



## Message from the Admin

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

Thank you for all your efforts with the attestation process to confirm our students' residency in Ontario. A number of parents have asked us about the status of Virtual Secondary School this year. **Please note that Virtual Secondary School will remain open.**

We hope to see you at our Post Secondary Pathways Evening on Tuesday, November 5th and our School Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th. Please be sure to [click here](#) to register for the School Council meeting. Details listed below.

All **Grade 11 and 12** students who have not completed the Literacy Test (OSSLT) should be writing the test this semester. Students can sign-up using [this form](#) on select dates between November 12th to 20th. More information can be found below.

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:	
<b>Tuesday, November 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End of Term 1</li> <li>● Post Secondary Pathways Evening (for students and parents/guardians), 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade 9, Take Our Kids to Work Day</li> <li>● Virtual School Council Meeting 6:30p.m.</li> <li>● Ontario Tech University Lunch Visit during <a href="#">Guidance Drop-In</a></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, November 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● University of Toronto Lunch Visit during <a href="#">Guidance Drop-In</a></li> </ul>
<b>Friday, November 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ultimate Deadline for Semester 1/Term 1 work (any missed work from Term 1 will not be accepted after this date)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, November 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Midterm Report Cards (distributed via email)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, November 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PA Day - No Classes</li> </ul>



## 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!

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## Post Secondary Pathways - Parent/Guardian Evening

**Post Secondary Pathways *Assembly*:** On Tuesday, October 29th the Guidance Department hosted the Post Secondary Assembly. For students that may have missed the assembly or would like to review the information here are the [slides](#) and [recording](#) of the assembly.



**Post Secondary Pathways *Evening*:** The Guidance Department will host an evening on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to 7pm, for students and guardians. We recommend that you watch the assembly recording above so that we can answer any questions you may have that may not have been previously addressed.



Please email [TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca) for the link to the webinar.

**Scholarship Report:** Please check out the [scholarship report](#) that we subscribe to. You will find Post-Secondary information including College/University open house dates, application process information and scholarships. 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.

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## Lunch Time University/College Visits

Some University and College presenters are visiting VSS during lunch hours. Students can learn more about the school and ask questions directly to the school representative. Please encourage students to attend. This week we have the schools:

**Wednesday, November 6th:** Ontario Tech University

**Thursday, November 7th:** University of Toronto

## OSSLT - Grade 11 and 12 Students

The successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.



All Grade 11 and 12 students who have not completed the OSSLT should be writing the test this semester. Students can sign-up using [this form](#) on select dates between November 12th to 20th. Please contact Ms. Rivett ([Marlena.Rivett@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Marlena.Rivett@tdsb.on.ca)) if you have any questions.

## Important Links:

1. [Registration Link](#)
2. [Practice Tests](#)
3. [OSSLT Official Website](#)
4. [TDSB Mental Health Resources](#)

## On the day of the test, students MUST bring:

- Photo Identification
- TDSB laptop + Charger for laptop (*If the student does not have a TDSB laptop, one will be provided on site, but anyone who has been assigned a TDSB laptop already must bring those to the assessment date.*)

## On the day of the test, students can bring:

- Water Only - at your seat
- Snack/Lunch for in between Session A & Session B

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## Professional Activity Day (Friday, November 15th)

During the school year, TDSB school staff participate in a number of Professional Activity (PA) Days. On these dates, students remain at home and schools are open for staff to engage in professional learning.

Please [click here](#) for more information about the November 15, 2024, PA Day.

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## 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](mailto:rowena.rollon@tdsb.on.ca)



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

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## 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](mailto:vssguidance@tdsb.on.ca).

If you have any questions please email [Priya.mistry@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Priya.mistry@tdsb.on.ca) or [Pritesh.Patel@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Pritesh.Patel@tdsb.on.ca)

Thanks,

Mr. Pritesh Patel and Ms. Priya Mistry

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