night of the Notables, on Tuesday April 19th. All students and their families are invited to join us at 7pm on the evening of April 19th to help celebrate the learning of our grade 9, 10 and 11 students and to learn about the notable figures in history that our students have been researching.



In late February we were excited to host French Immersion Celebration week here at Vic High. Two grade 11 French Immersion students, Nyla Sproule and Abby Dunbar, planned and executed a week-long celebration of our French language and culture for all staff and students in our school community. Staff and students ate waffles, participated in a scavenger hunt, danced to French music and ate a variety of food inspired by Francophone countries around the world.





We are also very excited and proud of last quarter's Français Langue 9/10 students who worked with the Royal BC museum to create object-based learning videos that have now been uploaded to the museum's online Learning Portal. This project allowed our students to use their French language skills in a meaningful way and have allowed them to act as French Immersion ambassadors for the program! Bravo!



As we head into quarter 4 we are preparing to bid farewell to our grad class of 2022! This year's French Immersion class will be presenting their Capstone Projects the evening of May 4th and all staff and students are invited to join us that evening to celebrate in all their success.



It has been such a pleasure working with these students over the past four years and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors! Bonne chance à tous!



RANKED the Musical



Victoria High School's theatre department will be the first to bring "Ranked", the musical, to Greater Victoria. The pop-rock musical was written in 2019 by U.S. playwrights David Taylor Gomes and Kyles Holmes as a commentary on that year's college admission scandal, where wealthy families were found to have bribed their children into several top universities.

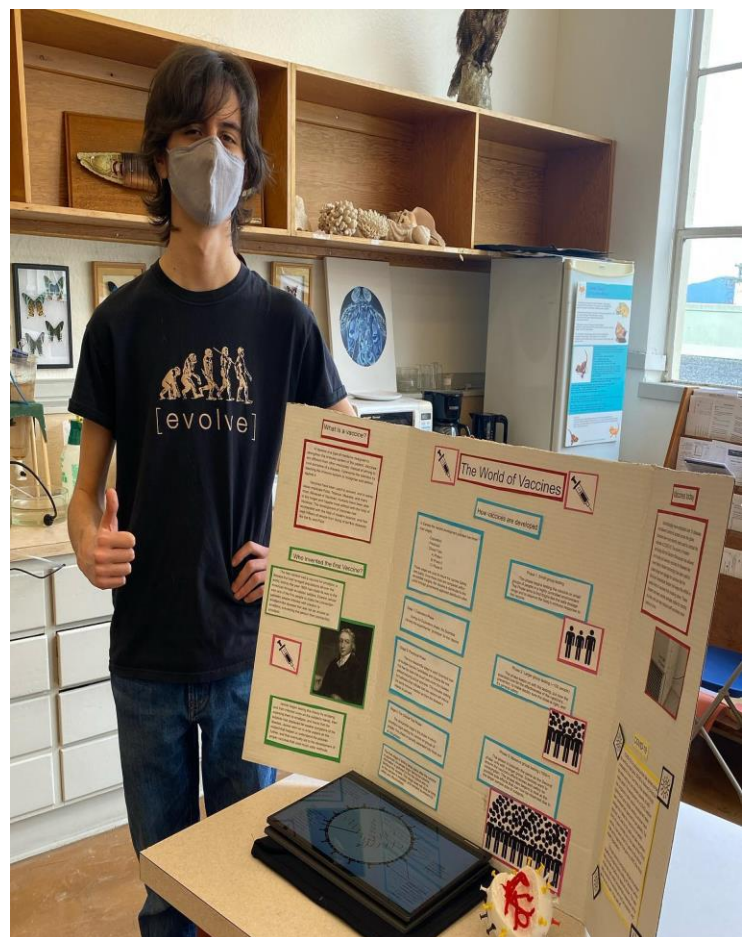
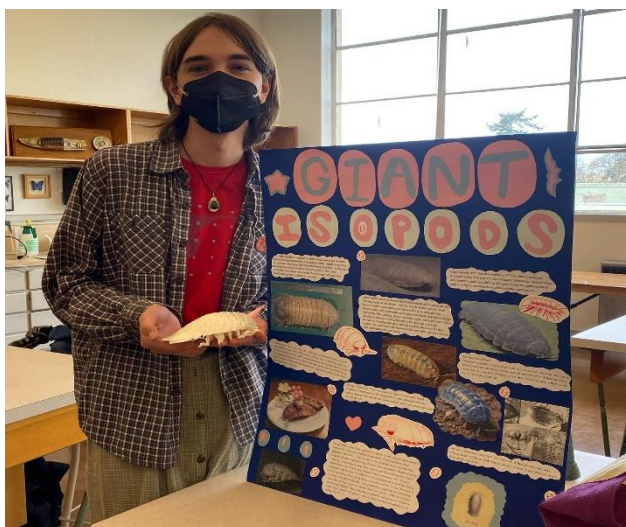
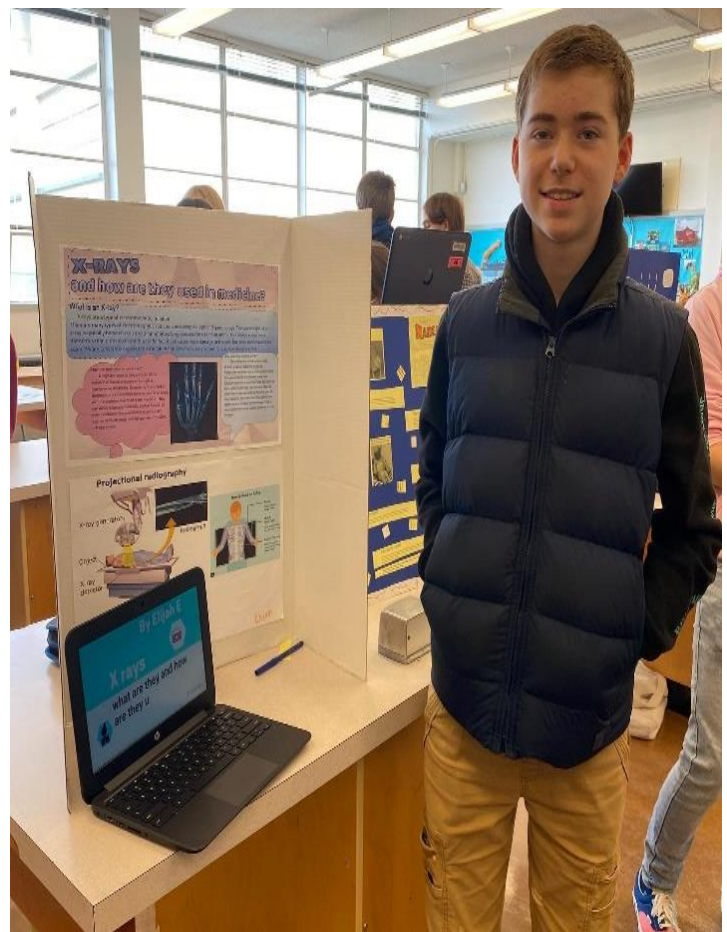
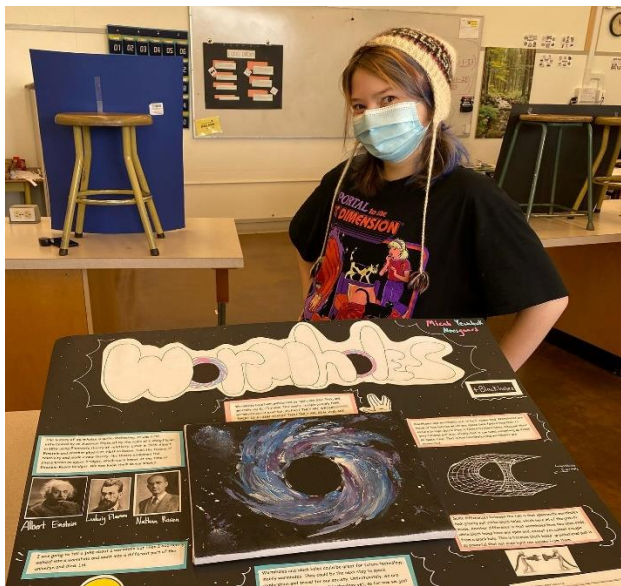


The show's leads, Sidney, Lily, John, Jordan, Ryan and Alexis (portrayed by 10th through 12th graders Isla Fairbairn, Saidi Mader, Charlotte Harrison-Edge, Vincent Scholefield, Tobin Hocking and Olivia Walasek, respectively) live in a "dystopian" world where academic success determines every facet of life.



When Lily, a sophomore, risks losing her ranked status, she prepares for "Rank Redemption;" a humiliating public performance of academic excellence, where students compete to be deemed worthy as "Ranked." Over two acts, the 32 Victoria High School actors and 43 support members will explore themes of bullying, family complications, power, privilege and equity in the public-school system. The music is closer to that heard on the radio than on Broadway said Kim Sholinder, Musical Theatre, Drama and English teacher at Victoria High School.

Fantastic learning on display in Mr. Young's Science 10 class



GIRLS BASKETBALL



GIRLS RUGBY



Senior Boys Basketball



Senior Boys Basketball had an amazing season making it all the way to the Island Championships!!!!

SOCA



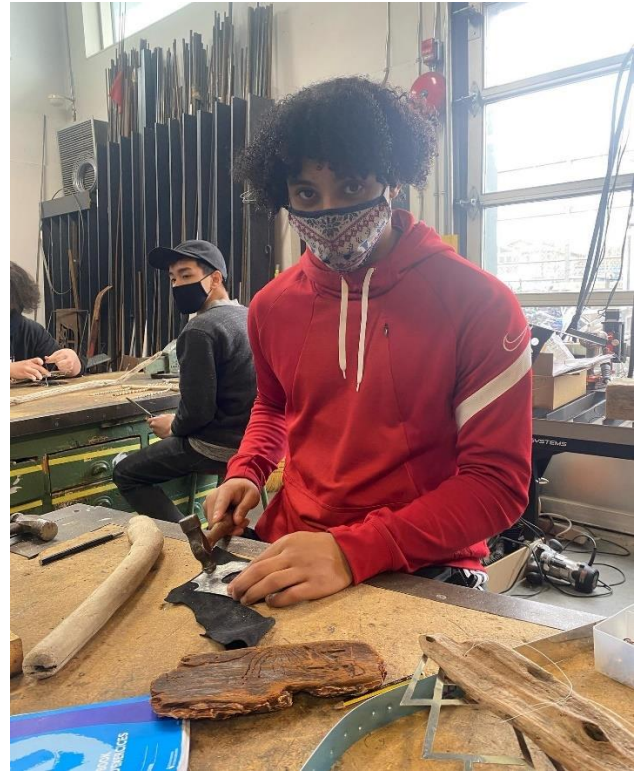
The Vic High Students of Colour Association (SOCA) has made a very important partnership with the Great Victoria Art Gallery, and artist Angelique Bulosan. Together they are working on and creating art pieces that highlight the cultural diversity within the group. They are using art and their diverse and shared connections as a form of expression. Their goal is to create pins, tote bags, and t-shirts, using lino cut print making, and the hopes is that these items will be showcased at the Greater Victoria Art Gallery in May. SOCA is a student lead initiative, all community connections have been built between our Vic High Students, and the community partners.

ART

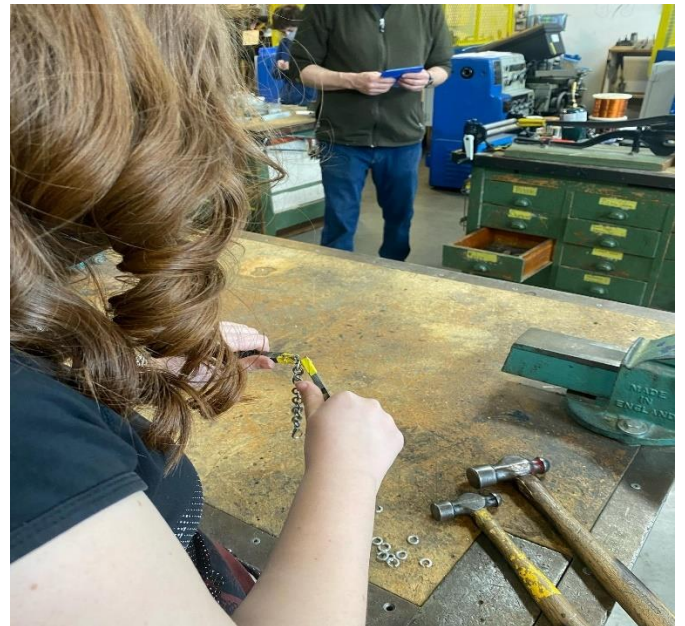
Art 9/10 students have been constructing lantern fish out of bamboo fencing. This project has given students the chance to combine architectural engineering skills with a delicate papier mache technique used to decorate the structures.



Art and Metal Jewelry



Students working on their
“Assemblage” Projects



Mr. Sakiyama - #wearevichigh

The one and only Mr. Sakiyama was featured on Chek News! After being inspired by an online video Mr. Sakiyama decided to give himself a challenge. He came to school in a different costume for 100 straight days.

He's one of the easiest educators on the Island to spot.

Dale Sakiyama has been teaching at Victoria High since 1999 and has always dressed up for school spirit days.

"I just like to inject a little bit of energy into the school and this is my way of doing it," says Sakiyama.

After being inspired by an online video, Sakiyama decided to give himself a challenge. He would come to school in a different costume for 100 straight days.

"I had to make sure 100 things, different things, that I could wear," says Sakiyama.

"So I made a chart and I worked it all out and so then I just started from the first day of school to wear a costume or costume things every day."

Whether it was an inflatable shark or the Phantom of the Opera, the English and Japanese teacher has brought plenty of smiles to the faces of students and staff.

"As a student, I've got to say that I was really surprised by Sakiyama," says international student Simone Cancellu.

"For me, it was really one of my core memories about my experience here in Canada."

"Just seeing people's reactions as he walks through the hallways is so funny," says student Yoshiko Oike.

"When you show up and there's a teacher dressed as a Minion, it can definitely change the course of your day," smiles student Isla Fairbairn.

Brightening people's days is what the crazy outfits are all about.

"I'll be walking down the hallway and there will be students I've never taught, I've never seen them before, but they'll smile," says Sakiyama.

"I always think in the back of my mind if that five seconds was allowing them to have a little bit of enjoyment in their day then it's worth it."



Leadership



Leadership continued the tradition of Compassion Week this year with a theme of Self Compassion. This included multiple activities such as pink cookies, shared information, music in the mornings, and centred around Pink Shirt Day on the 23rd. In addition to Compassion Week, our Leadership crew has been volunteering to support multiple programs around the school including the musical, athletics, and dance. Leadership initiatives this spring have included Valentine's day celebrations, Feel Good Fridays, a Reading Challenge, and the Mental Health Literacy campaign.



Leadership has also been supporting our community through Vital Youth. This year's Vital Youth group has been interviewing and meeting with various local organizations to determine the recipient of this year's grant money through the Victoria Foundation. This program allows students to prioritize specific focus areas that are important to them when choosing an organization to support.



Finally, students led a fundraising initiative to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine. Using a student design, buttons were created and sold throughout the community and in our school. So far, this fundraiser has brought in over \$1000.



Ukraine Fundraiser



This quarter, Abby Dunbar, Hanna Kucher, Danya Elkhidir, Nyla Sproule, and Bella Ali-Pineda collectively organized a button selling fundraiser in support of Ukraine. All of the money that has been raised so far has gone towards “Sunflower of Peace”,

an organization that provides medical aid and supports orphans in Ukraine. Buttons are being sold both at school and throughout the community. A total of over one thousand dollars has been raised so far to support the people affected by the current conflicts occurring in Ukraine.



Hair Program

Did you know that Victoria High School has a hair program that offers students the opportunity to become a certified hair stylist by the time they graduate high school? At our school salon, students spend their time learning both theory, and practical skills. On Tuesday afternoons, the students have client day, where they practice their skills on other students, staff and community members. We have some extremely talented students in our program this year!



Hair students have also recently had the opportunity to participate in a Skills Canada Updo Competition! Congratulations to Durga Phelan, Gwen Mcleod and Mia Jones Munroe on their outstanding updo submissions. A HUGE congratulations to Maria Barnacha who won the silver medal for Vic High against students from School District 61, School District 62 and School District 63! We are so proud of all of our hardworking, creative and talented students!



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



Check out **Vic High's
Career Centre**
and

See what's in the works!
SPRING BOARDS

1 Day Exploration Events

Students spend 1 full day exploring career paths with
professionals in the industry in the community

FIRST RESPONDERS

Firefighter

Paramedic



OBSERVATORY

Astrophysicists

Astrologist



**Sustainable
Urban Planning**

**See Samantha
for info
in the
Career Centre**



Women in Trades



Full day event at Camosun Interurban

Explore

Electrical
Sheet Metal
Fine Furniture
Automotive

Electronics
Computer Science
Camosun Innovates
Mechanical-
Engineering

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WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY
EXPLORATION DAY
See Samantha in the Career Centre to apply

Coast Guard Days



Spend the day
with the Canadian
Coast Guard



Work in **Electrical**
or
Carpentry Trades
this summer!

See Samantha
or
Mr. Wheeler



Thinking of a Career in the

FILM INDUSTRY

60-minute workshop

- Explore career paths
- How to get started

Coming

May 12th

To a Career Centre
near you



For more info see Samantha in the Career Center

And a whole lot more!

Keep checking in for more information.

ADULTING 101



From banking to renting to cooking, becoming an adult takes skills. Luckily we are here to help! Join us for our monthly learning session with other youth aged 16+ to learn about important life skills. From cooking, banking, mental health, relationships and more!

Time & Date: Last Thursday of every month.

Time: 5:00 to 6:30 pm

January 27, February 24, March 31
April 28, May 26 & June 30

Registration:

New participants can register for the program at the ICA Youth Lounge

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Location:

Online / In-Person (TBD)

For more information, contact:

Robin McGeough / Settlement Youth Worker
rmcgeough@icavictoria.org
250-388-4728 Ext. 123

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Are you an Immigrant Young Adult (17-29 years) looking for Skills Training and Job Search Support?

Sign up today for the *Game Changer* Employment Program and *Get Paid to Learn!*

Blended Learning

Program will be delivered both online and in class
Note: CLB 4 / LINC 3 or higher is required

Classes: Monday to Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Spring Session:
April 4 to May 27, 2022

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Now
Accepting
Applications
for Spring 2022

GAME
CHANGER

Employment Project for Immigrant Youth

iCa Inter-Cultural
Association
of Greater Victoria

Contact: Sanketh Venkatarani, Immigrant Employment Youth Specialist

Email: gamechanger@icavictoria.org Phone: 250.882.5147

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Small print: In the event of a dispute, the provisions of the Arbitration Act will apply.

THE LANDING SPOT



Free After School Wednesdays?

Join us at the Landing Spot, a free program for newcomer youth ages 8 - 13 and 14 - 18+. We offer one-on-one support with homework, games, arts, and sport activities.

Come by for learning, meet new people from around the world, and have fun. Healthy snacks provided.

In Person: Time & Date

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 pm
January 26, February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20
May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15

Online: Time & Date

Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:00 pm
January, 19, February 2 & 16
March 2, 16 & 30, April 13 & 27
May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22

In Person Location:

930 Balmoral Road (at Quadra)
Classrooms 2, 3, and 4

Online: Zoom

Registration: Youth ages 8 - 18+
Please note this is NOT a drop-in program.
Registration with the Youth Team is required.
COVID safety measures will be in place.

For more information, contact:

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HOMESCHOOL HELPER



Need homework help? Join us during the week for Homework Helper! This is a free program that matches students with a volunteer who can help them in any subject they need.

Online:

By appointment and subject to volunteer availability.

Location:

Online

Registration:

Participants must register and make an appointment before sessions are confirmed.

For more information, contact:

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Congratulations to the following students who achieved a perfect 4.00 grade point average in the April reporting period of the 2021-2022 school year (minimum 2 courses)

Grade 12

Araleh, Ayan
Batoon, Kate
Danielle
Beckett, Shay
Bell, Alysha
Buchanan, Lucas
Butterfield, Nina
Cholette, Ella
Craig, Scarlett
Daunis, Alexei
DEGLI
ANTONI,
ELISA ALLEGRA
Einarson, Ella
Fevaleaki, Pita
Gaton, AK
Gomez, Nadine
Gubby-Hurtig,
Matisse
Hall, Rowan
Hatt, Kai
Herwig, Willa
Kabd, Bashar
Klazeck-Schryer,
Tamsyn
Lahlouh, Zen
Langvand, Fynn
Levagood,
Madison
Looi, Maia
Lyons, Allison
Melanson-Arley,
Leah
Mercado, Jacob
Mishra, Maya
Movahedian,
Mahsa
Nienhuis, Ben
Parker, Finn
Ponn, Samony
Schultz, Naïke
Starkey, Maisie
VOLORIO,
CECILIA
Waldron, Cian
Zarry, Toby
ZITO,
MADDALENA

Grade 11

Aiken, Cohen
Al Seabi, Amer
Allard-Shiau, Etienne
Anderson, Bryn
Arsenault, Lynelle
Ayles, Noah
Bansal, Ambika
BERGHOLZ, KEIRA
Black, Josh
Bowles, Tamsin
Buckingham, Finn
Bustamante, Agustin
CAMPOS LEALDINI,
SOPHIA
Cavanaugh, Siobhan
Chapman, Maya
Duncan, Violet
Elkhhidir, Danya
Fairbairn, Isla
Giles, Ashley
Golinowski, Ella
HATTORI, KAEDE
Hsu, Jonas
Jackson, Hunter
Jones-Munro, Mia
KARSCH, NELE
FABIENNE
KERN, ADRIANA
KINUGAWA, HIKARI
Koetke, Lola
Lawton, George
Leopkey, Bella
Lewis, Aki
Lydon, Michael
MANSIUS, JIL
Mauro, Addy
McCowan, Maire
McLaren, Elsa
McLeod, Gwen
McMillan, Almond
Migallo, Fynn
Mitchell, Nathan
Mohsenzadeh-Green,
Wynter Slug
Morton Ceroni, Emily
MURAHASHI,
KOHARU
Naderi, Hafiz
Niebergall, Atira
O'Connor-Jaeckel, Asa
Olsen, Mica
Orchard, Ben
PORKPOONKHAM,
NAT
Robinson, Lilli
Russow, Anise
Rysiew, Leo
SAITOH, AINA
Sanford Blades, Simeon
Sleen, George
Spindler, Ella-Jo
Sproule, Nyla
STERGIOU, IOANNA
THORWIRTH,
MATHILDA ELISE
Threlfall, Jackson
TRANCHIDA, GAIA
AGATA
Troost, Julia
Vovk, Alex
Walker, Chloe
Wallace, Ruby
WELSCHER,
GISELLE
Williams, Ella
Wood, Gabriel

Grade 10

Amann-Blake, Raidon
Archibald, Emily
Balobanov, Maxim
Bissonette, Zachary
Booth, Lucinda
Borjas Cabrera, Alejandro
BRAND, EMMA
Clayton, Erina
Crisostomo, Xyrehl
Czyzewski, Kailani
Dazo, Van Loudrick
Derdak, Yasin
Dixon, Rylee
Dorsainvil Lyons, Solange
Drimmel, Lily
Eldredge, Elijah
Evdaeva, Liliya
Fleming, Rory
Foord, Arco
Gates, Ronan
Gladman, Naomi
Godwin, Colin
GUTFLEISCH, PAULINE
Harris, Ocean
Hill, Adam
Hocking, Tobin
INABA, SAYA
Isitt, Aviva
Kahil, Sophia
Kamikawaji, Levi
KAUSSEN, ELENA
KURZ, LARA
Lane, Keira
LEHNER, CLARA
Lohner, Charlotte
Looi, Leo
Minter, Aliyah
MIRTH, FLORENTINA
Mishra, Anil
Moneda, Andre
Niedjalski, Fred
Oike, Yoshiko
Pichette, Jordan
Priestley, Shane
PRINZ, SARAH
Read, Piper
Rose, Elizabeth
Sandham, Caleb
Schallie, Sebastian
SCHILL, FRANKA MARIE
Seidlitz, Sierra
Stanley-Taylor, Nevaeh
Waldron, Mattigan
Weston, Lilah
White, Parker
Yaranon, Charlize
Yewchuk-Noesgaard, Micah
Zarbatany, Amelia

Grade 9

Abellar, Chrystiene Joie
Aiken, Parker
ALAM, MD ABRAR
Anderson, Eli
Baker-Kellett, Blaine
Bautista, Jill Denisse
Bazar, Gaia
Berkhout, Mateo
Bevington, Tate
Black, Claire
Buckley, Michele
Clark, Emilia
Coffin, Molly
Contandriopoulos, Zora
Coppard, Alexei
Crawford, Amika
Crossley, Maryn
Da Luz, Giovana
Dale, Torsen
De Melo, Liv
Dean, Rihana
DECKER, AUGUST
Descantes, Molly
Doak, Miya
Espinosa, Maya
Gardida Guevara, Angel
Gleed, Violet
Hanson, Brooke
Holm, Ansel
Hyatt, Keida
Ivany, Alex
Jack, Theodore
Janz, Andrew
Jung, Hanwool
Leir-Apedaile, October
Manna, Denzel
McDonnell, Katie
Menard, Asuka
Moradmand, Nooreen
Nelson, Coral
Plommer, Jack
Razon, Micah
Russell, McCarthy
Sivonen, Jordan
Towne, Evan
West, Kaitlyn
Williams, Lucy