

Grade 7 Parent Meeting

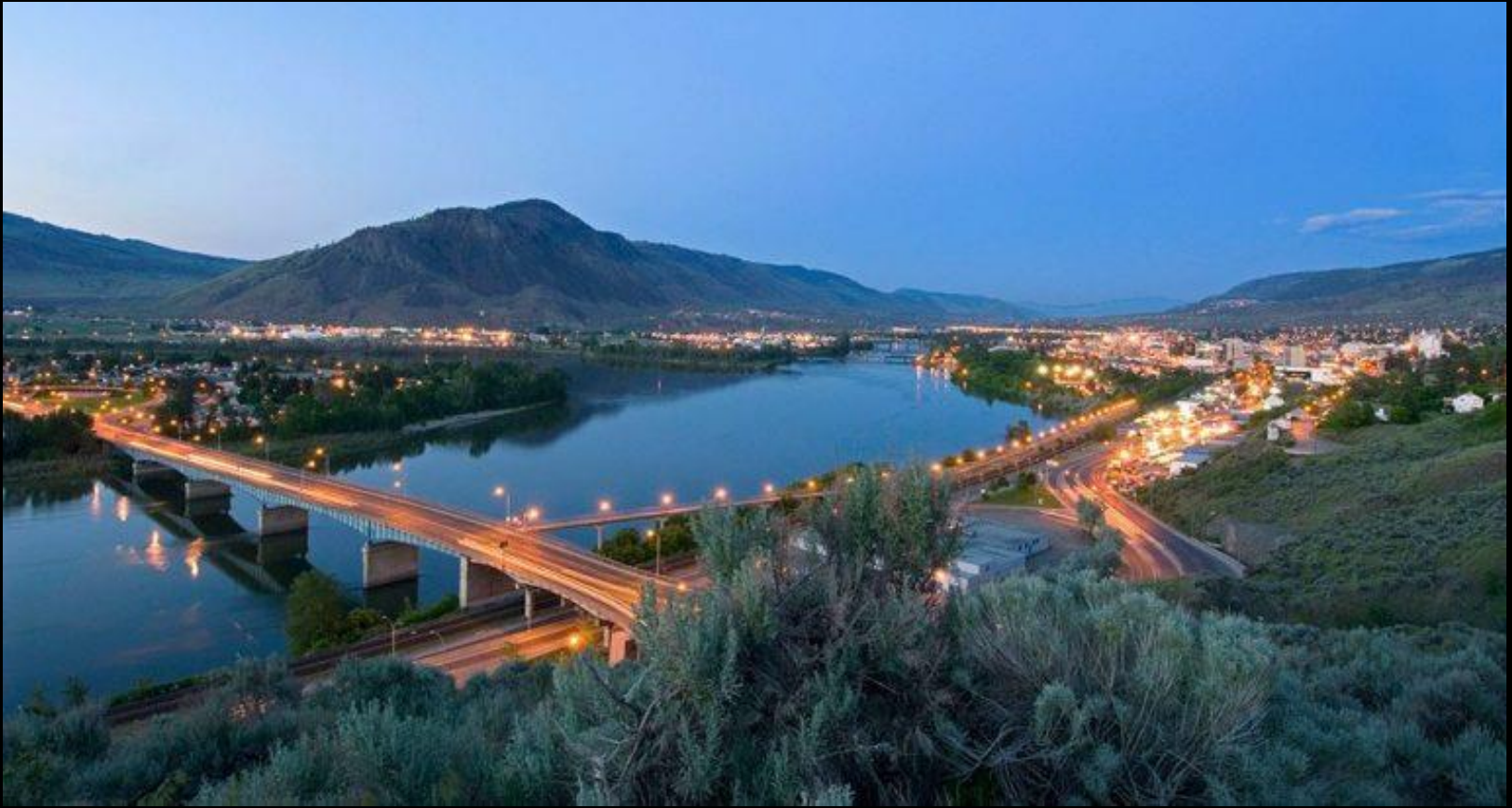


2025/2026



VALLEYVIEW
SECONDARY SCHOOL
Home of the Vikings

Land Acknowledgement



WHO ARE WE? ADMIN



- Principal – Mr. Kirschner
- Vice Principal – Ms. Gregg
- Vice Principal – Mr. Horton
- LDP – Mrs. Whitehouse



WHO ARE WE? VIKES



WE ARE SPIRITED !!!



WE ARE CRITICAL THINKERS !!!

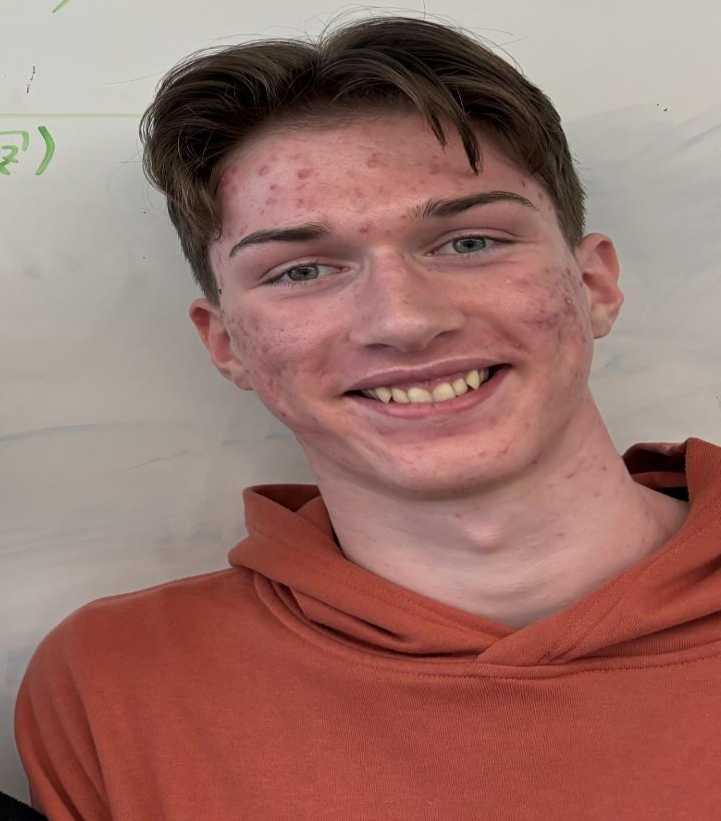
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^3 + 2x^2h + xh^2} + \sqrt{x^3 + 2xh + h^2} - [\sqrt{x^3} + \sqrt{2xh + h^2}]}{h(\sqrt{x+h+1})(\sqrt{x+1})(\sqrt{x^3 + 2x^2h + xh^2 + x^2 + 2xh + h^2} + \sqrt{x^3 + x^2h + x^2})}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}(x^2 + \cancel{xh} + 2x + \cancel{h})}{h(\sqrt{x+h+1})(\sqrt{x+1})(\sqrt{x^3 + 2x^2h + xh^2 + x^2 + 2xh + h^2} + \sqrt{x^3 + x^2h + x^2})}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 2x}{(x+1)(x^3 + x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{x(x+2)}{x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2}$$

$$= \frac{x+2}{x^3 + 2x^2 + x}$$



WE ARE COMMUNITY MINDED !!!



WE ARE STUDENT-ATHLETES !!!



WE ARE ALL VIKES !!!



VSS at a Glance

CURRENT ENROLLMENT: 1113

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT: 1130

STAFF:

58 teachers

14 CEA / AEW / Library

6 Custodians

5 Secretaries

3 Principals/VPs

85 Staff on site at VSS



The Agenda for Tonight

- Overview of the Grade 8 program
- Q&A
- Self Guided Tour of the Campus
- **Maps – After Presentation**

SEPTEMBER STARTING AT VSS

New grade 8 **Students will:**

- Be assigned a Homeroom
- Familiarize themselves with their course schedule
- Meet new and old friends



Student Support at VSS: ACADEMIC

**Learning
Assistance**

**Take A Break
Room**

**Certified
Education
Assistants**

**Aboriginal
Education
Workers**

Counselling

**Junior
Foundations**

**Peer Tutoring
(TBA)**

**Math
Foundations**

**Senior
Foundations**



Student Support at VSS: COUNSELLING

Karen Horsman (A-F)
Christine Hammonds (G-M)
Ariane Gavelin/Jenna Ewert
(O-Z)

Other Counselling Supports:

Day One Society (on-site)
Aboriginal Family & School
Counsellor (on-site)

**Course
Programming**

**Career
Planning**

**Emotional
Support**

**Case
Management**

COURSE SELECTION BOOKLET

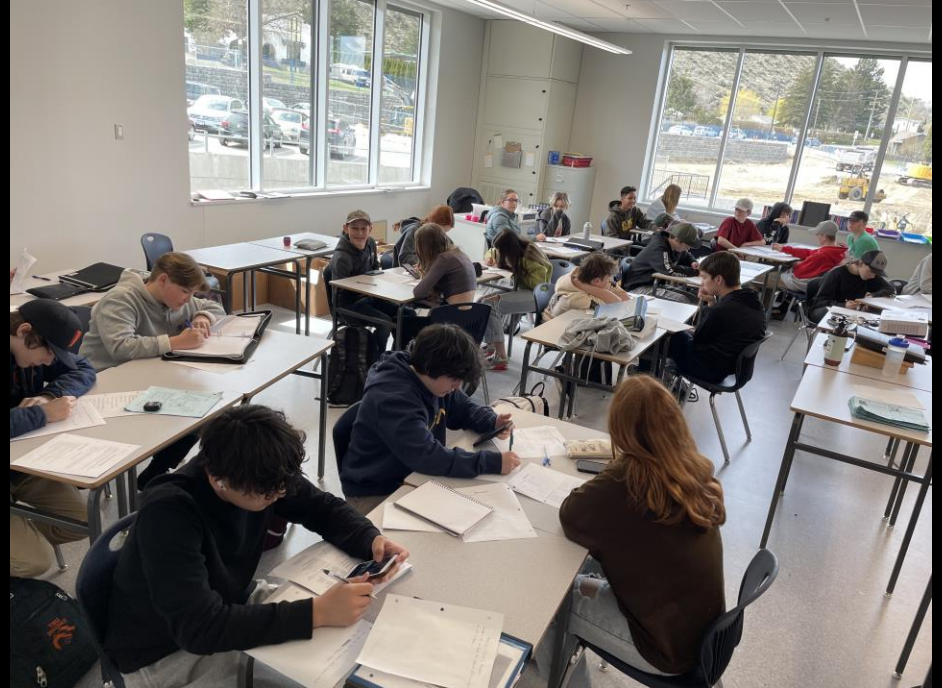
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Academic PROGRAM: The Core

Core Subjects:

- Math
- English
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE
- Language



Academics: The Electives

Students will get 6 Electives from this list (random):

Textiles, Woodwork, Outdoor Education, Computers, Drama, Art, Music, Careers



NOTE: Advanced Band/Hockey Academy get 3 instead of 6

INVOLVEMENT: GENERAL ACTIVITIES

- Spirit Activities
- Athletic Teams
- Drama Production
- Music Concerts
- Intramurals
- GSA Club
- Principal Advisory Group
- Model UN
- Debate Club
- Ethics Bowl



Involvement: The Arts

- Many varieties of activities available
- Open to any student.

Visual Arts	Theatre	Music
Art Classes	Drama/Theatre Classes	Choir (AM class)
Art Club	Spring Production	Band Classes
Yearbook	Stage Crew Opportunities	Jazz Band (off timetable class)

INVOLVEMENT: Athletics

Fall Teams

Volleyball

Soccer (boys)

X-Country Running

•Cheerleading

Winter Teams

Basketball

Wrestling

Curling

•Cheerleading

Spring Teams

Soccer (girls)

Rugby

Badminton

Golf

Tennis

Mountain Biking

Ultimate Frisbee

Track & Field

•Cheerleading

INVOLVEMENT: Hockey ACADEMY

- Skills Development
- Open to any student.
- 1 block per day of hockey instruction per semester (full yr) (2 blocks total)
- Tuition based program
 - Cost = \$900
- Meeting immediately after this for those interested in Hockey Academy



Developing as 21st Century Learners



V.I.K.E.S. **Digital Device** **Guidelines**



VALUE LEARNING

Use devices only when your teacher directs you for class activity. Focus on your studies by keeping devices off and put away unless they're part of the lesson.



INDIVIDUALIZED PLANS

Is it in your **Individualized Education Plan** (or ELL Annual Instruction Plan) and is it being used for an educational or learning purpose? Talk to your teacher then you're good to go!



KEEP DEVICES SAFE

You're responsible if your device gets lost or broken. You need to store your device securely because the school isn't responsible for the phone if you choose not to secure it appropriately.



ENGAGE RESPECTFULLY

By silencing your devices and keeping it out of sight during instructional time to help everyone focus. This includes **hallways, washrooms, and any other space** on school grounds.



STAY FOCUSED

We value a distraction-free environment (i.e. classroom, hallways, etc) to help everyone learn better. Keep devices put away to help you and your classmates stay focused during instructional time.

Remember: Our goal is to have a safe and caring school where everyone can learn without distractions. By embracing the **VIKES** guidelines, we become responsible digital citizens and make our school a better place!

- Cell Phones
- WiFi
- Technology in the School
- Google Classroom
- MyEd Parent Portal

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Over 35 ISP students:

- Over 7 countries
- Different program types – some graduate here
- Celebrating our diversity



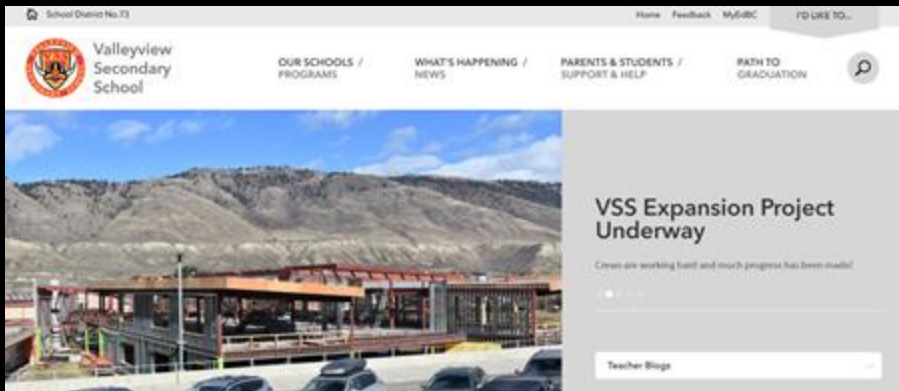
Supporting your child's learning . . .

- Ask to see Course Outlines for classes:
 - *There you will find:*
 - Curriculum and Competencies to be covered
 - Assessment Tools and Grading Practices
 - Homework expectations
 - Teacher contact Information
 - (May need a signature)

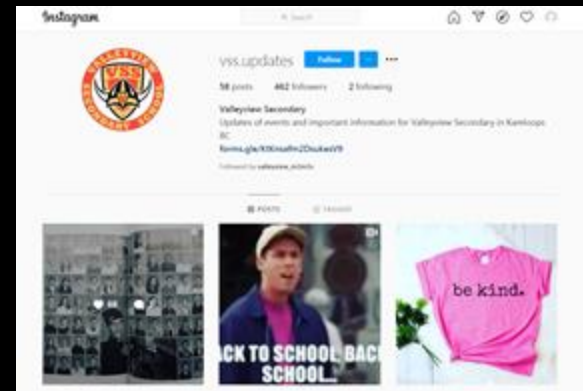
SUPPORTING BY BEING IN THE “KNOW”

- **Visit the School Website:**
- *subscribe to get instant updates!!
 - News from the PAC newsletter
 - Course information/fees and/or homework
 - Library resources
 - Calendar of events, Provincial assessment info
 - Link to VSS Athletics

VALLEYVIEW WEBSITE & INSTAGRAM



vss.sd73.bc.ca



[vss.updates](https://www.instagram.com/vss.updates)

SUPPORTING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Allowed to be off campus
- Hats
- No vaping or smoking on or around school property
- ERASE Reporting Tool
- Vikes Values



erase
EXPECT RESPECT &
A SAFE EDUCATION

Vikes Values



Learning Spaces

Common Spaces

Respect

looks like....

- Actively listening
- Being engaged
- Creating a safe space for learning

- Treating the environment around you well
- Treating others with kindness

Responsibility

looks like...

- Using resources and equipment for their intended purpose
- Being mindful of others' personal space and property

- Being accountable for your actions
- Acting with a social conscience
- Acting with honesty and sincerity

HOW TO SUPPORT THE VSS COMMUNITY

- Encourage your student to get involved!
- Ask about what they are learning
- Attend some PAC meetings
- Come to concerts and games and other showcasing events



Questions From You