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## "Our Final Edition"

### Back to School

On May 6, B.C. Premier John Horgan announced a gradual easing of pandemic restrictions, which made it possible for a wide variety of businesses and services to reopen as early as mid-May, including restaurants, retail stores, salons and barbershops, libraries, museums and art galleries. Schools are also set to partially reopen as of June 1.

What will this look like? Class sizes will be smaller, with plenty of space between desks, and there will be alternating or part-time attendance for students. Students and teachers will also be required to wear non-medical masks for group activities.

FVAA will partially reopen for June 1-19. This will be considered as a practice run for next school year. Students will have scheduled days to attend, and the buses will be picking them up and will take them home at the end of the day. School hours will be from 8:15-3:00, but there will not be any after-school activities.

Kindergarten, grades 1, and 5 will come on Mondays and Wednesdays. Grades 2-4 will come on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Grades 6-12 are scheduled for one day each week:  
Monday – Grade 9  
Tuesday – Grades 6 and 10  
Wednesday – Grades 7 and 11  
Thursday – Grades 8 and 12

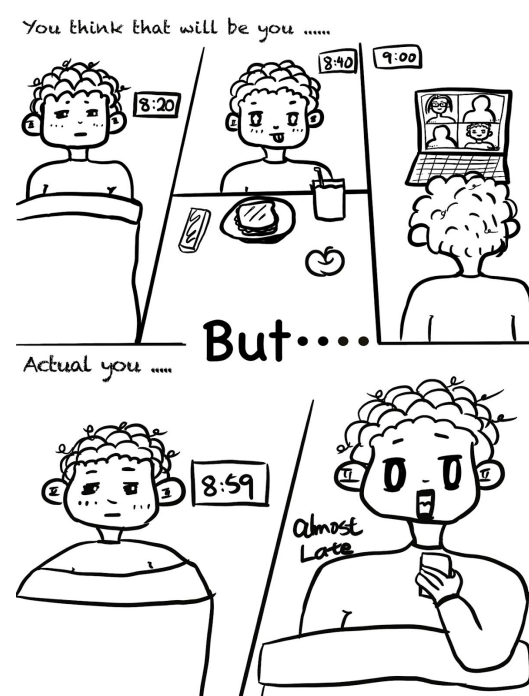
Written by: Jinwon

### Yearbook

The yearbook is officially finished - release the balloons! The yearbook team has worked hard all year to get it done, and they all did a wonderful job. Despite the recent crisis preventing us from photographing people and events,

we still pulled through nonetheless. You can now order a copy of the yearbook today! Contact [secretary@fvaa.net](mailto:secretary@fvaa.net) to place your order. Due date is June 5.

Written by: Max



Drawn by: Dora

### How to Survive Online School

With just a few weeks left, students are giving that last push before summer break! Here are a few tips to survive these last few weeks of online schooling:

1. Create an area designated for school work.
2. Limit social media and usage of phone.
3. Set goals.
4. Make specific time blocks of the day to complete work or study sessions.

Written by: Daysi

### Philosopher's Query

Does expecting the unexpected make the unexpected the expected?

Written by: Zoe

### International Reporter

Because of this whole COVID-19 situation, my family decided that we should return to Brazil as soon as we went on spring break. At the Canadian airport, there were very few people, and all were wearing masks. Unlike the airport in Canada being empty, in the United States it was full as usual with most people wearing masks, though unfortunately not all. Arriving in Brazil, it was a little difficult to adapt with the whole situation of having to be in quarantine without being able to see my relatives for a while.

In terms of classes, it was also a little difficult to join the live classes because of the time zone, despite being only four hours ahead. Other than that, it was great to be able to connect with my friends even though we are far apart. Being able to join my classes has helped me to go through all of this. Knowing that I am not alone and that we are all together in this supporting each other is great.

Written by: Isadora

### High School Updates

The current SA has been diligently brainstorming ideas to bring the high school together digitally. One of those ideas is a Netflix Party. The first party happened on Sunday, May 17, and was enjoyed by those who participated. Netflix Party is a website that allows people to all watch the same movie at the same time. Another unifying activity currently in procession is Bible study on Zoom. Every Thursday at 12:15, a virtual Bible study is held for the high school. International Week was from May 25-29. The SA posted a different template on their Instagram story (@royals.sa) each day that FVAA

students could use to share about their cultures.

**Written by: Emma  
Chaplain's Corner**

Text: Psalms 107:23-33

We are living in times that can feel very difficult. There is a global pandemic, and if that is not enough, there are people dying because of their skin colour. There are storms in this life. Across the world, there are those who are hungry with no hope for food, there are civil wars, there are storms going on outside. Closer to home, there are people who have not been able to work for months, and there are people who have been struggling to make payments even with the government aid. There are storms going on. At FVAA, there are storms going on around us, and sometimes they seem like they will not end. But when we read the Bible, we see that there is no storm that is greater than God. My favorite part of this text is when God makes the storm still. And when the storm was still, the people celebrated and recognized God for what He had done. God is going to still the storms in the world and in our lives. We can trust Him for that. As we are still going through this storm of COVID-19, my prayer for everyone and their families is that we can still see the light at the end of the tunnel and trust in God.

**Written by: Pastor Ben**

**Student Work**

Scroll, scroll, scroll  
Looking, searching  
Mind still empty  
Snap, tweet, post  
Letting the light pierce through  
Drawing in with its empty promises of satisfaction  
Distracting from real connections  
Again again again  
As the day goes by  
Vacant, lost, absent  
No real thoughts or deeper meaning  
The relationships no one is feeling  
Souls should be the fire that brings us together  
We should accept one another as Christ accepts us  
Engage in the light that can open us up

This poem was created by Jada for the Class Challenge event that occurred on March 13.

Jada said, "I remember thinking how everyone is so drawn and distracted by social media. Many teenagers these days are getting lost in video games, social media, apps, etc. The light in the

poem represents the light from our phones that we wake up to every day. Writing this poem, I realized that the light from our phones is temporary and will eventually die out. The light we need in our lives is the light from Jesus Christ. In the Bible, Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). He states that whoever follows him will never walk in darkness. Jesus is here to give us eternal life. We should spend more time searching for how we can be a light to others. We spend too much time on our phones in this society. This poem was just an example of the reality we are living in. Many of us are lost, but if we choose Jesus, we don't have to be."

**Written By: Zoe**

**Student WOP**

The concept of how you've seen Jesus and how you can see Him especially through hard times was expressed in testimonies and stories from May 4 to 8. A number of students prepared their hearts and minds to share their own personal experiences and the idea of how each one of them has seen Jesus. Each day of the week there was a new speaker from a diverse group of students for middle school and high school. We listened to the messages of the speakers over Zoom. Students opened up and were vulnerable by revealing their stories, including their experiences about when they've seen God working in their lives. Students were given the chance to relate to the speaker and view Jesus through a variety of perspectives.

**Written by: Adriana**

**Riddles and Jokes:**

Q: What do you get when you cross a karate expert with a pig?

A: A porkchop!

Q: What goes up when rain comes down?

A: An umbrella!

**Written by: Daysi**

**Be Greater**

Since the start of the school year, "Be Greater" has been our theme. When we started online school, I've noticed it's hard for me to be great when so many things are happening around the world. It's easy to get sidetracked from the importance of life when we are busy

with our homework or other duties at home. It's hard for us to challenge ourselves to do something great that will impact the world. If we take the time to discover other hobbies or interests, it allows us to spread our wings and come out of our shell that was holding us back. I challenge everyone to do at least one new thing this week that will make you become a better person. If it's cooking for your parents or making a card for a sick person, each thing will make you become a greater person for yourself and for others.

**Written By: Megan**

**Elementary Updates**

During this quarantine and online schooling, the kindergarten class has been studying plants. They've done art projects on sunflowers, and Mrs. Mowat has grown bean plants for the students to check on weekly. They've also been learning adding, subtracting, and pre-reading skills.



The grade 2/3 class has had a fun and playful online experience with Mrs. Cooke. Though being a challenge and a bit of a struggle in the beginning due to no school and lack of a classroom environment, the students were still able to have fun while also learning in Zoom classes once everything was figured out. The class has so far dressed up with crazy hair, hats, face paint, etc. and also did show and tell. In addition, they have also been learning about the lifecycle of a honeybee and looking up interesting facts about them. Watching Youtube videos has also been very helpful and interesting too. The students will now continue to expand their learning in their art and science

classes by learning how to draw honeybees.

**Written by: Chrislyn**

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### **Athletics Update**

Since there are no sports, we chose to check in with some of the athletes in our school to learn what they are doing to stay active and healthy. William in grade 8 says he just uses a workout app or something like the Seven App, and he also goes on jogs or runs. Dafydd in grade 9 says what he mostly does is just get outside and do whatever he can like go for a run or go to an open park and practice a sport like football or soccer. Isadora in grade 10 says she has been working out every day for 30 minutes, focusing on different parts of the body. Sometimes she goes out to play soccer and also does some volleyball drills as well. She has also been using the Nike Training Club App and the Google Fit app to track her work. Brandon in grade 11 says that he has been going on runs and doing some weightlifting at home. He also goes for bike rides during the day when the weather is nice and he doesn't have school work.

Even at home, it is important to keep fit and active, and there are still plenty of ways to do so!

**Written by: Celeste**

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### **Middle School Update**

Middle school students have been doing Acts of Kindness for others. There is going to a little party and a grad ceremony or recognition in September for grade 8. Here is how some teachers feel about going back to school part-time.

“Hi FVAA students! Oh, how I have missed you dearly!! I’m very excited to be going back to school, albeit part time, but I’ll take it! I’ve missed your beautiful faces and all the joy and laughter you bring. It’s been interesting doing school online and you have made me proud, but getting to walk the school halls again is going to be splendid 😊! Let’s hang in there and encourage each other until the day we are all back together again. God bless and much love ❤️”- Mrs. G

“It seems unbelievable that we have been doing remote learning for nearly two months. Online learning has its advantages, but in my opinion nothing beats teaching in a physical classroom!

I’m really looking forward to seeing all my students! Even as a teacher, I miss recess!”- Mrs. Belonio

Students who completed their Act of Kindness (Binita and Jose, grade 6):



**Written by: Vivienne**

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### **Senior Superlatives**

Grad is just around the corner! We want to take a minute to honour our grads even if it can't be done in person.

Each year, grade 12 students vote who is the “best” or “most” of something in their class. These are the superlative winners of the class of 2020.

Contagious laugh: Jovan, Arvin  
Best hair: Dayana, Daysi  
Best eyes: Jaden, Taya  
Most outgoing: Zach  
Best musician: Brennan

**Written by: Miriam**

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### **Graduation Through a Pandemic**

This year, due to COVID-19, social gatherings are slightly different than before because we have to stay within a reasonable distance and abide by all health regulations to stay safe. With these new adaptations, many wonder: What will graduation be like for the seniors? This year, according to Mrs. King, the graduation ceremony will only have parents attend alongside the grads and approximately four members of the staff to keep a better distance between everyone. But just because there is a decrease in the head count, does not mean it will be completely safe, so the seniors and staff have come up with precautionary measures such as: keeping the grads six feet apart, only one person will be on stage at a time, and the grads will also pick up their diplomas themselves from a table to keep it more sanitary.

The graduation is going to be held in the high school courtyard, with our speaker being Mr. Septembre, and the

theme will be the elegant colours of black, white, and gold.

**Written by: Soleina**

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### **SA Elections**

The SA staff sponsors, which are Pastor Ben, Mrs. M, and Mrs. Sabot, held SA officer interviews. If the candidates are accepted, they will begin a one-week campaign at that time. On June 5, each candidate will obtain an opportunity to present a speech at our Friday Zoom chapel. In this year's elections, the grade 8s will not be included. The following students are running for office.

President: Ester Galindo-Paz, Dania Pandala, Ryan Kuvarega  
Vice-President: Adriel Odrón  
Pastor: Cess Lee  
Secretary: Celeste Kotanko  
Treasurer: Jeremy Sabot  
Social Representative: Vivienne Sagadraca  
Physical Representative: Martin Santomin.

**Written by: Dayana**

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