

**Vanier Community Newsletter – Week 40 (June 27, 2025)**

Dear Vanier Family,

We've done it - we officially wrapped up the 2024-2025 school year! And what a year it was! We had numerous accomplishments and celebrations – the most significant of which was our commencement on Thursday, July 26th. It was a fantastic event as we celebrated the hard work of all our graduates over the past four years. Thank you all for coming, and congratulations once again to our graduates.



As you heard at the ceremony, due to a system-wide technical issue, we were not able to print and distribute your graduation documents (diploma, transcripts, Ontario scholar certificates, subject awards, and other certificates). These will be available for pick up on:

- July 3, 2025 – July 5, 2025, from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
- August 20, 2025 - August 22, 2025, from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Due to the sensitive nature of these documents, they will not be mailed; instead, they must be picked up by graduates or close relatives with signed permission to do so.



Please note that report cards will be emailed to students and caregivers (if a student is under 18) by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. If you do not receive it, please to contact our Main Office between. Our Office will be closed from July 14<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Before heading off into the summer, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all our students and Vanier staff for a wonderful school year. Your individual contributions and dedication have collectively made Vanier a great place to learn and work.

I also want to express my deep gratitude to all of you, our parents, and caregivers. Your commitment is what makes Vanier a wonderful place to learn, work, and grow. Your trust in us as educators to deliver a quality education program and your collaborative efforts to enhance your child's well-being and success are truly invaluable. A special thank you to our parent council executives for their vital role in ensuring your voice was heard. We eagerly anticipate your return in September, when we will hold elections to select the 2025-2026 School Council Executive. A description of the positions will be made available in September.

The first day of school will be **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**. Students' timetables will be emailed out a few days before school re-opens. I know some students may require changes to their timetables; they can book time with their guidance counselors during the first two weeks of the new school year to do so.

I understand that the summer months away from school can be challenging for some students. To provide support, this newsletter includes some numbers/websites that offer assistance. Please know that help is just a call or click away if you need it.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer, Vanier. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting school year!

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**(VP)**

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## Summer School News

- At this time, **Remote Summer Credit Recovery program is full**. However, they are offering a late registration waitlist specifically for this program.
- If you still wish to be considered, please complete the form using the link: [Credit Recovery Summer School Waitlist](#). Please note that this waitlist is for Remote Credit Recovery only.
- For all **Remote Full Credit programs**, all courses are full, and they are no longer accepting new registrations. No waitlists will be provided for these courses.
- If students are still interested in taking **a full credit course or the remedial Grade 9 Math**, they may attend **an in-person site from July 2–4** to inquire about possible registration. Please be advised that space is extremely limited, and registration is not guaranteed.
- Students who have been successfully registered will receive welcome emails by the end of this week.
- **As a reminder, all summer school classes begin on July 2 and end on July 25, and attendance is mandatory.**



## **TDSB's Official Launch of the 2025 Backpack & School Supplies Drive**

As we look ahead to the 2025-2026 school year, many students in our community will be excited to head back to class. For some, that excitement is overshadowed by the stress of not having basic school supplies on their first day. A backpack filled with the essentials can make a world of difference in a student's confidence, preparedness, and feeling inclusion.



This year, the need is great as we face greater uncertainty around the impact of tariffs, significant costs in housing and general rising costs of living in Toronto. Your donation can empower a student to learn with confidence, ease the burden on families who are struggling and set the tone for a positive school year.

**A \$25 donation = one backpack for a student.**

### **How you can help:**

1. Make a monetary donation towards the purchase of a backpack and supplies on [School Cash Online](#) (select the "TDSB Backpack Campaign" from the drop down menu).
2. Donate a new backpack or school supplies. We are accepting donations of new backpacks and school supplies (gender neutral in colour, basic school supplies such as pencils, crayons, calculators etc.). Please complete our [Donation Information Form](#).
3. Spread the word with colleagues, friends and family.

Please help us to give the necessary resources for students to succeed.

For more information please go to [www.tdsb.on.ca/backpacks](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/backpacks) or Educational & Business Partnerships, [businessdevelopment@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:businessdevelopment@tdsb.on.ca).

## **Summer 2025 Well-being Guide**

As the school year winds down, families may experience a mix of excitement and the need for support. The [TDSB Summer 2025 Well-Being Guide](#) offers culturally responsive and identity-affirming resources and activities to help families support their and their children's mental well-being throughout the summer. From mindfulness tips and community programs to creative and physical activities, the guide is designed to help every family make the most of the season. Available in the TDSB's top 22 spoken languages, this guide ensures support is accessible and inclusive for all during summertime!

If you have any questions, please email [mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca).

## KEY DATES – SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2025-2026

**The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, inclusive**

Professional Activity Days	September	October	November	January	February	June
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	26	10	14	16	13	5, 26
<b>Secondary Schools</b>	26	10	14	29	13	25, 26

Designation of Professional Activity Days	
Elementary	Secondary
1. September 26, 2025 – Professional Development 2. October 10, 2025 – Professional Development 3. November 14, 2025 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4. January 16, 2026 – Assessment and Reporting 5. February 13, 2026 – Parent Teacher Conferences 6. June 5, 2026 – Assessment and Reporting 7. June 26, 2026 – Professional Development	1. September 26, 2025 – Professional Development 2. October 10, 2025 - Professional Development 3. November 14, 2025 - Professional Development 4. January 29, 2026 - Professional Development 5. February 13, 2026 - Professional Development 6. June 25, 2026 - Professional Development 7. June 26, 2026 - Professional Development

**EQAO:** - The following dates have been established:

**Gr. 9 Math:** TBD  
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**OSSLT:** TBD  
**Primary/Junior EQAO:** TBD

Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)	
<b>Labour Day:</b>	<b>September 1, 2025</b>
<b>Thanksgiving:</b>	<b>October 13, 2025</b>
<b>Winter Break:</b>	<b>December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026</b>
<b>Family Day:</b>	<b>February 16, 2026</b>
<b>Mid-Winter Break:</b>	<b>March 16-20, 2026</b>
<b>Good Friday:</b>	<b>April 3, 2026</b>
<b>Easter Monday:</b>	<b>April 6, 2026</b>
<b>Victoria Day:</b>	<b>May 18, 2026</b>



## **Kids' Helplines:**

**Kids Help Phone Line** is a 24 hour/7 days per week crisis line that youth can contact for support:  
Online Chat: [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca) Phone: 1-800-668-6868 Text: 686868

**Black Youth Help Line** – available 9 AM – 10 PM [www.blackyouth.ca](http://www.blackyouth.ca) 416-285-9944

**LGBT Youth Line** – Sunday – Friday 4 PM – 9:30 PM – PEER SUPPORT\*

Live chat: [www.youthline.ca](http://www.youthline.ca) Text: 647-694-4275 Call: 1-800-268-9688

**Naseeha - Muslim Mental Health Help Phone** – 1-866-Naseeha (627-3342)

Call: 1-866-627-3342 (7 days/week 12-9 PM) Text: 1-866-627-3342 (Mon-Fri 12-9 PM)

**Hope for Wellness Help Chat** – offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada

Live chat: [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca) Call: 1-855-242-3310 (24/7)

## **Other Resources:**

**Help Ahead** is the centralized resource and intake phone line for multiple trusted community-based mental health organizations in Toronto. Help Ahead has up-to-date information about the available programs and services and can find local supports to address the needs of your child and family.  
<https://www.helpahead.ca/> 1-866-585-6486

**What's Up Walk-In Clinic** provides free mental health counselling for children, youth, young adults and their families, and family with infants. <https://www.whatsupwalkin.ca/resources/>

**One Stop Talk** is a free, confidential service that lets children and youth aged 0-17 years call or connect online from anywhere in Ontario to get brief mental health services. Parents seeking services are encouraged to visit *One Stop Talk* with their child to ensure access to a session.  
<https://onestoptalk.ca/> 1-855-416-8255

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## **Upcoming Dates & Events**

### **2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

## Parent Concern Protocol

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### Classroom Teacher

Step One

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

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### School Principal

Step Two

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

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### School Superintendents

Step Three

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

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### Trustees

Step Four

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

#### Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: [GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca](mailto:GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca)

## School Information

School Phone #: (416) 395 – 3250

School's Twitter: @GeorgesVanierSS

School's Website:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/georgesvanier>

### Our Student Support Team:

#### Guidance:

Jennifer Hayward (Assistant Curriculum Leader)

Supporting Students with surnames N - Z

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Supporting Students with Surnames A - F

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#### Special Education:

Steven Maurer (Assistant Curriculum Leader)

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#### Student Success:

Paula Burgess (Assistant Curriculum Leader)

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