



Message from the Admin

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

Enjoy your weekend because we have a busy week ahead! We are pleased to invite our Grade 9 students and their families to our Virtual Grade 9 Curriculum Night next Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Our first virtual School Council meeting is next Wednesday, September 25th. If you wish to attend, please register using the link below. We hope to see you there!

Next Friday, September 27th is our first Pause and Pace day where students will be provided with the opportunity to consolidate their thinking and work on incomplete term activities. This initiative is a part of this year’s Credit Rescue Plan to support students in their success this semester. You can learn more about our Term Deadlines and Credit Rescue Plan below.

Finally, we are hosting a Commencement for our 2023-2024 Graduates on Thursday, October 10th. Graduates were sent an invitation email earlier this week. See below for more details.

We hope that you are finding our Weekly Updates useful. 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:	
Tuesday, September 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Grade 9 Curriculum Night @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start (Staff Meeting) VSS School Council (virtual) Meeting @ 7:00 p.m
Friday, September 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pause and Pace Day
Monday, September 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day
Thursday, October 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement for 2023-2024 Grads

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.



Remote Learning - Student Created Resources

If you are new to remote learning, you may find the resources below useful. Each link below is an approximately two-minute video, made by students, to help you navigate some essential tasks.

[Accessing classes on Brightspace](#)

[Using the Brightspace Navigation Bar](#)

[Submitting Assignments and Accessing Feedback](#)

[Using Microsoft Teams](#)

[Voice Typing on Google Docs](#)

Grade 9 Curriculum Night

Please join us for Grade 9 Curriculum Night

When: Tuesday, September 24th 6 pm - 7 pm

Who: All Grade 9 Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Where:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

[Need help?](#)

Meeting ID: 299 351 564 091

Passcode: 2PaKfx

This is an evening for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of current TDSB Virtual Secondary School grade 9 students to learn about the grade 9 courses offered at VSS. Staff will present the curriculum in each of the courses and give an overview of the content and material as well as provide examples of the types of assessments and evaluations that students will be engaged in during their courses.

We will also share ways to receive additional support from guidance, special education, student success and technology/library.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Term Deadlines and the VSS Credit Rescue Plan

We will be implementing two strategies to scaffold and support student success this year: Term Deadlines and the VSS Credit Rescue Plan. Please [click here](#) to carefully review our full plan.

Important Dates

- Our first **Pause and Pace** day is Friday, September 27th. Students will be provided with the opportunity to consolidate their thinking and/or catch up on missed term work.
- Our **Semester 1, Call Home week** is the week of October 7th. Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians regarding student progress in their classes.
- The **Ultimate Deadline** for Semester 1, Term 1 work is Friday, November 8th. Any missed work from Term 1 will not be accepted after this date.



Guidance - Course Change Requests

On behalf of the guidance department thank you for submitting your timetable course change requests through our form. Timetable change requests are now closed and processed. If students are in a course they have already completed or do not have the prerequisite to be in the current course please come to the [guidance zoom room](#) at lunch to speak with a guidance counsellor. Guidance can also be reached by email: vssguidance@tdsb.on.ca, at this time we are experiencing a high volume of email and we are answering as quickly as possible. If your concern is urgent we encourage you to see us at the [guidance zoom room](#) lunch drop in.

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](#)

VSS Commencement for 2023-2024 Graduates

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024

Location: Richview Collegiate Institute (1738 Islington Ave, Etobicoke, ON M9A 3N2)

Time: Guests are invited to be seated in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Grads should meet at 6:00p.m. in the cafeteria

If you have any questions, please email: TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca