



Message from the Admin

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

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first term of Semester 1. Midterm report cards will be emailed to all students and the parent/guardian listed as their first contact on Monday, November 11th.

A group of our staff and students have also been working very hard on our Remembrance Day presentation that will be shared with all classes during Period 2 on Monday.

Just a reminder that we have a PD Day on Friday, November 15th, there will be no classes on this day.

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, November 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midterm Report Cards (distributed via email) Remembrance Day Presentation
Friday, November 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Day - No Classes
Monday, November 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterloo Lunch Presentation (11:30am to 12:15pm) Students should email vssguidance@tdsb.on.ca for the zoo link and guardians should be aware that students will be missing the last 10 minutes of period 2.
Wednesday, November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start - PLC

Post Secondary Pathways - Parent/Guardian Evening

Post Secondary Pathways *Assembly*: On Tuesday, October 29th the Guidance Department hosted the Post Secondary Assembly. If students/guardians would like to review the information here are the [slides](#) and [recording](#) of the assembly. You are also welcome to check out our [Post Secondary FAQ sheet](#).

Lunch visits: We also have a number of post secondary institutions visiting VSS during lunch to present their schools and answer questions. Here is the [current schedule](#) that include links to the presentation. This document gets updated as schools confirm their visits.



Waterloo University will be hosting a presentation on Monday November 18th. Interested students should email VSSguidance@tdsb.on.ca so that they can be provided with the zoom link to attend and be excused from the last 10 minutes of period 2 class. This presentation will primarily be during lunchtime (11:30am to 12:15pm).

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.

The November Issue of the Scholarship report has been posted. Please click [here](#) to access it. The password is: **scholar678**. Click on the **red Download** at the bottom left of the document.

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

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) 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

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 15th PA Day.