Virtual Secondary School - Weekly Update

Friday, September 6th, 2024

Message from the Admin

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

We have officially completed our first week of school!

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving more information about the academic and extra-curricular opportunities available at VSS.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Praveena Sivarajah Zorica Prekajski Marlena Rivett

Principal Vice Principal (A - L) Vice Principal (M - Z)

<u>Praveena.Sivarajah@tdsb.on.ca</u> Zorica.Prekajski@tdsb.on.ca Marlena.Rivett@tdsb.on.ca

Upcoming	Events:	

Wednesday, September 18

• Late Start (PLC)

Students Out of Province/Country

Please note that Remote Learning at Virtual Secondary School is an option only for students residing in Ontario. Students who are currently not residing in Ontario will be demitted.

Start of Year Forms

The Start of Year Forms and Student Device Agreement was sent to all families, by TDSB IT Services, on August 29th. Please be sure to complete these forms as soon as possible so that we have the most up-to-date contact information for all of our students.

To complete the form, parents/guardians will click on the link in the email which will open the form in the default web browser and sign into their account. First time users must create an account.

If you need help, please click on this link for more information.

Student Attendance/Absences

A parent/guardian must inform the Main Office of a student absence by calling: 416 393 8240. Similarly, if a student is experiencing technical difficulties connecting with their online class a parent/guardian must call to inform the Main Office. Students who are 18 years or older do not need a parent/guardian to report an absence and can contact the Main Office directly.



Friday, September 6th, 2024

To be marked present, students must be able to demonstrate their presence by having their camera on. If there are circumstances where this is not possible, the student will be directed to meet with their vice-principal to discuss an achievable plan.

Students are expected to be present for the entire duration of each class. If there is no response from a student for a period of 20 minutes or longer, the student will be marked absent for that class.

Students who arrive during the last 20 minutes of class will be marked absent for that class.

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.

- <u>Click here</u> for a list of our *Late Start Days*.
- Click here for the TDSB School Calendar.
- <u>Click here</u> 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.

Call for Proposals 2024-2025 Virtual Parents/Caregivers as Partners Conference

Save the date for the 2024-2025 Virtual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference (PCasP) taking place on Saturday, November 16, 2024! This year's theme is: "Journey to Joy, Wellness, and Wholeness." Join us to explore Equity and Truth and Reconciliation, break down barriers, and build inclusive communities. Learn from experts and discover how every student, parent/guardian/caregiver can experience joy, wellness, and wholeness in education.

Registration details will follow soon. We are inviting you to submit proposals for virtual workshops, micro-sessions, and panel presentations. The PCasP will run from 10:00AM. to 1:15PM. We are welcoming submissions from school districts, universities, schools, School Councils, administrators, educators, community organizations, researchers, and parents/guardians/caregivers. To apply as a presenter, please complete the application form no later than October 1, 2024.