

Community

Connections





GAMING CLUB

At the Gaming and Esports Club, we provide the opportunity to make friends and play video games with fellow students and we organize esports tournaments and will be establishing esports teams to compete against other schools.



MODEL UN

We will be discussing various political topics, giving input based on what country you have been assigned.



HEAVY-METAL CHESS CLUB

A club where you can learn or play chess while drinking tea. Also, some nice music playing in the background, something for everyone!



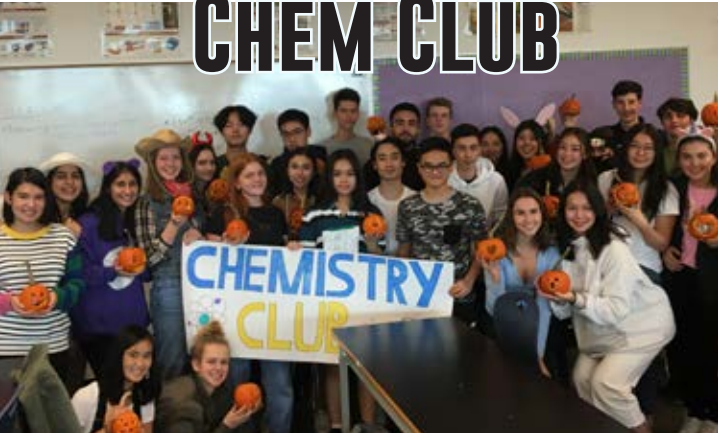
FRENCH CLUB

Promoting the French Immersion Culture amongst the Kits Immersion students through French music, crafts, foods, videos, oral speaking and fun activities. All grades welcome.



WE CLUB

We fundraise for local and global causes via bake sale, candy-grams, and other fundraisers which promote awareness for different humanitarian causes.



CHEM CLUB

Chemistry club (for students in chem 11 or 12) allows students to perform labs they usually wouldn't get to in class. We have club discussions, celebrate special days (like Mole Day) and perform labs/ learning the chemistry behind them.



REACH FOR THE TOP

Reach For The Top allows students an environment to participate in competitive trivia. We cover many topics such as history, science, math, and geography.



BEST BUDDIES

Best Buddies are a group of students who help with activities in the Kits Life Skills Program, participate and organize activities and fun at special events.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

IJA is an entrepreneurship club for taking an innovative idea and making it happen. The club involves creating a company, operating and learning the functions of a business and then taking a real product to market.



LEO CLUB

As part of the Lions Club international, we do volunteering/fundraising activities either outside or inside the school. Leo club is also in charge of the library monitors.



REAL ESTATE CLUB

Real Estates Agents of Tomorrow Club is a club for future real estate agents to discuss real estate topics. By leveraging real estate donations from parents/PAC members, we help the homelessness rates skyrocket with real estate. It's free real estate.



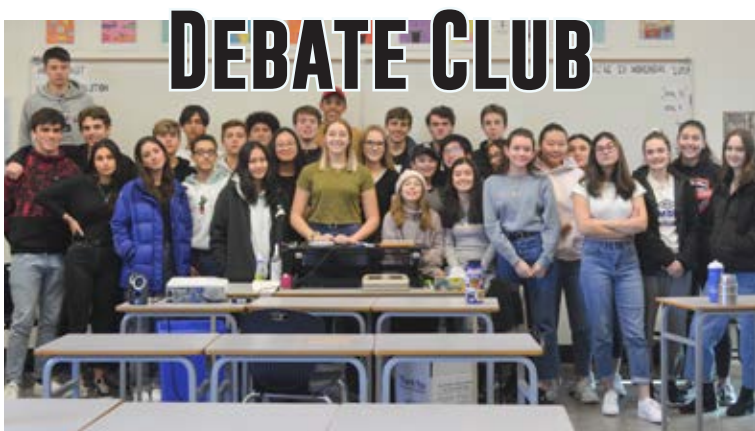
PLASTIC MODELS CLUB

We build plastic models, it can be anything: trains, cars, planes, AFV.





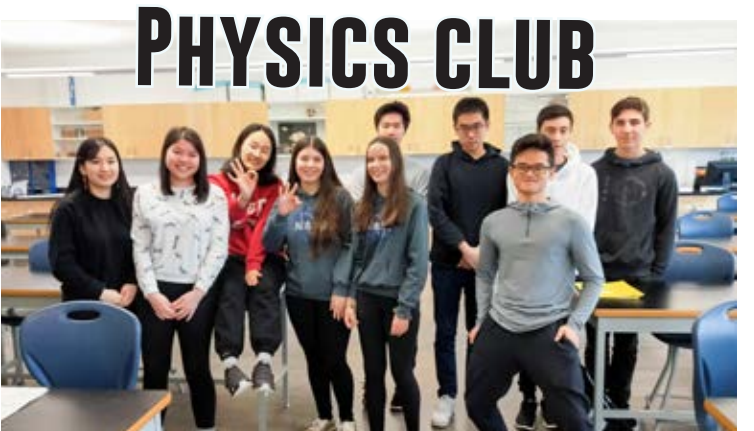
Pride Club meets weekly and shares treats while offering a supportive space for anyone in the LGBTQIA2+ community (and allies!). Over lunch we discuss different topics related to queer-ness in schools or just our interests! Shantay, you stay!



The debate team is a club where one can practice public speaking and confidence in structured debates. Club members can practice researching for their arguments, and hopefully we may attend another tournament if the time comes.



Are you interested in Jazz music, or do you play a Jazzy instrument? If the answer is yes, Jazz club is the perfect place for you: sign up in front of room 175 and be jazzy.



Physics club is a club that brings together people who all share a passion for physics. We learn collectively, doing fun projects, physics labs, trivia, and fermi questions, ultimately in preparation for the Physics Olympics in spring.



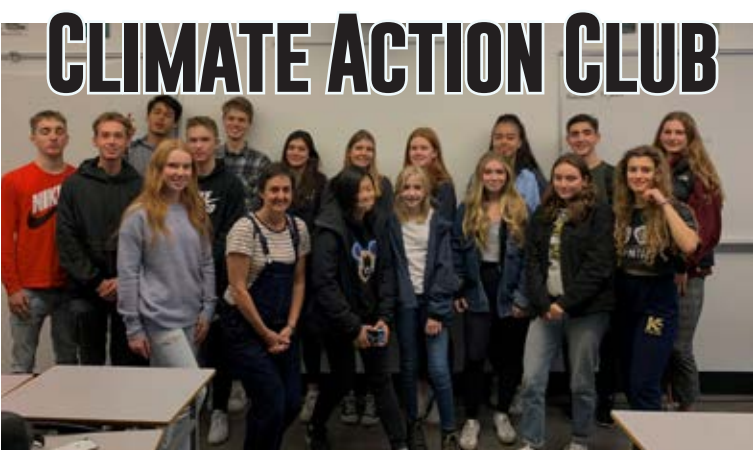
Ski club is a club where you can practice skiing and snowboarding at Whistler Blackcomb with your favourite teachers! It doesn't matter your skill level, everyone has fun here!



The goal of this club is to give female students the opportunity to gain confidence in the gym. We hope to create a space for girls to build community exercise, and have fun in a supportive environment.



Tired of eating lunch alone in the hallways? If you are a grade 8 or 9 student, come eat lunch with us on Tuesdays! Meet new friends, relax, sip tea and play board games!



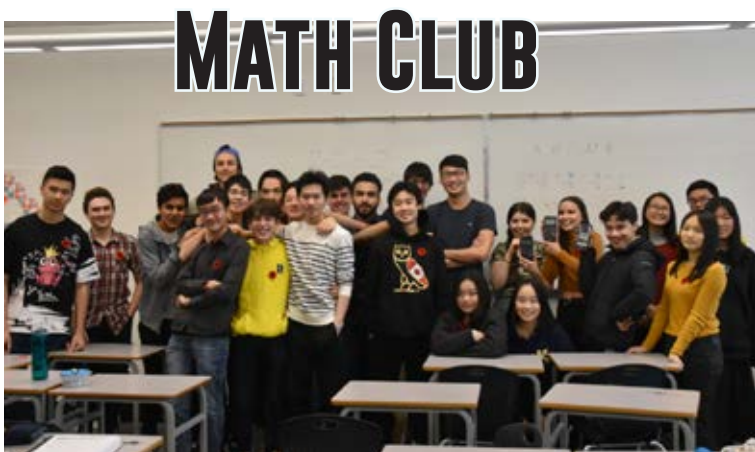
The Climate Action Club meets weekly to discuss and reflect on our actions on the climate and how it will affect the future. We do a variety of cleanups, which bring us closer together.



Greek Dancing, encouraging cultural awareness through dance while forming friendships.



Journalist club write news about school events and the Kits community. We also discuss current events and write commentaries based on the news



The Kitsilano Mathematics Club helps students with Math homework, prepares students who wish to write Math contests and looks at a variety of interesting mathematical topics! Open to all!

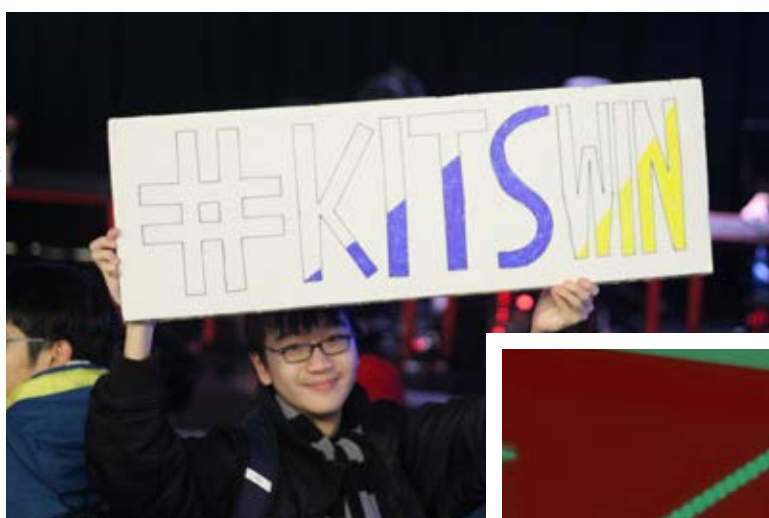


The club supports students for the district, regional, and Canada-wide science fair.

Loyal fan Lucas H (11) cheering his school on with the #KitsWin sign.



The championship trophy.
The team celebrating the big win.



Michael M (12) is thrilled to see the team working together brilliantly.

It's Gamer Time

KITSILANO'S ESPORTS TEAM WINS IT ALL



This year the Gaming and E-Sports club registered Kitsilano Secondary School's first ever competitive team in the Metro Vancouver Secondary School E-Sports Association's 2nd annual League of Legends high school tournament. Led primarily by team manager Aidan Madokoro, teacher sponsor Mr. Lubin, club president Bobby Davidson and coaches Samuel Stelzl and Max Sadler, the team finished first and brought home a glorious trophy. Players, Steven "Xtrinityy" Xu, Malcolm "Snorlaxitives" Wakeford, Aidan "Ochre99" Madokoro, Michael "Taquitoboi" Mcphail, and David "Sarin" Li and the substitutes Ben Catron, Cole Fuller, Quanyu Zhou and Billy Jack-Campbell battled throughout a 3-month season leading up to the finals in December against Windermere Secondary School at The Gaming Stadium. The series began with an underseeded Kitsilano Secondary School faced off against Van Tech secondary. With a determined and prepared mindset, Kitsilano dominated the match and proved themselves by defeating the tournament favourites. As the momentum picked up, Kitsilano steamrolled through the regular season and playoffs reaching the finals without a blemish on their record. Aidan M put the team on his back when the team needed him the most, Malcolm W. and Michael M. shone with a stunning, consistent performance while David L. and Steven X. demonstrated their prowess, dominating their opponents each and every game. The team played to excellence, where every decision was well thought of and executed to perfection. Kitsilano was known for dominance in every objective, leaving the opponents unable to get a chance to comeback. The team defeated Windermere Secondary School 3-1 in the final, taking home the trophy and cementing the everlasting mantra: #KITSwins.



Malcom W (11) preparing for game one of the series
Coach Sam S (12) helping Michael M during champion selection.



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Steven X (11) focusing on the task at hand.



Aidan M (12) working hard to win the game.



The team watching the game winning play.

Do you consider yourself to be a gamer?

- 53% No, I am not a gamer
- 47% Yes, I am a gamer



Lauren B (12) giving blood for the blood club.



Caitlin L. (12) enthusiastically advertising her French Club to potential members. Constantine K. (11), Frankie Z. (11), Lucas H. (11), and Sydney M. (11) raising their placards in Model UN.

Being Involved Matters

DIAMONDS? ACES? SPADES? NO, CLUBS!

Student-run clubs affects Kitsilano students' quality of life in classrooms and in the hallways. Every single student at Kits has the opportunity to join any club to better their communication skills, research skills, and even participation skills that show up outside of the club as well. These benefits do not exclude the leaders of the club who possess the skill to create motivation among themselves and the attendees. Students are more

motivated to join these clubs and make differences in their community when the clubs are run by other students because the environments are less intimidating with less authority. Even the club leaders learn responsibility and leadership, an important asset for future endeavours. Attending these clubs even affect students' performance in their classes, and teachers also note when kids attend clubs and participate in their community with their classmates. Ms Asmani notices that "the lab technique of students is improved," as students can focus on "enjoying the club without marks and grades." Students being able to do academic activities in clubs purely for enjoyment can improve their overall performance in class activities. The diverse quantity of clubs creates a dynamic school environment that everyone wants to be apart of.



Aiden T (12) completing his project for Plastic Model Club. Grade 12s take part in Greek dancing with the leaders of the Greek Dancing Club.

Lauren F (12) Sara P. (12) shopping at the Grad council and Environment Club run clothing drive.

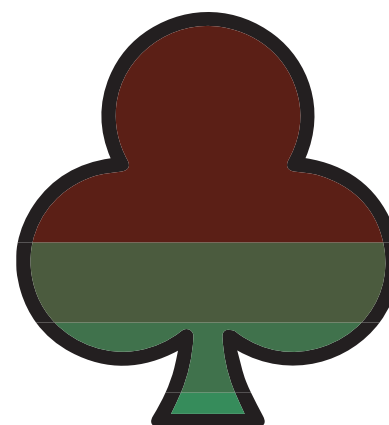


Nikki D. (11) perfecting her gingerbread man in French Club.

Elleke M. (9) and Kaitlyn S. (9) enjoy a game of Chess at the Chess, Tea, and Heavy Metal Club.



Matthew B. (8) and Sam A. (8) compete in Gaming and Esports club.



Why do you join clubs?

- 50% School participation
- 28% For my resume/ transcript
- 20% To meet new people
- 2% Bandwagoning



Importance of Clubs

ACADEMICS OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Brett C. (11) preps for Ms Asmani's Chemistry club.

Justin P. (12) and his friends prepare for the physics club meeting.

WE Day.

Kitsilano students pay great attention to their academic careers in class and outside of class. Many students decide to run clubs throughout the course of highschool to appeal to universities. Whether it's all for show or for genuine interest, most students will choose to participate. Students in Model United Nations get the opportunity to mimick a mock United Nations Conference and represent different countries of the United Nations. Each year an international Vancouver United Nations conference takes place at the Hyatt Regency to truly mimick real conferences. Debate club encourages strong willed students to use their voices in arguing important topics that affect our society, education and human rights. For students who excel in Mathematics, Math Club is available to practice and improve existing skills. Mr Smith leads a club concentrated with eager students keen on advancing their knowledge of Physics. Science Fair club is one where students can have fun in preparing for a science fair to demonstrate their knowledge visually. All these clubs are lead by enthusiastic students wishing to make a change within the glimmering school community.

Kitsilano shines with consistant talent and excitement for the academics and academic clubs. Post secondary schools notice the inclusion of these academic clubs in applications, and this is something most Kits students strive for everyday. In these academic clubs, students learn to care about the academics outside their classes. Learning the importance of academic learning unprompted by teachers is the key to success in highschool and entrance to post secondary.

Lucas H (12) helping math club students with homework
Lilli L (12) and Philemona F (12) lead Model UN club.
Nikki D (11) laughs in solidarity with Alabama laws in debate club.

How many clubs do you participate in?

60% 0-2
40% 2+



Jack M (11) and Nathan B. (11) debate against the pro-choice abortion laws.

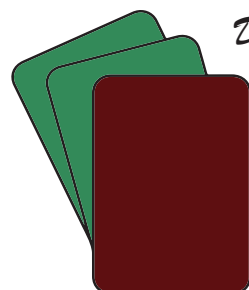
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The Duels of the Decade

AP CALCULUS CLUB CREATES A LEGACY

It was the club that no one asked for, but the duels that no one wanted to miss. The Kitsilano AP Calculus Club's Yu Gi Oh duels have quickly become some of the most anticipated club events at the school. Debuting this year, these events have seen students of all ages and friend groups come out to support their favourite duelists. Students first heard about the duel on October 2nd Through the club's Instagram page, advertising a duel between Leo Strang and Ben Thompson in a trading card game most had not played since elementary school if they ever had. The club's social media accounts blew up, reaching upwards of 10.7 thousand followers and the duelists revealed their now legendary monkiers. Ben "The Nightmare" Thompson would face off against Leo "Seppuku Ritual" Strang. After a press conference and weigh in students could not wait for the duel, and the AP Calculus Club did not disappoint. After a close second round, The Nightmare took a 2-0 victory to put the club on the map as one to watch. With the success of the first duel, Spencer "The 7th Kiyuzaki Warrior of the Holy Council of Estragon" Scholnick challenged the defending champ, offering a challenge with a higher level deck. The odds seemed stacked against Ben as the entire auditorium watched Spencer take the first round. After his points being reset on a technicality, Ben commanded the battlefield and rose up winning 2-1 as the crowd went wild. Initially an underestimated club, this event put the AP Calculus club on the map and solidified it as one to keep an eye on.



Did you attend a Yu Gi Oh battle this year?

- ☒ 30% Yes, I had the time of my life!
- ☒ 70% No, the auditorium was full.

Spiro T. (12) announces the humble champion, Ben T. (12)

The AP Calculus Club was welcomed to packed grandstands for the big event.



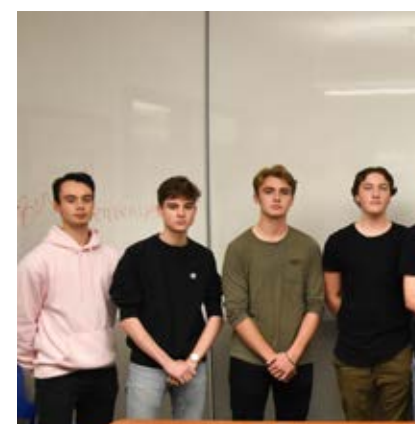
Ben T. and Leo S. (12) face off before the duel.

Spiro S. (12) gets a better view of the battle field.



Could tensions be getting the best of Leo?

Tensions reached a breaking point towards the end of the press conference.



The key members of the AP Calculus club.

Ben T. and Leo S. (12) set the scene for the duel at the press conference.

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100 CLUBS

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

