

## CALENDAR

Jan 8	School Resumes
Jan 10	Elementary Activity Day @ vLearn
Jan 11	Open Parachute Group
Jan 12	Ski/Board Program @ SilverStar
Jan 15	Graduation Assessments
Jan 16	Graduation Assessments
Jan 17	Elementary Activity Day @ SilverStar Provincial Park
Jan 19	Ski/Board Program @ SilverStar
Jan 22	Graduation Assessments
Jan 24	Elementary Activity Day @ SilverStar Provincial Park
Jan 26	Professional Development Day
Jan 31	Elementary Activity Day @ vLearn
Jan 31	MDI/YDI Survey completion opportunity for Grade 5 and Grad 11 students
Upcoming Dates	Feb 2/9 Ski/Board Program @ SilverStar Feb 9 Grade 8 – 12 Summary of Learning Reports released

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful winter break making some cherished family memories. We are looking forward to having everyone back to school next week!

As we move into the New Year, it is a great opportunity to reflect. 2023 has brought us joy, hardship and everything in between, but as we enter the New Year, we must decide what we're taking with us and what we're leaving behind. So, here's our list of some ins and outs for 2024!

### What's In!

- Student success
- Truth and Reconciliation, anti-racism, and inclusion
- vLearn as a welcoming space to learn and work
- Growth mindset, compassion, and wellness
- Innovation and learning new skills

### What's Out!

- Complacency and negativity
- Comparison and "can't"

Let's make this the best year ever!



## INFORMATION

- The [9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline](#) is a new service available 24/7/365 to help Canadians when they need it most. The service, accessible via call or text to 9-8-8, offers trauma-informed and culturally affirming support to anyone who is thinking of suicide or who is worried about someone they know. This service is also available in the "Take Action" section of the [Mental Health and Well-being web page](#).
- Interior Health has released a new [Health Promoting Schools Newsletter](#)
- Watch for e-mails in January regarding having **Grade 5** students complete the [Middle Years Development Instrument](#) and **Grade 11** students complete the [Youth Development Instrument](#) – students will be invited to vLearn to complete these on January 31st!
- Grade 10 – 12 students are encouraged to book their **Literacy/Numeracy Graduation Assessments** – see e-mail sent for more information
- **Upcoming graduates** are encouraged to make their post-secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [Student Transcripts Service \(STS\)](#). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page.

## FROM THE PAC

- Our next PAC meeting will take place in person on Wednesday, January 10th during our weekly vLearn activity time. All are welcome and encouraged to join! 9:15am in the 'ice palace' at Fulton.
- Please join us on Facebook! Find us by searching for 'vLearn PAC' or clicking [here](#).
- Vernon Recreation Homeschool Sports Program (K – 8) [Sign-up here](#) This session will run 1pm-2:30pm on Fridays from January 12th to March 15th, 2024. \$68/student
- OK Science Center lessons [Sign-up for January class here](#) These will take place on Friday mornings, Jan 12/Feb 9. \$10/student for each class.