



## Message from the Admin

Dear Virtual Secondary School Students and Parents/ Guardians /Caregivers,

We are looking forward to the 2024/25 school year at Virtual Secondary School (VSS)!

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 3rd. We will be following a special schedule. More information can be found below.

This edition of our *Weekly Update* has important information that will help you navigate the first week of school. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff. Our general school email address is [TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca).

**All students will receive their school timetable via email by Friday, August 30th.**

We are excited that you have joined us this year and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday, August 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head Start Day (Grade 9 Students)</li> </ul>
Monday, September 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Labour Day (School Closed)</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, September 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of School</li> <li>Special Schedule (Classes end at .)</li> <li>Access your classes through <a href="#">Brightspace</a></li> </ul>
Wednesday, September 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Orientation Day</b></li> </ul>

## Students Not Returning

If you are NOT intending to return to Virtual Secondary School this year, please email me at [Praveena.Sivarajah@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Praveena.Sivarajah@tdsb.on.ca) and put "demit" in the subject line. Please list your name and the name of the new school you will be attending.

## Head Start to High School - Grade 9 Students

Our Grade 9 students have already received an email regarding our Head Start Day – a virtual welcome event created to support our Grade 9 students' transition to high school.

Head Start Day will be on Wednesday, August 28th. Grade 9 students can register for either a morning or afternoon session. Please complete the following form by Tuesday, August 27th to register: <https://forms.gle/s7HHRWsiAJ1MznTH6>



This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow classmates, get to know our school, and start building connections before the school year begins.

All students who register will receive a link to the virtual meeting on the morning of Wednesday, August 28th. This link will be sent to your TDSB email.

We look forward to helping you start this new chapter!

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## First Day of School - September 3rd

The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 3rd. **We will be following the Day 1, Special Schedule listed below.**

Schedule for Tuesday, September 3, 2024	
09:00 - 9:40 a.m.	<b>Period 1 (Block A)</b>
09:45 - 10:25 a.m.	<b>Period 2 (Block B)</b>
10:30 - 11:10 a.m.	<b>Period 3 (Block C)</b>
11:15 - 11:55 a.m.	<b>Period 4 (Block D)</b>
11:55 a.m.	<b>Students Dismissed</b>
1:00 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Staff Meetings</b>

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## Orientation Day - September 4th

Orientation Day is traditionally held at VSS on the first day to kick off the semester and help set students up for success. This year, it will be held on the second day of school.

On this day, all students will receive the same carefully crafted workshops on the topics listed below. More information will be provided in our next Weekly Update.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 4th - Orientation Day (Day 2)	
Period 1 (Block A)	<b>VSS Orientation</b>
Period 2 (Block B)	<b>Tools for Success</b>
Period 3 (Block D)	<b>Well-being and Respectful Relationships</b>
Period 4 (Block C)	<b>All About Me</b>

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## Accessing your Classes - Brightspace

At Virtual Secondary School, our classes are run through the **Brightspace** learning management system. Students can use the following link to access all of their courses:

<https://tdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/home>.



Alternatively, students can login to [aw.tdsb.on.ca](http://aw.tdsb.on.ca), click on the **Resources** tab and then click on **Brightspace**.

Students can view their most up-to-date timetable via the TDSB Connects App. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Brightspace for Families

*Brightspace for Parents/Guardians* allows Parents/Guardians/Caregivers to access their child’s account.

- [Click here](#) to learn more about *Brightspace for Parents/Guardians*.
- [Click here](#) for the *Brightspace for Parents Login Guide*
- [Click here](#) for the *Parent Account Password Reset Guide*

## Self Service Password Reset - Registration

Students can register to be able to reset their own password without help from a teacher. Once registered, students will be able to use security questions, email, phone, text message or an “authenticator” smartphone app, to validate their password reset requests. For additional information, please view this [infographic](#) or [demo video](#). Register today!

## Students New to the TDSB

Students new to TDSB will have their password set to the Shared Secret Password. Please [click here](#) for more details.

## School Schedules, TDSB School Calendar, and TDSB Key Dates

Our school schedules are listed below. On Day 2 (i.e. even calendar days like September 4th) our afternoon classes flip. We follow a *Late Start Day* two Wednesdays each month. During this time our staff are engaged in either staff meetings or professional learning.

- [Click here](#) for a list of our *Late Start Days*.
- [Click here](#) for the TDSB School Calendar.
- [Click here](#) for TDSB Key dates (i.e. school holidays, PA days etc.).

REGULAR DAY	DAY 1 (odd calendar days, e.g. Sept. 3)	DAY 2 (even calendar days, e.g. Sept. 4)	LATE START DAY (PLCs/Staff Meetings)
9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Course A	Course A	9:55 - 10:55 a.m.
10:25 - 11:40 a.m.	Course B	Course B	11:00 - 11:59 a.m.
11:40 - 12:35 p.m.	Lunch		12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
12:40 - 1:55 p.m.	Course C	Course D	1:05 - 2:10 p.m.
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Course D	Course C	2:15 - 3:15 p.m.