



Message from the Admin

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

We hope everyone had a great second week of school! We are pleased to announce that we have scheduled our first School Council (virtual) meeting for the 2024/2025 year. School Councils are an excellent way for parents/guardians to get involved in their child's education. More information is provided below. We hope to see you there.

If you have missed or would like to review our past *Weekly Updates*, please visit our [school website](#).

Wishing you a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday, September 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start (PLC Meeting)
Wednesday, September 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start (Staff Meeting) VSS School Council (virtual) Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Reporting Student 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.

School Council Meeting

It is our pleasure to invite all VSS parents/guardians to our first School Council meeting of the 2024/2025 school year. **This virtual meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00pm.**

Please [click here](#) to register for the meeting. Please be sure to provide the email address on file with the school. All VSS parents/guardians who registered will receive a link for the meeting on the afternoon of September 25th.

The School Council is made up of an elected committee of parents, staff, student representatives, appointed community members, the principal, and a general membership which includes all parents/guardians of students attending the school. If you would like to



nominate yourself or another VSS parent/guardian to be an elected member of our School Council, please complete the appropriate sections in the above registration form.

We hope to see you at our meeting!

Important Links

[School Council Roles and Responsibilities](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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, we had our Orientation Day on Wednesday, September 4th. All students received the same carefully crafted workshops on the topics listed below. Please click on the following links to see what was shared with our students.

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

Parent Concern Protocol

If you have any questions and concerns, we will make every effort to address them as quickly as possible. The student's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by their vice-principal, the principal, the school superintendent, and your Trustee.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Student Accident Insurance Reminder

The Toronto District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school sponsored activities. Parents/ guardians are responsible for deciding whether or not to purchase student accident insurance. The insurance program options range from \$17 to \$33 per year.

For further information please visit www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com or call 1-833-560-0527 (toll-free) or 416-916-1588 (local).

Flyer: [Student Accident Plan Flyer](#)



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.