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#### Message from the Admin

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

We had a busy but great week! We enjoyed meeting and celebrating with our 2024 Grads last night. This event was a wonderful reminder of the diversity and resiliency of our unique school community. VSS is a special place and we are very fortunate to be working with and supporting our students.

We are looking forward to seeing our students in our Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies next Wednesday, October 16th. Details are listed below.

If you have missed or would like to review our past *Weekly Updates*, please visit our <u>school</u> <u>website</u>.

Wishing you a great long weekend!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:		
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving - School Closed	
Wednesday, October 16	Caring and Safe School Assemblies	
Tuesday, October 29	Grade 12 Post Secondary Assembly, Period 2	

#### **Caring And Safe Schools Assemblies**

On Wednesday, October 16th, we will be following the assembly day schedule below to accommodate our Caring and Safe

School Assemblies. Grade 9 and 10 classes will attend the first assembly from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Grade 11 and 12 classes will attend the second assembly from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

During these assemblies, students wil		
review school expectations, learn how		

Assembly Day Schedule	Day 1 (assigned to odd calendar days) e.g. September 7	Day 2 (assigned to even calendar days) e.g. September 8
09:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Class A	Class A
10:05 - 12:05 p.m.	Class B	Class B
12:05 - 1:05 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:10 - 2:10 p.m.	Class C*	Class D*
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	Class D	Class C

<sup>\*</sup> includes 5 minutes for opening exercises/announcements

to access school supports (i.e. guidance, social worker, CYW etc.), learn about potential pathways, and learn about the extra- curricular activities available at VSS.

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#### A Message from the VSS Guidance Department

#### 1. Reminder: Loran Scholarship Deadline: October 15th, 2024

**Students can apply at apply.loranscholar.ca.** They may also review what <u>sets Loran Scholars apart</u>, <u>how to apply</u>, and check out a <u>sample application form</u> ahead of applying. You can also suggest they watch a recording of a 2025 Loran Award <u>webinar</u>.

#### 2. Ontario College Fair

#### Ontario College Fair (OCF)

When: October 16, 5-9 p.m. and October 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Where: Enercare Centre Hall B, Exhibition Place, Toronto

Gentle Reminder: Please remember to report a student absence if you plan on going during school hours!

#### 3. Scholarship Report

To view the October Issue of the Scholarship Report:

Click <u>here</u> to access the documents. The **password** is: scholar678 <u>Fall Open House Schedule</u>\* please refer to the <u>Scholarship Report</u> for live updates to the schedule.

Students/Guardians are always welcome to come to <u>Guidance Drop In</u> at Lunch if there are any questions, concerns or require any supports.

#### Reminder - Proof of Residency

Just a reminder, as per the <u>Ministry of Education</u>, we are required to review the residency documents of students registered at our school at the start of each school year to ensure that the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) reside in the jurisdiction of the province.

To meet this Ministry requirement, all families will need to provide original copies of their proof of residency documents by Thursday, October 27th.

To facilitate this process, families will be able to book an appointment through our online portal and then come to our Virtual Secondary School location (400 Rockcliffe Blvd, Toronto ON, M6N 2R6) at the chosen date and time. Instructions on how to book an appointment are listed at the bottom of this email.

Any students for whom TDSB staff cannot verify residency by the given date will be demitted from Virtual Secondary School.

Appointments are available on the dates listed below from 8:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. to 4:00p.m.

October 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th

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You will need to bring one document from Category A <u>and</u> one document from Category B to your appointment. Please see attached document for more details.

Remote Student Residency Attestation Form.pdf

#### **Category A**

- Current Property Tax Bill / MPAC Notice of Assessment
- Current mortgage statement, Rental / Lease Agreement, or deed
- Agreement of Purchase and Sale, including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the School

#### **Category B**

- CRA Income Tax Assessment (Most recent)
- Current Utility Bill/e-Bill (water, hydro, gas, home phone/cable/internet, home/tenant/auto insurance)
- Recent correspondence from a municipal, provincial or federal government agency
- Other official/government documents confirming residence requirements (i.e. CRA Notice of Assessment, Statement of Old Age, Security T4 (OAS) or Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits, etc.)

Please note that original documents must be shown in-person. An Ontario driver's license, Health Card, Credit card statement, or cell phone bill are **not** acceptable forms of documentation to confirm a student's residence.

If it is a challenge to bring documents to our Virtual Secondary School location (400 Rockcliffe Blvd, Toronto ON, M6N 2R6), you can visit other TDSB sites at the dates and times listed below. Appointments are not needed for this option.

- Monday Oct 21 6pm Northview Heights SS, 550 Finch Ave W, North York, ON, M2R 1N6
- Tuesday, Oct 8 6 pm Kennedy Public School, 20 Elmfield Cres, Scarborough, ON, M1V
   2Y6
- Thursday, Oct 17 6pm Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute, 800 Greenwood Ave, Toronto, ON, M4J 4B7
- Saturday, Oct 19 10am Thistletown CI, 20 Fordwich Cres, Etobicoke, ON, M9W 2T4
- Sunday, Oct 27 11 am Rockcliffe Middle School, 400 Rockcliffe Blvd, Toronto, ON, M6N

Arrangements may be made for the parent/guardian to bring documents to a TDSB school which is closer to the family's home.

Home Schooling remains an option for families. These requests are handled through the Superintendent's office. <u>Form 553A: Notice of Intent to Provide Home Schooling</u>

#### **Instructions for Making an Appointment Online**

- 1. Go to the Virtual Secondary School scheduling webpage at https://parentinterview.com/s/tdsbv-kr
- 2. Enter the Parent Access Code: remote24
- 3. Click "Sign In" and make a note of your Confirmation #

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- 4. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
- 5. Click on Remote Learning Student Proof of Residency Appointments for the school
- 6. Click on an available time at which you wish to have your appointment
- 7. Email, print out, or copy down your schedule