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MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDE TO THRIVE



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Middle School Survival Guide

A Handbook for Transitioning into Grade 7 and 8

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~ Edmund Rice Prayer ~

O God, we thank you for the life of Edmund Rice. He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice. May we follow his example of faith and generosity. Grant us the courage and compassion of Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Transition to Middle School

Updated May 2022

Welcome to Vancouver College!



Blessed Edmund Rice received a unique gift from God: a Gospel message that revealed Jesus Christ as present in all of us, even the poor and disadvantaged. Young men were among the marginalized of Ireland in the nineteenth century, many of whom had no access to basic education and religious instruction. Edmund Rice responded to this need by establishing schools as well as founding the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1802. Schools conducted by the Christian Brothers have now been established throughout the world, including Vancouver College in 1922. It is my belief in Blessed Edmund Rice's vision for Catholic education that brought me to Vancouver College, as I'm sure it played a role in your family's decision to accept an offer of admission to join this faith and learning community, one steeped in excellence and tradition.

Every September, as summer begins to turn into fall, it brings with it a feeling of excitement and anticipation for all members of our community. For our students, this enthusiasm is most focused on the endless possibilities that lay before them. These possibilities include making new friends, becoming a master of a new co-curricular activity or developing into a more refined student. Along your child's journey this year, he will be walking shoulder to shoulder with our faculty towards achieving their goals. It is a privilege to be charged with caring for and teaching your son. This is something that our school would never take for granted.

Vancouver College is committed to caring for each individual student and this begins with believing in the "soul" potential of all of our boys. We understand that at the heart of educating young men is the relationship each student has with his teacher. Michael Reichert and Richard Hawley, two renowned researchers in the field of education, argue that having an engaging and supportive relationship with a teacher is a requirement for all boys. They see it as, "if I don't believe in you, why should I believe in (or care about) what you say about biology or French class?" One message that I will continually emphasize with our faculty is relationships are the cornerstone of our community and these connections allow for meaningful student learning to take place.

I truly believe that every child who walks through the doors of this school deserves to have a trusted adult who cares deeply for him, and who really knows them. It is my goal that Vancouver College will offer a safe space for our students to feel valued, heard, and ultimately inspired. It is in this type of relationship that each and every one of them will learn to thrive socially-emotionally, spiritually, and academically. This was Blessed Edmund Rice's vision.

Please know my door is always open if you should ever have concerns about your son or questions about Vancouver College.

Semper Fidelis,

Mr. John-Paul Cavalluzzo

Vancouver College Code Of Conduct



A code of conduct espouses the values and vision of a school in which relationships are conducted in a respectful and dignified manner. Vancouver College shares the responsibilities with parents to develop students' personal and social skills to inculcate these values and achieve this vision.

As part of the Catholic Community at Vancouver College, we, the students, staff, and parents, are expected to conduct all our relationships so that our actions will reflect the following Catholic Christian centred values and beliefs:

Hope and Confidence Individuality and Community Understanding and Forgiveness Achievement and Celebration Honesty and Integrity Humility and Gratitude Responsibility and Cooperation Caring and Compassion Enthusiasm and Dedication Respect and Harmony Faithfulness and Reverence

As a consequence of this, each person in the Vancouver College Community:

Has the responsibility to participate in creating and maintaining a safe, positive faith and learning environment.

Has a right to be emotionally and physically safe while at school, while going to and from school, and while attending any school function.

Has a right to know that his personal belongings are safe and will not be interfered with.

Is expected to proclaim gospel values which affirm the dignity of all persons and promotes the achievement of peace in our community.

Has a right to expect that all in the community will participate in creating a safe, positive faith and learning community.



Link to Code of Conduct Video - Mr. Cavalluzzo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8h0PlWNmaRY

Administration





Mr. Daryl Weaver	Principal
About	Mr. Weaver has been at VC for 6 years and took on the role of Principal in September 2020. During his time here he has earned recognition as an innovative educational leader with a proven track record in program development. In addition he has been instrumental in creating new educational initiatives, connecting VC with worldwide partner schools and encouraging student leadership through service opportunities. His relationships with faculty and students are rooted within the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and his belief that "our boys need to find Christ in the person next to them." After graduating from St. Thomas More, Mr. Weaver earned his BSc and BEd at UBC, his MEd at Deakin University in Australia and sought out additional educational opportunities at York and Queen's Universities. His educational experience has taken him from Central Africa, to Hong Kong and of course Canada. He is a proud father of a son studying Computer Engineering at UBC and a daughter at LFA. He and his family are active members of St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver.
Helpful Hint	Focus on helping others if you really want to help yourself.
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John Paul Cavalluzzo	Assistant Principal, Middle School
About	Mr. Cavalluzzo will begin his fourth year at Vancouver College in September. Previous to his start at VC he spent three years working at Collingwood School in West Vancouver as the Director of Intermediate- Middle School Programs. Mr. Cavalluzzo is no stranger to all-boys school communities, previously holding a variety of leadership positions at Upper Canada College (UCC), an all-boys, independent school in Toronto, Ontario. He is a proud Catholic, who considers his faith foundational in his life. Mr. Cavalluzzo and his wife Sofie are the proud parents of a young son, Hugo and a baby daughter named Cece.
Helpful Hint	"Character is destiny."
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"Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it."

Charles R. Swindoll



THE STAFF OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO CREATING A CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT PROVIDING ROLE MODELS AND OFFERING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES WHICH LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE CHILD.

WE BELIEVE

IN THE SOUL POTENTIAL OF EVERY STUDENT

WE CARE

ABOUT EACH STUDENT

WE WANT

ALL STUDENTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND INSPIRED TO LEARN

WE KNOW

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING IN COMBINATION WITH HIGH EXPECTATION

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5bnICqxHPE





Name	Mrs. C. Accili - Math Department Chair
Subject	Math 9
About	Mrs. Accili has been at Vancouver College for 25 years. She has 4 children: a son (VC'17) studying Kinesiology at Langara, a daughter (LFA'19) at UBC, and twin daughters heading to university this September. Mrs. Accili loves her Starbuck's coffee!
Helpful Hint	Think before you speak!
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Name	Mr. M. Addison - Grade 8 Homeroom and Head of Rowing Program
Subjects	Religion 8 and English 8
About	Mr. Addison (VC'10) is one of our Middle School Humanities teachers. He did his undergraduate and graduate education at Western University, while also competing on the Varsity Rowing and Baseball teams. After working in marketing for two years, he continued with his schooling and received his Bachelor of Education from UBC. Mr. Addison is the Head Coach of the rowing team and also enjoys coaching and playing hockey in the community. He loves being able to contribute to VC's faith and learning community.
Helpful Hint	Get involved in something at the school! Part of what makes this school so special is the community that it creates. I guarantee that you will get so much more out of your time at VC if you make yourself a part of the community here.
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Name	Ms. E. Ashcroft - Music Department Chair
Subjects	Band 8, Band 9 and MS Jazz Ensemble
About	Ms. Ashcroft began teaching in 2010 and is amazed at how quickly the years go by. She grew up in Manitoba and taught in Alberta prior to moving to the Okanagan and now to Vancouver. She feels very fortunate to have had several extremely talented band directors who continue to inspire her as well as the students she teaches. She was the recipient of the Alberta Band Association's, <i>Keith Mann Young Band Director</i> Provincial Award in 2015. She loves to travel and enjoys water sports. As a child, her parents first introduced her to the 1963 album "Surfer Girl" by the Beach Boys. Attending Band festivals with her students throughout the year is a favourite activity and she is hoping to get back to that in the fall.
Helpful Hint	"To play a wrong note is insignificant; to play without passion is inexcusable." Ludwig von Beethoven
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Name	Ms. K. Ayotte - Grade 8 Homeroom
Subjects	Math 8 and Science 8
About	This will be Ms. Ayotte's 2nd year at Vancouver College teaches Math and Science. Prior to VC, Ms. Ayotte was teaching at Crofton House School, working with students in Learning Strategies and teaching Senior Mathematics. When not teaching, she can be found on the ski hill, the many running trails around Vancouver and the yoga studio.
Helpful Hint	Advice for new students would be to get involved in the Vancouver College Community as much as you can. Don't be afraid to take risks and make mistakes, as they are a part of life and how we learn.
Contact	kayotte@mail.vc.bc.ca



Name	Mr. H. Budai - Head of Tennis Program
Subjects	French 7, French 8, and Spanish 9
About	Mr. Budai has been with Vancouver College for 39 years and coaches the senior tennis team. He is crazy about fly-fishing and is a 12 year man from Vancouver College.
Helpful Hint	Most important thing is to be organized! Follow the binder system and you will be successful!
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Name	Mr. B. De Sousa
Subjects	Band 7, Middle School Jazz Ensemble
About	Mr. de Sousa is excited to be joining the staff at Vancouver College this fall. He has taught Band, Religion and Technical Theatre with the Fort McMurray Catholic School Division in Alberta for the past 14 years. He has also been a board member of the Alberta Band Association for the past 6 years and was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmaster Fraternity in 2019. Mr. de Sousa has also served as Music Director at St. John The Baptist Church during his time in Fort McMurray. When Mr. de Sousa is not teaching, he enjoys spending time with his wife Marissa, golfing and traveling.
Helpful Hint	There is nothing wrong with making mistakes. However, it is how you respond and learn from the experience that provides an opportunity for growth and success.
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I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13





Name	Mr. N. Evangelista
Subjects	Robotics 8, Robotics 9
About	Mr. Evangelista is a graduate of Vancouver College (VC' 93) and has been teaching for over 12 years most recently at Notre Dame and St. Patrick's elementary. Mr. Evangelista received his B.Ed at UBC and with his wife Ellen, have two daughters, Grace (11) and Jacquie (8). His passion for basketball and technology have led to him to coach many teams over the years and also sponsoring robotics and drone clubs. Mr. E loves spending time with his family, swimming, thrifting, coffee and playing Madden (2nd place finish in BC 2005).
Helpful Hint	Meet people and make new friends, life is short so ask lots of questions, be curious and do your best to be a positive role model for yourself and others. Say hello, thank you, you're welcome and goodbye. Welcome to VC!
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Name	Mr.B. Heraghty - Grade 9 Homeroom
Subjects	Religion 9, Socials 9
About	Mr. Heraghty is from Sligo, Ireland and is an alumnus of Summerhill College, a 1000-student-strong, all-boys Catholic secondary school in his hometown. He completed his teacher-training program in National University of Ireland, Galway and taught as a secondary school teacher for almost a decade in Mercy College, Sligo. After moving to Canada, Mr. Heraghty worked as an elementary teacher in Delta, B.C. for six years and has recently become a dad to little Irish- Canadian, Shea. A certified soccer coach and avid gym goer, he is also a keen billiards player who loves to ply his trade in the weekly Vancouver pool league!
Helpful Hint	Cherish your school years and the friendships forged; they will remain some of the best throughout your life.
Contact	bheraghty@mail.vc.bc.ca



Name	Mr. R. Kozikowski - Grade 8 Level Coordinator and Grade 8 Homeroom
Subject	PE 8
About	Mr. Kozikowski has been with Vancouver College for 21 years. He is married and has two beautiful children. He loves to fish, read, and partake in extracurricular activities such as athletics and chess.
Helpful Hint	Life is a road filled with many obstacles and adverse situations. Take it one step at a time and sometimes it's easier to go around than to go through.
Contact	rkozikowski@mail.vc.bc.ca





Name	Mr. P. Legge - Career Education Coordinator and Retreat Coordinator
Subject	Art 8, Art 9
About	Mr. Legge has been with Vancouver College for 10 years . He is an avid sports fan and participant, enjoys coaching and is interested in technology education. He has a loving and supportive family including his wife, 2 sons (VC '15 and '17) and a daughter. He insists that students think outside the box while taking risks through honest and productive collaboration with peers.
Helpful Hint	Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. And remember every person you meet knows something that you don't - so learn from them.
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Name	Ms. F. Li - Grade 9 Homeroom
Subjects	Math 8, Math Accelerated 8 and Math 9
About	Ms. Li has been with Vancouver College for 18 years . Her husband Anthony is a VC alumnus. She has a daughter named Lauren and a son named Andre. Ms. Li is committed to bringing out the best in each and every student she teaches.
Helpful Hint	Be punctual and prepared.
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Name	Ms. P. Ludlow - Grade 8 Homeroom
Subjects	Science 8, Science 9
About	Ms. Ludlow has been at Vancouver College for 3 years. She is originally from County Meath in Ireland and graduated from St. Angelas College, Sligo with a double major in Education and Biology. She loves teaching at Vancouver College because no matter how far away from home she is and how much she misses her family, VC feels like its own little family with a strong sense of community. She feels blessed to be part of the VC Community. Ms. Ludlow is an avid skier and recently got back into running. She is also a huge foodie who is always looking for new renditions on dishes or places to eat. She describes herself as a fair teacher who believes that hard work and effort pay off.
Helpful Hint	If you work hard for me and try your best, I will always return the favour.
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"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi





Name	Mr. S. Lum-Tong
Subject	PHE 8
About	Mr. Lum-Tong (VC'11) is in his second year of teaching at Vancouver College. He completed his undergraduate and master's degrees in Kinesiology and High-Performance Coaching at UBC. During his time there, he worked as a Sport Performance and Strength Conditioning Coach for Varsity Athletics where he worked with a variety of teams, mainly Football, but also Men's and Women's Basketball and Volleyball. Mr. Lum-Tong has also coached grade 9 basketball for the past few years at VC and enjoys working out and playing sports in his spare time.
Helpful Hint	Don't have regrets after your time at Vancouver College! Take advantage of the numbers of opportunities here, especially with something you are passionate about. The VC community is one of a kind and some of my best and longest-lasting friendships were made when I was a student here.
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Name	Ms. N. McDonald - Head of Dramatic Arts, Director of VC Musical/Play, Head of Ski/Snowboard Team
Subjects	Theatre 7, Theatre 8 and Theatre 9
About	Ms. McDonald has been teaching at VC for 13 years. She holds her BA Honours and Masters degree in Drama in Education, has been performing since she was 6 years old and teaching since she was 17 years old. She is the proud mom of a son named James (VC'31). She enjoys skiing, snowboarding, world travel, directing and performing. Drama class will get you up out of your seat having fun and speaking confidently to anyone in no time!
Helpful Hint	Get involved- try new things and be respectful!
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Name	Mr. E. O'Donnell - Grade 9 Homeroom
Subjects	IT 8, IT 9, English 9, IT 7
About	Mr. O'Donnell is originally from Oshawa, Ontario and has been at Vancouver College for two years . He completed a BA in History and English at the University of Toronto, and subsequently completed a BEd at the University of Ottawa. Mr. O'Donnell moved to Vancouver six years ago and has come to love Vancouver and considers it home. He began his teaching career at Madrona School Society followed by supporting a wide variety of learners in the Key Program at The Westside School. Outside of his professional life he is an avid cook and foodie, enjoys long distance running and taking part in races. He is a devout fan of the Toronto sports teams (sorry, Canucks fans!) but also loves to support our local Vancouver Canadians baseball team.
Helpful Hint	Be bold, take risks and be a lifelong learner; as Albert Einstein once said, "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
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Name	Ms. M. Ozdogan - English Department Chair
Subjects	
About	Ms. Ozdogan started her university schooling in Fine Arts, completing one year before switching into Literature and Modern Languages at the University of Alberta and L'universite de Strasbourg, and later receiving a Masters in Educational Research from the University of Calgary. She taught in Germany and Turkey for some years before returning to Alberta where she taught Art 10-12, as well as high school English and Drama. She is now the English Department Chair, working alongside Mrs. Wicken in teaching English 12, as well as teaching English Literature 11. She enjoys many hobbies besides art, including sailing, paddle-boarding, equestrian, cycling and home renovations.
Helpful Hint	If you don't know, don't be too shy to ask. That's how you find out. And six other people wanted to ask the same question, so you're helping them too!
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Name	Mrs. S. Parker - Grade 8 Homeroom
Subjects	Religion 8 and Socials 8
About	Mrs. Parker has been with Vancouver College for 13 years. She graduated from SFU with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Psychology and a Bachelor of Education, focusing on Curriculum and Development. Mrs. Parker received her Masters of Education Technology from UBC and has a strong passion for creative and engaging learning. Her love of running and fitness led her to coach Track and Field and Cross Country. Mrs. Parker and her husband, Matthew, are the proud parents of Chase (VC'33) and Callum (VC'36).
Helpful Hint	In a world where you can be anything, be kind.
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Name	Mr. JP Planta - Grade 7 Homeroom
Subjects	Science 7, Math 7, PE 7
About	Mr. Planta is a graduate of Vancouver College (VC'97) and is in his 14th year of teaching at VC. Mr. Planta received his B.Ed at UBC and has also been a grade 4 and grade 6 teacher at VC. He and his wife, Cheryl have two sons, Jaxson (9) and Jace (6).
Helpful Hint	Invest your energy in the things you can control.
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"One thing you can be sure of: that whilst you work for God, whether you succeed or not, he will amply reward you."

Edmund Rice to Bolger Bryan, 1810.









Name	Mr. V. Ricci - Grade 8 Homeroom and Head of Lacrosse Program
Subjects	English 8, Socials 8
About	Mr. Ricci graduated from Heritage Woods ('10) and then studied English for two years at UVic. He was then awarded a 4 year athletic scholarship to Limestone College in South Carolina where he pursued his passion for lacrosse. He received his BA in English, a BEd, and won two NCAA Division II National Championships. In 2016, Mr. Ricci returned home to Port Moody and joined the VC team in 2017 as an EA and now a teacher where he has brought his love and passion for lacrosse to VC as a coach.
Helpful Hint	Mr. Ricci is still active in the lacrosse community, as he not only coaches youth community teams, but he currently plays in the WLA for the Coquitlam Adanacs. You can always talk lacrosse or mention how amazing the Coquitlam Adanacs are to start a conversation.
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Name	Mr. M. Roselli - Head of Wrestling Program
Subjects	PE 9
About	Mr. Roselli studied education at SFU while competing with their Wrestling team. Wrestling has been a life long passion for Mr. Roselli. His accolades include winning the 1991 National Greco-Roman championship in the heavyweight division, spending ten years as a professional wrestler in WWE, NWA and All Japan Wrestling, and working as a stunt man on over 60 films and television shows in Vancouver, Toronto and L.A. Mr. Roselli is married with 4 young children. Being a teacher at VC is a dream come true!
Helpful Hint	I live by the motto "Victory requires payment in advance".
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Name	Mr. R. Shams - Grade 9 Homeroom and Head of Soccer Program
Subjects	English 9, Socials 9 and Religion 9
About	Mr. Shams is a graduate from VC ('08) who has just completed his seventh year working at the school. His interests including coaching, being outdoors, reading and playing a variety sports.
Helpful Hint	My advice to students coming into Middle School at VC is to make sure they do some sort of extra curricular activity. It will help to create relationships that could last a life time!
Contact	rshams@mail.vc.bc.ca



Name	Ms. J. Stewart - Grade 7 Homeroom and Head of Junior Edmundians	
Subjects	English 7, Religion 7 and Socials 7	
About	This will be Ms. Stewart's <i>fifth year</i> at Vancouver College, coming with 17 years of prior teaching experience. After graduating from McGill with a BEd in Secondary English and Religious Instruction, she taught at an International Baccalaureate World School in Montreal. Upon moving to Vancouver, Ms. Stewart became the Academic Director of a learning academy where she focused on curriculum development, teacher training, and community building. She has a passion for curriculum design and has supported development at the school, board, and provincial levels. Ms. Stewart comes to Vancouver College with much enthusiasm for the faith-filled classroom.	
Helpful Hint	Be excellent to one another.	
Contact	jstewart@mail.vc.bc.ca	

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

John Wooden, NCAA Hall of Fame Basketball Coach





Name	Mr. C. Trentadue - Grade 9 Level Coordinator and Grade 9 Homeroom Teacher	
Subjects	English 9 and Religion 9	
About	Mr. Trentadue has spent the past four years teaching Middle School Humanities at Vancouver College. In his time at VC, he has passionately devoted his time to the Athletics Programs, becoming the Head Coach of the JV Football Team, and the Strength & Conditioning Coordinator for the Fighting Irish Wrestling team. Mr. Trentadue is also involved in Campus Ministry as he assisted in the direction of Encounter 86. Originally from Toronto, Mr. Trentadue spent three years teaching at St. Michael's College School, an allboys Catholic high school and his <i>alma mater</i> prior to working at Vancouver College. An avid traveller, Mr. Trentadue often spends his summer teaching abroad in South America.	
Helpful hint	"If we were meant to speak more than we listen, God would have given us two mouths."	
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Name	Mr. B. Wicken		
Subjects	French 8 and French 9		
About	Mr. Wicken is originally from Victoria and then grew up in BC's interior. He attended UBC where he earned a BSF and also a BA in French Language and Literature. He taught at Collingwood School for many years and then at St. Patrick's Elementary School prior to coming to VC in 2020. He enjoys many outdoor activities including hiking, biking, and kayaking. He loves reading and travelling along with learning about other cultures.		
Helpful Hint	I value the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do to you.		
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Library





Name	Mr. R. Duggan - Librarian and Model UN		
Subjects	Digital Arts 8 and Middle School Library		
About	Mr. Duggan has been with Vancouver College for 23 years . He has two wonderful children, Samantha and Ky, and loves to sail, cycle, and climb mountains. Recently he has enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.		
Helpful Hint	Life is too short to read a boring book - if you don't like it after 50 pages, bring it back and get a new one. There is a book out there that you are going to love - you just need to find it!		
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The Wellness Centre



The Wellness Centre provides a research and study area with computers for students to pursue their post-secondary research or study. The centre also houses a large library of post-secondary and self-help materials, as well as the offices of Mr. Huang and Mr. Legge.



Name	Mr. A. Huang
Subjects	Director of Wellness
About	Mr. Huang is a Registered Clinical Counsellor currently finishing his PhD in Counselling Psychology. Some interesting facts about Mr. Huang: One: A lot of people mispronounce his last name, so if you're able to say it correctly (or find out how), you'll definitely get a fist bump (when it is safe to do so, of course). Two: He'd like to say that he is an avid tennis and hockey fan, but unfortunately doesn't have enough time these days to catch-up on the sports because of his studies. Three: He would've previously described himself as a gamer, but once again, there just does not seem to be enough time (he does own products by Microsoft and Sony if that counts for anything). And Four: He is an alumnus of VC, so feel free to look up his photo when spikey hair was the "in" thing.
Come see me when	you simply want to have a chat to connect or check-in, or if there's something serious that you need someone to listen to, such as when you feel stressed and/ or anxious, overwhelmed, or you're worried about someone.
Contact	ahuang@mail.vc.bc.ca

The Learning Centre



The goal of The Learning Centre is to provide a supportive, individualized learning environment for students with unique learning styles in accordance to the school's Special Education Policy. We celebrate the value and dignity of each person and nurture the development of the whole person.





Name	Ms. C. Ryan-Glennon	
Subjects	Director, The Learning Centre	
About	Ms. Ryan-Glennon has been teaching at VC since 2007. Her interests outside of helping students achieve their personal best are building, oil and water colour painting, writing, hiking, and gardening. She has a son, Alex, who graduated from VC in 2010 and a daughter, Christina, who graduated from LFA in 2007.	
Helpful hint	Favourite quote: "When you are finished changing you are finished." Come see me when you want help adapting to the high standards you've set for yourself.	
Contact	cryan-gl@mail.vc.bc.ca	
Name	Ms. T. Cruz	
Subjects	Learning Resource Teacher	
About	Ms.Cruz has worked at Vancouver College in the Learning Centre for the past 10 years . In 2015 she obtained a B.Ed. from SFU and holds a B.A.Psych from UBC. She has just completed her MA Counselling (UBC). Ms. Cruz has 3 sons (VC'18, VC '20 and VC '22) and is the Head Coach for the Grade 10 Basketball team along with coordinating the Flag Football program for the Elementary School.	
Helpful hint	Effort is everything!	



Contact

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Sue Mete Educational Assistant



Sally McCandless Educational Assistant



Patricia Silva Educational Assistant



Donna Trasolini Administrative Assistant

Support Staff









Name	Ms. L. Yu	
Title	Office Coordinator	
About	This is Mrs. Yu's fifth year at Vancouver College and she is most excited to begin meeting all of the new students. She and her husband, Douglas (VC'98) are the proud parents of Dylan, age 8 and Leah, age 5. Ms. Yu is a former florist who enjoys nature walks, spending time with her family and gardening.	
Come see me when	You need help with anything!. I am always here for you!	
Contact	lyu@mail.vc.bc.ca	

Name	Mrs. F. George	
Title	Database Administrator	
About	Mrs. George has been with Vancouver College for 31 years. She is in charge of the book room and PowerSchool at VC.	
Come see me when	Your log in does not work to PowerSchool or you have any problem with your text books.	
Contact	fgeorge@mail.vc.bc.ca	

Name	Ms. A. Deutsch	
Title	Administrative Assistant	
About	Ms. Deutsch has been at Vancouver College for 8 years . She has a daughter, Alisha who graduated from St. Pat's ('10) and a son (VC'13). In her spare time Ms. Deutsch curls, paints, sews, exercises, and enjoys music.	
Helpful Hint	Come dressed in your full uniform and know that "please" goes a long way.	
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Rick Gazzola Maintenance



Robert Flores Custodian



Louise St. Jean Cafeteria Support



Layla Flores Custodian



Johannes Oberbichler Cafeteria Director



Nenad Torbica Maintenance

What Classes Do I Take?



Grade 7

Compulsory Courses	Elective Courses
English 7 French 7* Math 7 PE 7 Religion 7 Science 7 Socials 7	Choice of: Art 7/IT 7/Theatre 7 (1 term each) or Band (a minimum of 2 terms)

Grade 8

Courses	
English 8 French 8* Math 8 PE 8 Religion 8 Socials 8 Socials 8 Choic Entreprend Digital 7 Robotics 8 8 O Band 8 (a of 2 te	CS 8/ eurship 8 r Arts 8/ 3/Theatre r minimum

*Some students have a language exemption

**Students with IEPs have the option of requesting TLC as their elective course

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8:30 - 9:45	Block 1	75 min	
9:45 - 10:00	Break	15 min	
10:00 - 11:15	Block 2	75 min	
11:15 - 11:20	Advisory	5 min	
11:20 - 12:35	Block 3	75 min	
12:35 - 1:15	Lunch	40 min	
1:15 - 2:30	Block 4	75 min	

Wednesday		
9:30 - 10:30	Block 1	60 min
10:30-10:35	Transition	5 min
10:35 - 11:10	Advisory	35 min
11:10 - 11:15	Transition	5 min
11:15 - 12:15	Block 2	60 min
12:15 - 12:20	Transition	5 min
12:20 - 1:20	Block 3	60 min
1:20 - 1:50	Lunch	30 min
1:50 - 2:50	Block 4	60 min

Block Rotation							
Day-1A	Day-2E	Day-1B	Day-2F	Day-1C	Day-2G	Day-1D	Day-2H
Α	Е	В	F	С	G	D	Н
В	F	С	G	D	Н	Α	Е
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Middle School - Student Life	
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Grade 7 Sports and Clubs

Activity	Teacher	Months	
Basketball Team	Mr. Lam	November - March	
Book Club	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Chess Club	Mr. Kozikowski	All Year	
Cross Country Team	Ms. Ayotte	September - November	
Debate Club	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Mr. Povey	All year	
Environment Club	Ms. Ludlow	All year	
Flag Football Club	Mr. Kozikowski	April - May	
Junior Edmundians	Ms. Stewart	All year	
Model UN Club	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Middle School Student Council	Mr. Kozikowski	All Year	
Peer Tutoring Club	Ms. Silva	All year	
Readers are Leaders	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Robotics Club	Mr. Evangelista	ТВА	
Track Team	Mrs. Parker/Mr. Sommerfeld	March - June	
VC Musical/Play	Ms. McDonald	September - March	
VC Tech Theatre Club	Ms. McDonald	October - March	
Volleyball Team	Ms. Alexandropoulos	September - November	
Wrestling Team	Mr. Roselli	November - March	
Yoga Club	Mrs. Greaves	All year	

Talent may get you out on the field, but it's attitude and effort that will keep you there.

Ken Griffey Jr.



Grade 8 and 9 Sports and Clubs

Activity	Moderator	Months	
Anime Club	Mr. Sommerfeld	All Year	
Badminton	Mr. Wicken	April - June	
Basketball Team	Mr. Salehi and Mr. Shams	November - March	
Book Club	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Chess and Games Club	Mr. Kozikowski	All year	
Cross Country Team	Mr. Sommerfeld	September - November	
Debate Club	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Environment Club	Ms. Ludlow	All year	
Field Lacrosse	Mr. Ricci	November - March	
Flag Football Club	Ms. Cruz	April - May	
Football Team	Mr. Esaw	September - November	
Golf	Mr. Olson	March - May	
Middle School Student Council	Mr. Kozikowski	All year	
Model UN Club	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Peer Tutoring Club	Ms. Silva	All year	
Readers are Leaders	Mr. Duggan	All year	
Robotics Club	Mr. Frehlich	All year	
Rowing	Mr. Addison	September - June	
Ski/Snowboard Team	Ms. McDonald	November - February	
Tennis Team	Mr. Budai March - May		
3D Club	Mr. Duggan	uggan All Year	
Track Team	Mr. Sommerfeld	March - June	
VC Musical/Play	Ms. McDonald	September - March	
VC Tech Theatre Club	Ms. McDonald	October - March	
Wrestling Team	Mr. Roselli	November - March	
Yearbook Club	Ms. Reese All year		
Yoga Club	Mrs. Greaves	All year	

Dress Code



The purpose of a Dress Code is to encourage students to be neat and clean at all times, to foster in them a sense of community and to create an atmosphere of gentlemanly behaviour and serious study.

For students in Grades 7-12 the Dress Code is as follows:

- White long sleeved dress shirts
- School tie (purple/black)
- Regular black, dress shoes, with leather uppers, cut beneath the ankle
- Socks extending beyond the ankle (dark dress socks recommended)
- Slacks: Grades 7 to 11 Grey Dress Pants
- Only white undershirts can be worn
- Dress quality, black or brown belt

It is not only important what students wear, but how they wear it. In all instances slacks must be worn at the waist with shirts tucked in and buttoned to the top with the school tie drawn to the neck.

In instances of cool or inclement weather, students may elect to wear a garment over their shirt and tie. If students elect to do this, only the following garments will be considered to be in Dress Code:

- Black, monogrammed Vancouver College sleeveless vest
- Black, monogrammed Vancouver College v-neck sweater

NO hoodies or sweatshirts allowed even if they are from Vancouver College.

The Dress Code will be in effect everywhere on campus, throughout the school day and at out of school activities when requested. This applies to unscheduled blocks and lunchtime. On specific occasions the Dress Code may be relaxed for suitable reasons such as Mayfair casual days, as announced by Administration.

Optional Summer Dress Code for Grades 7 – 12

Summer Dress Code is in effect from the beginning of the school year until the first day back following Thanksgiving and then again on the day following the Mother's Day Masses. The Summer Dress Code consists of the following:

- A Vancouver College golf shirt with collar turned down or a white dress shirt and school tie
- Dress pants or Vancouver College shorts
- Dress shoes or sandals, strapped at the heel
- Socks
- Black or brown, dress quality belt

Grooming



Hair should be clean, well groomed and of moderate length, no longer than the top of the shirt collar, nor radically styled, nor unnaturally coloured.

Jewelry must be in good taste and subdued in nature. No body piercing rings are permitted. Earrings, while permitted must be either a stud or a single small ring.

Decisions regarding the suitability of grooming are left to the discretion of the Vancouver College Staff and Administration.

Violations of Dress Code and Grooming Policy

If a student appears in class or in the hallways and common areas out of Dress Code, teachers will make every effort to ensure the student is compliant with the Code (i.e.: remove outer garments, tuck in shirt, draw tie to the neck). If a student remains non-compliant (i.e.: no tie, running shoes) he will be referred immediately to an Administrator. A student may not be in class out of Dress Code without a note from an Administrator or his or her designate.

If there are repeated breaches of the Dress Code Policy, consequences will become more serious consistent with our practice of Progressive Discipline. Consequences include contact with parents, counselling, in-school suspension, suspension, withholding of re-registration, or expulsion.

The success of the Dress Code and Grooming Policy depends upon the cooperation of the entire Vancouver College Community – staff, students, parents and administration.



Top Ten School Wear

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What is a homeroom? What homeroom am I in?

- Grade 7 is divided in to 2 homerooms: 7-1 and 7-2.
- Grade 8 is divided in to 6 homerooms: 8-1; 8-2; 8-3; 8-4; 8-5 and 8-6.
- Most of your classes (except for your elective and language) will be with your homeroom class. You'll find out your homeroom placement in August.

How do I figure out where I am going?

• The first two days of school will focus on orientation. You will learn the locations of your classes, who the teachers are, where the washrooms are, and you'll be able to ask as many questions as you would like in order to help you get acquainted with Vancouver College. You will receive a copy of your schedule in the spring and also at the end of August.

What is the binder system?

• The binder system is an organizational tool which will be fully explained during orientation. In addition, a Grade 9 student will help you set it up during orientation week in September.

How do I get my supplies and textbooks?

• You will receive a list of supplies that are needed and your parents can help you purchase what is necessary. You will also be told what day you are to pick up your textbooks from the book room located in Manrell Hall.

How do I find out where my locker is?

• On the first day of school, your homeroom teacher will let you know where your locker is located and it will be on your schedule.

What do I do if I forget my lock combination?

• If you forget your combination lock please see Ms. Deutsch or Mr. Cavalluzzo.

How much homework should I expect?

• Every class will be different but expect a maximum of an hour of homework per night.

What is Confirmation?

• Confirmation is the final rite of initiation into the Catholic Church. Every student undergoing this rite must register through his parish and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7.

Where do I get changed for gym?

• In the downstairs locker rooms of the Rice/Holler Building. Your gym teacher will show you where these are during orientation. You will need a second lock for PE that can be purchased in the office for \$7.00.

What do I do if I am late for school?

• If you are late for school and have a note from your parents go to the Main Office in Lannon Hall to drop off your note and then go straight to class.

Appendix ii: How to Tie a Tie





(www.mrmac.com)



Appendix iii: Help to Get Organized

One of the most effective ways to get students organized is to use a 3-ring binder for all subjects.

Materials needed

- 1. 2 x 2.5" Binders a good strong one, with rings that close solidly
- 2. 3 sets of plastic tabbed dividers
- 3. Loose-leaf (individual teachers might wish to specify clear or graph paper)
- 4. Plastic 3 hole "pouch"
- 5. Packet of hole-strengtheners to go in pouch
- 6. 2 duo-tang project folders

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Organization

- 1. The first section in the binder is labelled Homework.
- 2. Each day's homework is dated and neatly written out.
- 3. Subject teachers should always allow time for homework to be noted and demand that it is.
- 4. Homeroom teachers should frequently check to ensure that all students have noted and completed all their work.
- 5. This organization allows homework checks to be done easily.
- 6. The back page(s) are reserved for "long-term" assignments.
- 7. Each other section is reserved for separate subjects or areas within subjects. For example, English may be divided into novels, short stories, vocabulary, etc. Because of individual teacher preferences regarding 'breakdowns', this really can't be a mandated organization in terms of all students.
- 8. The plastic pouch holds hole-strengtheners, and any material to be sent home such as letters or report cards should be placed in the pouch.
- 9. At the back of the binder, just after the pouch, the 2 duo-tang folders are kept, ready to be used if any teacher wishes to review a student's notes or work.
- 10. On return, the notes are replaced in the binder and the duo-tang returned to the back.
- 11. Extra section dividers are kept at the back to be used if a teacher wishes to begin another area of study.

This organization works. The most unorganized students, once introduced to this plan, improve tremendously, simply because their own inabilities are compensated for, especially since teacher-supervision is much easier.

Some Advantages

- 1. Since all "books" go home and return to school each day, the students can't say, "I forgot my book(s)."
- Since all students are required to note all homework whether they complete it in class or not supervision by homeroom teachers and parents is made much easier, since a quick check can be made to verify completion and/or quality. Since everyone has a homework section, and all other subjects are in the same binder, supervision is a snap.
- 3. Any part or all of a student's notes can be checked by pick-up without having to stop ongoing class-work.
- 4. Any part can be rewritten without disfiguring a notebook or leaving in place low-quality work. (I suggest that all class/work/assignments, etc. be dated in order to maintain the sense of the binder as a portable filing system).
- 5. Any teacher notes (photocopied) should be hole-punched and put in place appropriately in the binder.

Appendix iv: Tips on being a friend



You'll be meeting a lot of new people. How can you be a good friend? Here are the top 10 tips. Revised from <u>wikihow.com</u>!

1	Spend more time around people and talk to them. If you want to make friends, put yourself out there somehow in order to meet people. Remember, friends seldom come knocking on your door while you sit at home playing computer games. You can talk to anybody, the person sitting next to you on the bus, or the person in front of you in the lunch line.
2	Join a team, club or organization with people who have a common interest. A common misconception about this is that you have to be really good at an activity in order to participate in a club or team. But not all teams are so competitive. As long as you enjoy the activity and support your teammates, joining a team club with a positive attitude could be a great way to make new friends. If you play an instrument, sing, enjoy debating try joining one of VC's many organizations.
3	Volunteer. Volunteering is also a great way for people of all ages to meet others. By working together you build bonds with people, and you might meet others who have a passion for changing things the way you do (a common cause).
4	Make eye contact and smile. People are more likely to be receptive to your friendship if you smile. Try not squinting, looking bored, frowning or appearing blankly "deadpan", folding your arms (this practically screams "don't talk to me"); such habits may a make you look troubled or disinterested.
5	Start a conversation. There are many ways to do this; a comment about your immediate environment (The weather is a classic: "At least it's not raining like last week!"), a request for help, or a compliment (" That's a nice Car") all work. Keep the conversation light and cheery. Many conversationalists say that it is good to follow a 30/70 rule (30% talking, 70% listening) pattern during small talk when possible.
6	Introduce yourself. It can be as simple as saying "Oh, by the way, my name is". Once you introduce yourself, the other person will typically do the same. Remember his name! They will see that you were paying attention and are willing to be a true friend.
7	Initiate a get-together. Open up the opportunity for another conversation or meeting. If you have a club, band, church, etc. that you think they might enjoy, take the opportunity to give them your number or email address and invite them to join you. Seize the day!
8	Be loyal. Part of being a friend is being prepared to make sacrifices of your time and energy in order to help out your friends. Friends sometimes need help with an unpleasant chore or just need support. Be there for your friends when they need you.
9	Be a good friend. Remember to do your part (e.g. initiating some of the activities, remembering birthdays, asking how the other person is doing) or else the friendship will become unbalanced and an uneasiness or distance is likely to arise. Never ever make fun or laugh at your friend in front of others.
10	Choose your friends wisely. Cherish those friends you make who are a positive influence in your life, and do your best to be a positive influence in theirs.

Appendix v: How do I Open a combination lock?



Students should use the following procedure when operating the combination lock:

- Give the dial two or more turns to the RIGHT.
- 2. On the third turn to the **RIGHT**, stop at the first number of the combination.
- Next, turn LEFT one whole turn past the first number and stop at the second number in the combination.
- Now, turn **RIGHT** and stop at the last number in the combination.

Pull down on the lock. It should open. If not, return to Step One and take your time.

 Pull down on your lock again and open the door.









Appendix vi: Middle School Supplies



The following supplies are needed for English, French, Mathematics, Religion, Social Studies, and Science. Elective and Physical Education teachers will inform students of any additional supplies.

- 5 HB pencils/mechanical pencils with lead
- 1 eraser
- 2 blue pens

(eraser mate pens recommended)

- 1 red pen
- Lined loose-leaf paper
- Blank loose-leaf paper
- 12 (16) dividers for binder sections
- 10 plastic sleeves
- 2 x 2.5 inch binders (heavy duty) (may need several depending on your son)
- 1 x 30 cm ruler
- 1 calculator
- 1 mathematical instrument set
 - (must include a protractor, right angle triangle, 15 cm. ruler, compass)
- 1 French/English, English/French dictionary (recommended – Robert and Collins Junior Dictionary)
- 1 pair of scissors 9 (optional)
- 1 glue stick (optional)
- 1 pack pencil crayons (optional)
 - (may have felts as well, but not instead of pencil crayons)

All Middle School students at Vancouver College are <u>required to use only two binders</u> for all subjects.

• Of the various types of binders available, one of the best is the type that has a nylon cloth zippered cover and built-in pencil case. These binders tend to last much longer than the standard vinyl covered binders.

Students must have 2 locks both purchased from Vancouver College:

1 for PE and 1 to remain on their school locker.



NO

cell phone use is allowed during school hours. Students may occasionally be asked to use their cell phone in the classroom under the supervision and guidance of the educator.



The system provides a highly flexible but consistent structure. Mid-level students need a structured environment in about the same way they need food. The binder is simply one tool to help us provide structure: ultimately though, it will be no more useful than our supervision of its use.

- It acts as a portable filing system
- Allows students and teachers to revise or add to materials in a coherent manner;
- Allows teacher-supplied materials to be stored immediately next to associated tasks;
- Allows collection, return, and 'filing' of products in a non-disruptive manner;
- Allows constructive supervision, including the appropriate replacement either of marked, revised, or re-done work, or of lost or ruined material;
- It helps us to ensure that students who might become disorganized can be (re-) organized quickly and effectively;
- It provides a commonly held set of expectations, fostering a sense of structure and fairness critical for mid-level students: These expectations are listed under "Binder Organization and Use" found at the front of each student's binder (to be signed by parents).

Mid-level students, especially boys, are going through a time of profound cognitive, physical, emotional, and social change unlike anything they will ever experience again. They are very vulnerable and need a stable, supportive environment with as few variables as possible. In the jargon, they are 'field-dependent'. More than anything else, they need a supportive field, which provides them with the structure they need to meet the challenges they face. If the structure provides them with the opportunity to develop skills and to experience success, it fosters their notion of themselves as successful people. If it does not, if it treats them as though their characteristics and needs are irrelevant (needs which include challenge, high expectation, and supervision), the structure yields and breeds failure.

The binder system, if properly implemented (i.e. supervised), simply provides the boys with a flexible, systematic structure that helps them cope with demands, which are very different from elementary school. The binder itself is structured, and it provides more structure in that the boys will move from teacher to teacher without meeting as many as 7-8 different sets of expectations. Time spent supervising a boy's use of the binder is time, which is as necessary and constructive as teaching subject matter and must be engaged in constantly by all, especially parents, particularly if a student is not achieving success.

It is fundamentally important to check the boys' binders for things like organization, task completion, attention to detail, and compliance with direction. It is important that they treat their work, and by implication, themselves, with respect. Our close supervision indicates how important it is to us that they do.

Parent initials: ______ (Please sign the "....organization and use" and "Quiz" pages)



Appendix viii: PARENT/SON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What makes you most excited about attending Vancouver College?

What makes you nervous about attending Vancouver College?

What actions or strategies can we take to smooth your transition to Vancouver College?

Mr. Cavalluzzo's Challenge

You may want to take me up on my incoming student challenge. I believe this will help all of you to become Better Man by the end of your summer vacations and ease your transition to VC. Our school utilizes a four-stranded approach to education, we emphasize with our students the importance of their academic, artistic, athletic and spiritual development.

As you turn off your computer tonight, I would like our new students to begin to develop four tangible goals within those strands that will help them to become better men. These goals should be specific, measurable and timely. Your academic goal could be as simple as committing to read three books this summer. You might have an athletic goal of committing yourself to exercising for 45 minutes per day. Maybe your artistic goal could be learning about the technical production side of photography. Finally, your goal centred around faith could be attending online mass each Sunday.

When you arrive on campus in September the first question that I will ask our new students is how did you become a better man this summer. It is my sincere hope that our new boys take me up on this challenge as I know it will ease their transition to our school community come the fall.

NEW PARENT NIGHT



Thursday, May 19th

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Question and Answer session with Mr. Cavalluzzo, Mr. Trentadue and Mr. Kozikowski

Join Zoom Meeting https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/7180157961

Meeting ID: 718 015 7961

"Were we to know the merit of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than gold or silver."

> Edmund Rice August 10, 1806