



Message from the Admin

Dear Virtual Secondary School Students and Parents/Guardians,

Our Spring OSSLT sessions start next week. Students who are eligible to participate have already been notified by email. More information can be found below. Please contact Ms. Rivett (Marlena.Rivett@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions.

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, April 3rd. Parents/Guardians will be able to book interviews starting Wednesday, March 26th. Instructions are listed below.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our second Books & Binge event of the year on Wednesday, April 16th! This unique VSS social event brings our whole school community together. Details can be found below. We hope to see you there!

If you have missed or would like to review our past *Weekly Updates*, please visit our [school website](#).

Sincerely,

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Reporting Student Absences:

Student absences must be reported to the school, not individual teachers. To report a student absence, please call 416 393 8240 or email TDSBVirtualSecSchool@tdsb.on.ca.

VSS follows a remote, synchronous learning model. Asynchronous learning options are not available. Teachers cannot mark the work submitted by students who are not attending their class. VSS cannot award credits to students who are not demonstrating their attendance and engagement in class.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSSLT
Tuesday, March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSSLT
Wednesday, March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Start (Staff Meeting) Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews Online Booking Opens
Friday, March 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pause and Pace Day
Thursday, April 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews



Student of the Week

Name	Teacher Nominator	Description
Sean S.	Mr. Patel	A big shoutout to Sean for his incredible dedication and engagement! He shows up every day ready to learn, asks thoughtful questions, and always keeps communication open - even taking the extra step to let us know when he steps away and returns. His respect, curiosity, and commitment make him a truly outstanding student. Keep being amazing, Sean!
Sakresh M.	Mr. Patel	A huge shoutout to Sakresh for his dedication and commitment! He never misses a class, always puts in the effort to complete his work, and isn't afraid to ask questions to truly understand the concepts. His curiosity and determination are what make him such a great student. Keep up the amazing work, Sakresh!
Daniel P.	Mr. Patel	A special shoutout to Daniel for his incredible dedication and focus! He always has perfect attendance and is fully engaged in every class. When he encounters confusion with coursework, he takes the initiative to request 1:1 help in a breakout room, showing his commitment to fully understanding the material. Daniel learns from his mistakes and strives to improve. Keep up the amazing work, Daniel!
Emmanuel M.	Ms. Strickland Comeau	Emmanuel consistently asks great questions, participates in class and promotes a sense of community in our grade 10 english class. He is always ready to share his work and communicates effectively using his mic and having his camera on. Emmanuel makes a consistent effort to check in with classmates about how their day is going and make conversation and this brings joy to the morning for others. Thank you for your positive attitude and kindness Emmanuel. Keep up the good work.

Message from the VSS School Council

Good day to all TDSB parents, students, and staff,

This message is from Margarita Salvatore (your school/parent council chair). I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you on a few fronts.

First, I hope that you and your family had a great March Break and that it was restful.

Second, I am writing to you to let you know that TDSB has Excellence awards and that you can nominate a teacher or the school for their excellent work. The link to the nominations is here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Excellence>

Third, again, I am writing to you all to update on our last meeting, we spoke about school/parent council endeavors to date which are having a bridge Interim Chair for the school to bridge from one year to the next until a new Chair is elected in the next year, having a school council and the importance of it, having events, and more.

Fourth, I am writing to remind you that the next school/ parent council meeting is May 7th, 2025, at 6:30 pm. I hope to see you there.

Lastly, I am writing to let you know that if you want to connect and see about what school/ parent council does, you can reach us at 1465SC01@tdsb.on.ca . So, feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Margarita Salvatore as well as the rest of Your School/ Parent Council.



Books & Binge - Spring Edition

Mark your calendars. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our second Books & Binge event of the year!

This VSS social event is an opportunity to meet with other students, teachers and parents/guardians to discuss and share what you are reading or watching. We hope to have rich discussions but also have fun just being together and building community.

Date: Wednesday, April 16th

Time: 4:00p.m.

Theme: **Metamorphosis**

- 1) a significant and often dramatic change in a characters personality, appearance or circumstances
- 2) a profound transformation or growth
- 3) a major change in the appearance or character of someone or something

Interested in joining us? We will share a Google Meet Link closer to the event.

EQAO OSSLT

Emails have been sent directly to all parents/guardians of students who are eligible to write.

The Ministry of Education requires that the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) be written in person. There are no exceptions.

Successful completion of the OSSLT is a graduation requirement. A passing score is a Level 3, 70%, and meets the provincial standard.

A student must have attempted the test once and have been unsuccessful before they are eligible to take the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC). This is the course equivalent of the test. Passing this course (50%) can be used to meet the graduation requirement.

The test is written following the successful completion of Grade 9 English. Typically students write the OSSLT in their grade 10 year.

The Spring session at VSS is for Grade 10 students and any student in Grades 11 or 12 who has yet to successfully complete the test.

Dates: March 24, 25, April 7, 8, 9

Locations: East - 140 Borough Drive or West - 400 Rockcliffe Blvd.

Students will sign up for the date and location of their choice.

Please contact Ms. Rivett (Marlena.Rivett@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions.

If your child has not written the OSSLT and you believe that they are eligible and you have not received an email please contact Ms. Rivett marlena.rivett@tdsb.on.ca or your child's guidance counselor yssguidance@tdsb.on.ca soon as possible.



Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews - Thursday, April 3rd

We will be holding Parent/Guardian -Teacher Interviews on Thursday, April 3rd from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 5:00– 7:00 pm.

Appointment booking will open Wednesday, March 26th, 9:00 am and close on April 2nd at midnight.

To schedule your Online Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews please follow the instructions below.

You may also meet with any of our guidance counselors:

Priya Mistry for - Last Names that start with A - B

Lauran Walker - Last Names that start with C - J

Christopher Thomas - Last Names that start with K - Pa

Apinaiya Rasalingam - Last Names that start with Pb - Z

Instructions

1. Prepare a list with the names of each teacher you would like to meet
2. Go to the VSS scheduling website at <https://parentinterview.com/s/tdsbv>
3. Enter your child's 9-digit TDSB student number and click "Sign In"
4. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
5. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
6. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see
8. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
9. Print out, email, or copy down your schedule

Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule.

If you misplace your schedule, you may use your child's student number to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time.

If you have any questions please email Ms. Rivett marlena.rivett@tdsb.on.ca

If you experience any difficulty using the service, please email support@parentinterview.com

NEW Dates Added - Graduation Photos

Students planning to graduate this Spring, June 2025, can sign up for their graduation photos to be taken.

We have added Tuesday, April 29th and Wednesday, April 30th.

Photo sessions will take place at 400 Rockcliffe Blvd, Main floor Cafeteria.



Please book an appointment online following the link and steps below:

<https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/ZYW>

Click "Classic Sitting"

Choose date and time of your liking, click "confirm and pay now"

Enter student, contact and billing information and "click confirm and pay"

**Props will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own to personalize your session- a small item that shows off your personality or interests!

**Please come prepared in a white collared shirt or blouse and tie. More tips can be found

here: <https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/>

**A black graduation gown, sash and graduation cap will be available

**Your confirmation email will confirm the location of your session will take place

The GTA will also be having a city-wide pop-up studio on Saturday, April 19th - this is on the East side of the city and may be more convenient for some families.

<https://edgeimaging.ca/en/studio-day-disclaimer-2>

Be sure to book a Senior Grad- grade 12 appointment

Enter the school code: **ZYW** or type in **Virtual Secondary School**

From MCV4U - Calculus and Vectors

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In Calculus, we continue to work with different types of functions we've learned about but this time focusing on how the function's *behaviour* is changing and what sorts of interesting questions we can answer using that information. Students chose a question they were curious about and created the backstory of how their problem came about. They created written and video walkthrough tutorials to teach others what they learned after doing some independent learning using various online video editing tools. We have a wide range of applications to share with you; whether you're a doctor looking to ensure the concentration of a medication is within a reasonable limit, a marketing agent looking to minimize cost for packaging, or working on fitting a large shape into another... Calculus finds itself everywhere! [Click here](#) to check out the QR codes for a showcase of some video productions made by our brilliant mathematicians here at VSS! 🤗

Summer 2025 Programs

Discover TDSB's summer 2025 programs.

Programs include:

Elementary (Registration is open)

§ [Elementary Summer School](#)

Secondary

§ [Continuing Education Secondary Credit](#) (Registration opens Tuesday, April 22nd)



§ [e-Summer School Program](#) (Registration tentatively opens on Monday, April 15th for TDSB students and Tuesday, April 29th for NON-TDSB students)

§ [TDSB Global Leadership and Communication Camp 2025](#)

Special Education

§ [Special Education and Inclusion Summer Program](#)

Reporting Student Vaccination Records

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires students up to 17 years of age to receive certain vaccines or have a valid exemption. Students who fail to comply may face suspension. **This year, Toronto Public Health (TPH) is assessing the vaccination records of Grade 11 students (born in 2008).**

Students born in 20228 who are not up-to-date on their vaccinations have already received a suspension order from TPH. Please be sure to update your vaccine record with Toronto Public Health by March 31, 2025.

[Click here](#) for information on how you can report a student's vaccination record to Toronto Public Health

Please be sure to report your vaccinations to TPH using this link: [Report Student Vaccination](#). Otherwise, you will remain on the list and be suspended, even if you have received all the necessary vaccinations.

e-Summer Secondary Credit Summer Programs 2025

The e-Learning Department is thrilled to offer two full-credit e-Summer programs, one in July and one in August, to meet the needs of Ontario secondary school students. TDSB students have priority in course registration. Detailed information and course offerings are outlined on the [e-Learning Summer Programs site](#).

All e-Summer courses are delivered entirely online by teachers who provide their students with a supportive, flexible learning environment. Courses are available in numerous subject areas and are primarily asynchronous, with daily one-hour live lessons and teacher tutorials. Please feel free to post and share the [e-Summer 2025 Registration poster](#) and the printable list of [2025 e-Summer courses](#).

Grade 11 and 12 Credit Courses: Secondary school students under 21 years of age before the first day of their session, July or August, may enroll in a wide range of courses for which they have the necessary prerequisite. The Grade 11 and 12 courses are offered at Open, College, Mixed, and University levels to provide a variety of student learning opportunities. Successful completion of e-Summer courses count towards the Ministry of Education's mandatory e-Learning credit requirement.

Please note: The e-Summer program will not offer Grade 8-to-9-Reach-Ahead courses, or Grade 9 or 10 courses in the 2025 summer session. Students interested in Grade 8-to-9-Reach-Ahead or Grade 9 or 10 courses are encouraged to review the [Continuing Education Summer credit course](#) offerings.

For complete details about the e-Learning summer program please visit our website, [e-Summer Programs](#), or contact Patricia Davies for more information.

[Continuing Education and e-Learning Summer Programs Comparison](#)

Key Registration Dates:



April 15, 2025: Registration for all 2025 e-Summer courses opens

June 3, 2025: Registration for Gr. 11 - 12 July e-Summer session courses closes

July 3, 2025: Registration for Gr. 11 - 12 August e-Summer session courses closes

e-Summer July session classes: July 2 - July 25, 2025

e-Summer August session classes: July 28 - August 22, 2025

Let's Talk About Adulthood Transition (Part 2)

Join Us to [Continue The Conversation About How to Support Your Young Adult as They Transition from TDSB To the Broader Community](#). Get Valuable Information on Community Day Programs, Life Skills Programs, Employment Readiness Programs, and Post-Secondary Options That Will Help Your Young Adult's Transition. Plus, Connect with Other TDSB Parents Dedicated to Supporting Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities and/or Complex Needs.

Presenters: Luso Community Services, Sunflower Developmental Services, JVS Toronto, Cherish Integrated Services, Jake's House, Post 21 Foundation, and Humber College.

When: Monday, March 24th, 2025, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, March 31st, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

THIS IS A ZOOM MEETING

JOIN ON YOUR COMPUTER OR MOBILE PHONE APP.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#) or use the link below.

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94015815609?pwd=ZvXKxODRuh6GCza1hVFINTdGaxj1UQ.1>

Meeting ID: 940 1581 5609

Passcode: 445164

Phone In: +16475580588 Or +16473744685 – Canada

[DOWNLOAD ZOOM](#)

For more information send email to virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

Or call Larena Case at 416-570-3314 or Vanessa Wong at 647-229-0730.

Special Education and Inclusion Summer School 2025

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will once again offer summer school programs from July 2nd to 25th for students currently enrolled in the Developmental Disability, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physical Disabilities Intensive Support Programs (ISPs).

Please see this [information flyer](#) for more information.

These half-day programs will be held in-person at various locations throughout the TDSB. Students will be supported to develop their independence through programming in the areas of functional literacy and numeracy skills, activities of daily living, communication, and social skills. Visit our [summer school website](#) for more information.



Special Education Department - March Learning Sessions for Families

Learning and engagement sessions continue to be made available for both staff and families, providing valuable opportunities to explore inclusive and anti-ableist practices and implement concrete strategies in the classroom and at home. These sessions are designed to support student achievement and well-being. Please click this [link](#) to access the sessions being offered.

Life After High School Toolkit

The [TDSB Beyond High School Toolkit](#) includes specialized resources for families supporting children with Physical Disabilities (PD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) as they transition beyond high school. It provides guidance on post-secondary education, employment opportunities, community programs, financial planning, and supported living options.

The toolkit helps families navigate essential services, access funding supports, and explore individualized pathways to ensure a smooth and meaningful transition into adulthood. Please see the [link](#) to the Word version.
