

## SWC PAC Meeting

September 2020

Thank you for the questions, received in advance:

Is it true that if the international students are enrolling in remote learning outside the Canada, they are not able to receive any credit? Are they going to take the same classes again when they arrive here?

Questions about the VSB International Education Program should be directed to the VSB at [intered@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:intered@vsb.bc.ca). Each individual student's situation is so unique, it would not be helpful to generalize.

Are we accepting International Students now? Do the fees go directly to the school or just to the board?

The VSB makes all decisions around International Students. The fees go to the VSB, not to the individual school.

Will there be lockers for PE/Gym classes? If not, where will students put their valuables during class?

Students are able to leave their bags in the Equipment Room or balcony, depending on the PE space that they are working in for the day. Teachers say things are going well!

I would like to know how to determine what is done during the virtual classroom session? For example, my daughter had Physical Education and Health this past week. When I ask her what she did, she was very light on details compared with her in-person class. When I look at Teams, I see just assignments and emails. My concern is that 1 week has gone by, which is 10 hours of educational time, and 10% of her entire course. How do we determine that she is getting the teaching engagement that is equivalent to the in-class experience?

Please contact the teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child's F2F or Remote learning.

Secondly, at most people's work, other educational activities, sports, doctors and other essential services have required us to use video-conferencing tools to engage with people since COVID. None of us signed up to be seen visually, but we have all done it. Why aren't we seeing the teachers having virtual sessions and providing that emotional and educational benefit that students would get seeing their teachers and interacting with their fellow students? Students also should be required to be visible during a class as well.

Given our schedule we are not able to schedule synchronous learning while classes are learning remotely. Teachers can check in with individuals or schedule drop-in sessions, but not required classes.

Lastly, we would like to confirm some of our assumptions. Teachers prior to COVID, teachers would teach 5 hours a day to 30 youth ( $5 \times 30 = 150$  education units) Now teachers teach 5 hours to 15 students ( $5 \times 15 = 75$  education units in the school). When we look at the online teaching, we are not seeing the teacher engaging with our child online visually 75 units. What other things that they are doing instead?

During Flex Time teachers are potentially:

- Teaching a linear class (IB 12, Yearbook, Music, SDC) of 30 or more students

- Preparing and posting for their Remote class
- Working with individuals or small groups from F2F or remote classes

While classes are working remotely, teachers will be in contact at least 3 times per week.

My son cannot join a certain online class. Do some classes have any requirements to get in the online class or each teachers have different systems to have students join his/her class?  
My son has not been able to join his French 12. We want to ask for a help, please.

All classes were set up in Teams by the Vancouver School Board. The process is the same to log in to all classes. Students experiencing difficulties should email or phone to speak to their teacher.

I am wondering why didn't the school use FaceTime during the online courses time. Like use zoom, and can you make more homework for students?

Our School District is using Microsoft Teams for all of its classes, clubs, etc.... Teams can be used like Zoom and FaceTime. Happy to share your request with staff!

Clarification on how the school year works. My child is in grade 11. I'm not able to get too much detail out of him, so this is my understanding based on your communications and what I have observed from my child.

First quarter block rotation is 1-3 and 1-4. Face-to-face is broken into two groups or sessions. A student is either in Session A (8:40-10:25am) or Session B (1:18-3:05pm). For my son who is in Session A, first week of class, block 1-3 has the morning F2F classes. Second week, block 1-4 has the morning F2F. During these two weeks, he, maybe, has had one online class with his block 1-4 class - I believe that happened during his first week. I don't believe he's had any online sessions this week for his 1-3 subject course.

So...when his 1-3 subject is doing F2F, there may not necessarily be an online session for the 1-4 subject? And vice versa?

When one class is F2F, the other is remote. During remote teaching/learning, students and teachers will be in contract at least 3 times per week.

Remote learning = online learning? Referencing your letter of September 11th, stating that "Remote learning begins next week for 1-4 classes"

If there are online classes, are online classes taking place during scheduled times i.e. in his case, in the afternoons from 1:18-3:05pm?

Remote learning might include: online office hours, recorded videos or lessons posted in Teams, posted resources or assignments in Teams, one-on-one check-ins, small group work in Flex Time.... There are no scheduled/synchronous online classes, it is not possible with our F2F and Flex schedule.

Will there be clubs & competitions (AMC, Debate, etc) this year and how will they operate?

Clubs will operate in Teams this year, at least to start. Contests (Math) and competitions (debate) will be online.

Why do some students get videos and instructions for their remote classes and some only receive a list of homework and deadlines online?

Teachers' practice varies, during their F2F and remote teaching.

I would like to ask the Principal regarding online volunteer for students to get community service hours. I suggest open zoom , so older students can be volunteer tutors to teach younger students in break out rooms under the control of the host who is a teacher.

Our Work Experience teacher is working on a plan to support students who need service and work hours. Students can check in with Ms. Yee if they have a need. We are not allowed to use Zoom, but can possibly do the same within Teams. I will share this suggestion with staff.

Can you please let me know if there will be Synergy Information night this year? If yes, would it be online or in person? I couldn't find any information on the Churchill site. Please let me the date and time too.

We anticipate an online posting of information for Synergy, potentially October 13th, and that our process will be in keeping with the District's plans for DSAP Applications.

The BC and federal governments both announced additional funding to cover COVID related expenses, have Churchill received our portion of the funding and how is it used? Some teachers from other schools/districts have said they had to buy their own hand sanitizers, is this also happening at Churchill?

BC and Federal funds go to the School District, not to individual schools. I know that there is a process underway in the District involving stakeholders in discussion around the allocation of these funds. We have sufficient hand sanitizer and cleaner, though the plastic bottles/dispensers are back-ordered.

Will there be another date for Artona to retake the student's photos?

Retake day is tentatively scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will notify students through the Student Hub.

Are there plans for extracurriculars (clubs and athletics?) to start at some point?

Yes, clubs are beginning online in Teams, and athletics is looking at starting with sports classified as lower risk.

Now that International trips have been cancelled, how will parents go about getting their money refunded?

Please speak to the teacher-sponsor of the trip, s/he would be managing refunds.

Someone offered to donate 1000 face shields to Churchill but was refused. Can't parents donate to the school if they wish to?

All offers of donation (including this one) are directed to the District office, which receives and receipts all donations.

Can you add a sanitizing station by the gym since the change rooms are closed? Kids can't sanitize their hands before/after gym.

There is a sanitizing station at the gym, and additional spray bottles available.

How can we sign up for AMC 8? Can the student sign up even if Math doesn't start until next (or later) quarter?

All Math contests are offered online this year. Signup and information is available on the Mathematical Association of America's website.

Grade 9 Marketing workbooks are on back-order, when will they be received? Also, there are not enough Marketing text books for students.

Books have been received.

Is there a way to buy the textbook via the school to make this option more affordable? Can students purchase their own copy?

We do not have a way for students to purchase their own textbooks.