


# February 24 – February 28, 2025

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**Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!**

### Why Pink Shirts?

In 2007, two classmates in Nova Scotia saw a fellow student being bullied for wearing a “pink shirt,” so they decided to take a stand against the bully. They wore pink shirts to school the next day and started a worldwide movement.

Regardless of the amount of bullying people have been exposed to, they remember it. The science of the brain tells us that an individual is more likely to remember bad events with greater detail than good ones. The areas of the brain responsible for the formation of memories are triggered and have increased activity when individuals experience fear or sadness.

Memories of bullying are preserved in greater detail than happy or neutral memories. We have all done thousands of things the “right way,” but we remember the few things we did wrong so much more easily because of the way the human brain has evolved. As such, the consequences of bullying are significant and can have lasting impacts. Therefore, it does not matter if an individual thinks bullying is wrong. What matters is when you see bullying, you stand up and try to put an end to it, each and every time you see it, read it, hear it, because even one episode of bullying can last a lifetime.

Helping a child stop their bullying acts, helping a bullied child find closure, helping a child acknowledge what happened, and helping a child focus on taking care of themselves and growing as a person - these are the goals of Pink Shirt Day. If you turn and look the other way when someone needs help, you might as well be the bully too. The strong stand up for others. Educators, students, and parents stand up for others. We all wear pink.

### *Championing Students and Their Learning*

#### Communicating Student Learning

Semester 2 student progress will be communicated with parents on March 4<sup>th</sup>. For each subject, all students will be given an Informal Learning Update Report. These progress reports will include information about the learning progress to date and feedback that will aid in improving a student’s performance, as well as comments about a student’s work habits and engagement.

#### Informal Learning Update Timeline

February 26-28	Teachers prepare Learning Updates
February 28	Learning Update Files due by 8am
March 3	Admin & Counsellors review Learning Update Reports
March 4	Learning Update Reports emailed home @ 2:00pm

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Mar 3 Spring Drama Production (Mar 3-7)
- Mar 3 Staff Meeting (after school)
- Mar 4 Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
- Mar 5 Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
- Mar 6 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
- Mar 10 Elementary Basketball Tournament (Mar 10-11)
- Mar 12 Mini School Meeting (at lunch)
- Mar 12 Ed Fac Meeting (after school)
- Mar 13 Locker Clean Up
- Mar 14 Last Day of Classes before Break
- Mar 14 Turn off/unlug electronics before break
- Mar 17-28 Spring Break
- Mar 31 First Day of Classes after Break
- Mar 31 SCC Meeting (at lunch)
- Apr 2 Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
- Apr 3 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
- Apr 7-8 Mini 12: Food Bank
- Apr 7 Staff Meeting (after school)
- Apr 8 Grad Assessment: Numeracy10
- Apr 9 Ed Fac Meeting (at lunch)
- Apr 11 Suggested Marks Cutoff
- Apr 16 Mini School Meeting (at lunch)
- Apr 16 Evacuation Drill (Block B- 10:30am)
- Apr 17 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
- Apr 17 Learning Updates due 8:00am
- Apr 18 Good Friday (School Closed)
- Apr 21 Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Apr 23 Learning Updates Published on MyEdBC
- Apr 28 SCC Meeting (at lunch)
- Apr 30 Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) Early Dismissal
- May 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm/5-7pm) Early Dismissal
- May 5-6 Grade 9 Mini School Trip: Timberline Ranch
- May 6-9 Grade 11 Mini School Trip: Juan De Fuca hike
- May 7 Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)

#### Program Planning Timeline

The [Program Planning](#) process for the 2025-26 school year is underway. There are a number of important dates for students and families to be mindful of:

Date	Event
<b>Feb 12-23</b>	Online Course Selection through MyEducationBC
<b>Feb 18-21</b>	Counsellors visit classrooms to answer student questions
<b>Mar 10</b>	Course Request Confirmation sent by email

All course requests must be entered online through MyEducation BC. It is important that we have accurate and complete course selections for all students, as we build our timetable based on this information. Once our timetable is built, it may be difficult to accommodate requests to change selected courses.