



Message from the Admin

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

Next week will be a busy one as we have a number of school-wide activities planned. On Tuesday, all of our Grade 12 students will be invited to our Post-Secondary assembly to learn more about options after high-school. On Wednesday, we will be following a late start schedule. We will also be hosting a school-wide assembly to raise student awareness on anti-sex trafficking. Details are listed below.

Thursday is our second Pause and Pace day. Students will be provided with the opportunity, in each class, to consolidate their thinking and/or catch up on missed term work. This will provide students with another opportunity to complete their Term 1 work. Remember, 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.

Parents/Guardians of students in Grade 9, Take Our Kids To Work Day is on Wednesday, November 6th. Please be sure to read more about this important initiative below! Also, we hope to see you at our second School Council meeting on November 6th.

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:	
Monday, October 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSSLT Information Session, 12:00p.m. Grade 11 and 12 students only.
Tuesday, October 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Post Secondary Assembly (for students), Period 2
Wednesday, October 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start - Staff Meeting AST - Student Awareness and Prevention Assembly, Period 1
Thursday, October 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pause and Pace Day Last Date to Complete Attestation Form
Tuesday, November 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Term 1 Post Secondary Pathways Evening (for students and parents/guardians), 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 9, Take Our Kids to Work Day Virtual School Council Meeting 6:30p.m.





Anti-Sex Trafficking (AST) School-Wide Assembly

TDSB schools have a responsibility to provide our students with awareness training on sex/human trafficking. To help support us with this goal, we are pleased to announce that Covenant House will be facilitating a virtual presentation entitled **Trafficked**. Please see [this letter](#) and [this brochure](#) for more information.

All students will have the opportunity to attend this presentation through a school-wide assembly on Wednesday, October 30th. We will be following a *late start* schedule on October 30th. Students will attend their Period 1 class at 9:55 a.m. (attendance will be taken) and then will be directed to the Covenant House presentation. Students will then attend their Period 2 class at 11:15 a.m.

OSSLT - Grade 11 and 12 Students

 **Attention Grade 11 and 12 Students!** 

Are you ready for the OSSLT? Join us for a **Lunchtime Info Session** on **October 28th from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM**.

What's in it for you?

- **Important Information:** Learn what to expect on the OSSLT.
- **Registration Details:** Find out how to register for the test.
- **Tips and Tricks:** Get valuable advice to help you succeed.

Don't miss this opportunity to get all your questions answered and feel prepared for the OSSLT. Bring your lunch and your curiosity!

No need to register! [Just click here on Monday at 12 to join!](#)

For this sitting of the OSSLT - only grade 11 & 12s will be writing.

We will focus on the grade 10s in the spring and any other students in a graduating position who were unsuccessful/missed this fall session.

Should I be writing the OSSLT??? Check with anyone of your teachers.

See you there!  

Post Secondary Assembly

Post Secondary Pathways *Assembly*: The Guidance Department will host an assembly on Tuesday October 29th for all grade 12 students during period 2. If your period 2 class is *not* a grade 12 class, please inform your teacher and ask for the assembly link.



We are emailing all grade 12 students their [credit summary sheet](#).

Please save the [credit summary sheet](#) and do not delete the email.

The **Post Secondary Pathways *Assembly*** will be recorded and we will share it with the school community so guardians are aware of the information.



Post Secondary Pathways *Evening*: The Guidance Department will host an evening on Tuesday November 5th at 6pm to 7pm, for students and guardians.



Post Secondary information including College/University open house dates, application process information and scholarships can also be found in the Scholarship Report. Click [here](#) to access the documents. The **password** is: **scholar678**

Students and guardians are always welcome to attend the [Guidance Drop In](#) at lunch if they have any questions about post secondary pathways.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

All students with IEPs should have received their IEP via mail. Please contact Ms. Robertson (Shiona.Robertson@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

There is a section on the IEP for the parent/guardian signature. **For our records, please sign this section and send a copy of this page to: TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca**

Pause and Pace Day

VSS will have our second Pause and Pace Day on Thursday, October 31st. Students will be provided with the opportunity, in each class, to consolidate their thinking and/or catch up on missed term work.

Please [click here](#) to carefully review our Term Deadlines and Credit Rescue plan.

Please note that 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.

VSS After School Numeracy Program - Registration now open!

Are you looking for extra support in or need a review of Gr. 9/10 Math?

Registration for this year's after school VSS Numeracy Program is now open! The Numeracy program is a space for students to develop their math foundational skills and work on math at their own pace with the guidance, support and encouragement of a dedicated VSS Math teacher!

Registration is required! Complete registration here: <http://bit.ly/VSSNumeracy>

While this program is aimed towards Gr. 9 (MTH1W) & Gr. 10 (MPM2D) students, all students, including Gr. 11 students in need of foundational support, are also welcome to sign up.

Practice makes improvement! Help gain confidence in math & learn more skills by registering today!

Note: Classes begin the week of Oct. 21, 2024 and end the week of Jan. 20, 2025, but enrollment is ongoing even when classes have started already. Once registered, regular weekly attendance is expected otherwise you may be removed from the program.



If you have any questions about this program or the registration form, e-mail Ms. Rollon at rowena.rollon@tdsb.on.ca

[\[Numeracy Program Poster\]](#)

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTWD) is on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Take Our Kids to Work Day is an experiential learning opportunity for Grade 9 students across Canada offering them the chance to see the world of work firsthand, explore a variety of careers and sectors, and look at what skills are important to thrive in the world of work.

Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to shadow a parent/guardian or another adult approved by their parent/guardian on November 6th.

In order to participate and have an excused absence Guardians must complete the following [Take Our Kids to Work Day Google Form](#). You are also required to complete [the permission form](#) which you could upload to the google form or email the permission form to vssguidance@tdsb.on.ca.

If you have any questions please email Priya.mistry@tdsb.on.ca or Pritesh.Patel@tdsb.on.ca

Thanks,

Mr. Pritesh Patel and Ms. Priya Mistry

School Council Meeting

It is our pleasure to invite all VSS parents/guardians to our second School Council meeting of the 2024/2025 school year. **This virtual meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30p.m.**

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 November 6th.

We hope to see you at our meeting!

Reminder - Proof of Residency Attestation

A significant number of VSS students have completed the residency attestation process. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

Just a reminder that any students for whom TDSB staff cannot verify residency by the given date will be demitted from Virtual Secondary School. Please email TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca if you need help.

If you have not yet completed your attestation, please go to one of the locations on the dates listed below. An appointment is not needed.



Oct 27th: 11 am to 1pm, Rockcliffe Middle School, 400 Rockcliffe Blvd, Toronto, ON M6N 4R8

Oct 28th, 29th, and 30th: 9am to 4pm, Peckham, Room 110 **Do not enter through the school entrance, use the entrance on the west side of the building.

Oct 28th, 29th, and 30th: 8:30am to 4pm, Rockcliffe Middle School, 400 Rockcliffe Blvd, Toronto, ON M6N 4R8

Oct 28th: 1pm – 4pm, York Region DSB office, 60 Wellington Street West, Aurora

Oct 30th: 9am – 3pm, TDSB East Education Office, 140 Borough Drive, 2nd floor, Toronto, ON, M1P 4N6

You will need to bring one document from Category A **and** 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.

Home Schooling remains an option for families. These requests are handled through the Superintendent's office. [Form 553A: Notice of Intent to Provide Home Schooling](#)