



# PANTHER PRESS NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates this Week

Monday Sept 23 - ABCD

- Club Fair in the Rotunda

Tuesday Sept 24 - CDAB

- 3:00pm Senior Boys Soccer @ GW Graham

Wednesday Sept 25 - BADC

- Half-Day IB Retreat
- 3:00pm Jr Girls Volleyball @ ACS
- 6:00pm Sr Girls Soccer @ Hansen

Thursday Sept 26 - DCBA

- Orange Shirt Day
- All Day IB Retreat
- 3:00pm Sr Boys Soccer @ Mouat

Friday Sept 27 - Pro-D Day No School for Students

- 1:30pm Senior Football @ Holy Cross



ASSS FOOTBALL ALUMNI

## The Week Recap

The third week of school was a busy one for staff and students! On Monday we welcomed our International Student cohort with a delicious Greek luncheon catered by Eleni's. It was nice to see so many of our International Students join us for lunch. Read on further in the Panther Press to see who makes up our International Student program.

On Tuesday, Cops for Cancer toured the Rotunda led by Mr. Supeene and on Wednesday we kicked off Grad 2025 with our annual grad cruise around English Bay and Deep Cove. While we weren't able to go under the bridges due to freighter activity on the water, we were able to see Vancouver lit up and looking beautiful. We're lucky to live near such a beautiful coast! The grads enjoyed a full meal, dancing, and a lot of photos from the top deck.

Thursday saw a great turnout for our first PAC meeting of the year in the Library Learning Commons and on Friday our football program hosted an alumni event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Championship team with an event at the Abby Arts addition. We carried on the celebration with a game under the lights against Mission Secondary and a half-time show by our drumline. While we didn't celebrate the alumni with a win, it was a great way to end the last sunny summer Friday night of 2024 as we look towards cooler Fall nights.



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## A look at who makes up Abby Senior

Our current school population is at about 1350 students. Here's a breakdown of who's who:

- Almost 100 students are participating in our International Student Program
- 12 different countries are represented including Italy, Brazil, Korea, Germany, China, Vietnam, Thailand, and Colombia to name a few!
- 134 students participate in our ELL program
- 150 students identify as Indigenous
- Besides English, the top languages spoken at home by our students and families are:
  - Punjabi (307 families),
  - Spanish (59 families),
  - Arabic (48 families),
  - Vietnamese (25 families),
  - and Tagalog (23 families).



## Orange Shirt Day - September 26

Our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation is not a destination but a process and a journey through learning. It is a commitment to provide space for healing, building bridges, and forging connections throughout generations. In collaboration with our Indigenous Support Workers and Teachers for Indigenous Success, students will have opportunities this week to find meaningful ways to honour Indigenous peoples, create environments of inclusivity and respect, and show their commitment to truth and reconciliation.

The commitment to learning does not stop with our students, however. On Pro-D Day Friday, September 27th, Abby Senior staff will engage in a day of professional learning with Dr. Gwendolyn Point, Knowledge Keeper and Cultural Advisor who will share the history of local territory. They will hear from Brenda Morgan, Councillor of Mathxwí First Nation who will share about the generational impact of residential schools. Staff will also have the opportunity to hear from Chris Silver, Councillor of Semá:th First Nation will share about the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and Pixie Wells, president of the Fraser Valley Métis Association will share about Métis and Two-Spirited Identity.



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## Meet Winston

Winston works in our Integrated Studies Program (ISP) and is quick to offer a happy tail wag to everyone who stops by to say hello. If you're extra patient, he'll roll over and let you scratch his belly and is always willing to eat whatever treats staff have hidden in their desk for him.

## Provincial Assessments

Provincial Assessments are mandatory and part of the graduation program. Students must complete Literacy 10 and 12 as well as Numeracy 10 prior to being eligible to graduate. Assessment results can be found on students' MyEd profile approximately 1 month after writing the

exams. Provincial assessment are written electronically. Dates can be found in our Student Handbook on our website and below:

October 28-November 5

January 13 - January 24

April 7 - April 11

June 2 - June 13

## Intramurals

Volleyball intramural sign up is happening this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Listen for announcements daily for more info.

## Bistro is open!

Tuesday: Cream of cauliflower soup, macaroni salad, fries, pizza, Croque Monsieur with fries or salad, Hosin Chicken with Rice and Stir Fry Vegetables.

Wednesday: Roasted butternut squash soup, garden salad, fries, pizza, Monte Cristo served with fries or salad, Baked Salmon with roasted root veggies and potatoes.

Thursday: Three sisters soup (corn, beans, squash), coleslaw, fries, pizza, Chicken sandwich with cranberry mayo served with fries or salad, battered fish and chips with tartar sauce & cole slaw.