



Message from the Admin

Dear Virtual Secondary School Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope today’s Pause and Pace day was meaningful. Students were able to use this time to help them get caught up on missed work.

We are pleased to host Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews next Thursday, April 3rd. Instructions on how to book appointments can be found below. We look forward to seeing you then!

We finally have an update on our VSS Digital Student Photo ID cards. Given the unforeseen delays, for this year only, VSS will absorb the cost of the ID cards. Students who took their photos before the Winter Break should be receiving their ID cards over the next week. More information can be found below.

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:

Thursday, April 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews
Monday, April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OSSLT
Tuesday, April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OSSLT
Wednesday, April 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OSSLT



Student of the Week		
Name	Teacher Nominator	Description
Devina K., Sawdah R., and Joyce B.	Mr. Patel	Huge thanks to Devina, Sawdah, and Joyce for reaching out to admin and the Awards & Scholarship Committee to help get more teachers involved in recognizing students for Student of the Week! Their efforts ensure a more balanced representation from classrooms, clubs, and extracurriculars, making VSS an even better community. This is what true leadership and teamwork are all about - awesome job, Devina, Sawdah and Joyce!
Mimi M.	Ms. Victor	<p>I have had the privilege of teaching Mimi for the past two years and am honored to recognize her outstanding academic achievements, resilience in solving complex problems, and ability to present the most challenging STEM projects with confidence. Mimi possesses exceptional organizational and time-management skills, which have contributed to her success both inside and outside the classroom.</p> <p>Beyond her academic excellence, Mimi has demonstrated remarkable leadership in fostering a collaborative classroom community. She has also served as a dedicated Science tutor, supporting her peers with patience and expertise. Mr. Hugh, her English teacher, also strongly endorses Mimi for these qualities.</p> <p>Additionally, Mimi's Math teacher, Ms. Agha, shares the following about Mimi: Mimi is recognized for her inspirational optimism and positive attitude. Not only has she contributed to the development of a warm and inclusive classroom environment, but her self-discipline, exceptional study habits, natural curiosity, and reflective nature have allowed her to make deep connections between the curriculum, herself, and the world. These qualities have enriched her learning experience and that of those around her. Keep up the amazing work, Mimi!</p>
Joshua H.	Ms. Victor	<p>Ms. Agha and Ms. Victor proudly nominate Joshua Han, President of the Student Council, for his exceptional leadership, mentorship, and dedication to empowering his peers at VSS. Joshua is recognized for his professionalism, his openness to engaging with diverse perspectives, and his willingness to explore new ideas.</p> <p>In addition to his leadership contributions, Joshua consistently meets the high expectations of his academic courses, achieving an outstanding 100% in many of them. Many of Joshua's teachers also appreciate Joshua's study skills, problem solving capabilities and his leadership. His commitment to excellence and continuous growth is truly commendable. Keep up with the good work Joshua.</p>
Keresa B.	Ms. Victor	<p>Along with Ms. Agha and Ms. Drexler, I am pleased to nominate Keresa for recognition as Student of the Week.</p> <p>Keresa is recognized for her active participation in class, her enthusiasm for building a strong classroom community, and her dedication to enriching the broader school environment. As one of our most engaged wellness leaders, she has spearheaded numerous initiatives to support the mental health and well-being of the VSS community.</p> <p>Additionally, as the President of the Christian Students Alliance, Keresa prepares engaging lessons and interactive trivia games each week, fostering a welcoming and enriching space for her peers.</p> <p>Keresa is always positive and encouraging and welcoming to others.</p> <p>Keep up the great work, Keresa!</p>

VSS Digital Student Photo ID Cards

Before the Winter Break, students were given the opportunity to have their photo taken (via webcam) so that we could create a VSS Digital Student Photo Identification card. The plan was for interested students to then purchase a VSS Digital Student Photo ID card for \$5.



This is the first time VSS and Edge Imaging engaged in this kind of endeavour and there were a number of unforeseen issues. We have both learned a lot about what needs to be done next time!

Given that it is almost April, for this year only, VSS will absorb the cost of the VSS Digital Student Photo ID card. All students who had their photo taken before the Winter Break will receive their VSS Digital Student Photo ID card via email over the next week. Please contact Ms. Rivett (Marlena.Rivett@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions.

If you did not have your photo taken, but would like a VSS Digital Student Photo ID card, please complete [this Google Form](#) using your TDSB email address. **Please note that only students have access to this form.**

Indigenous Student Summer Leadership Program

This summer, First Nation, Métis and Inuit students can participate in a program that offers leadership opportunities, working with Indigenous mentors throughout the month of July. [Learn more](#) and students can express interest in the program by [completing this form](#).

Nimkii-Kwe Akiing (Thunder Women On The Land) Summer Cultural Leadership Camp

This summer from July 2-July 18, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit secondary students from across the TDSB will have the opportunity to learn from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, engage in ceremony and celebrations, and learn from the land. [Learn more](#) and [register here](#).

Special Education Programs - April Learning Sessions for Staff and 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.

Meningococcal Vaccine Clinics

This message is for students born in 2008 who are not up-to-date on their vaccinations and have already received a suspension order from TPH. To better support students who need to meet immunization requirements for school, Toronto Public Health (TPH) will hold three meningococcal vaccine clinics specifically for Grade 11 students born in 2008 who are at risk of suspension.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Please note:

- The first clinic is on Monday, March 31st, and appointments can be booked online.



- These three clinics are for students born in 2008 who are at risk of suspension and wish to receive the meningococcal vaccine required by the ISPA.

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 vssguidance@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>



Virtual Secondary School - Weekly Update

Friday, March 28, 2025

Be sure to book a Senior Grad- grade 12 appointment

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