



Virtual Schools



Welcome to the TDSB Virtual Secondary School Family Newsletter!

The past few months have been incredibly busy as everyone adjusted to this new teaching and learning format and Quadmester 1 is already coming to an end!

Moving forward, a newsletter will be shared with families on a regular basis to keep you well informed and aware of news, events and other important information happening within the Virtual Secondary School and across the TDSB.

For more information and updates, please visit:
www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualschool.

Important Information and Reminders

Final Report Cards

Final report cards for Quadmester 1 will be emailed to students and parents/guardians during the week of November 30 to December 4, 2020.

Quadmester 2 Courses

Virtual Secondary School Quadmester 2 classes start on **Monday, November 23, 2020**. Teachers and course material will be available beginning on the first day of the session (not prior to that date).

If you are having technical issues with the Brightspace course after it begins on November 23, please contact D2L Tech Support 24/7 at 1-800-222-0209 or helpdesk@D2L.com.

Student Handbook

We ask all students to please review the [Student Handbook](#) before the start of Quadmester 2 courses.

We are here to provide support and wish all students success in their Quadmester 2 courses.

Student Timetables

Access to student full-year timetables is available in the following ways:

1. Download the TDSB Connects App at the [Google Play Store](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).
2. Log in to eReg: <https://ereg.tdsb.on.ca/Public/StudentLogin.aspx>. Proceed to 'Student Profile' and select 'Credit Counselling Summary'

If a student requires assistance from a Guidance Counsellor, they can contact their home school Guidance Counsellor who will coordinate with TDSB Virtual Secondary School to provide support. Students may also contact their home school guidance counsellor for other questions or concerns (not related to timetables).

Community Service Hours

Students in the VSS are asked to connect with their home school guidance counsellor to have their hours recorded in Trillium. Graduating students require 20 community service hours this year.



Advice for a Students: A Successful Quadmester Online

Communicate!

If you're experiencing difficulty, contact your teachers. They are there to support your learning. If you find yourself falling behind, speak up! Don't wait until things seem overwhelming. The earlier, the better.

Stay connected with your home school guidance counsellor. They will help you with questions about course selection, timetable changes, and post-secondary information, including scholarships and applications.

Attend all live sessions to stay engaged and participate where you can – both in live class discussions and on the discussion boards.

Follow a Schedule

Have a morning and afternoon routine as you did for in-person learning. Eat regular meals, shower, keep to a set bedtime, and prepare your materials for the following day before you go to sleep.

Make sure to schedule time away from your courses. It's important to have social time with friends and family and to have time outside (while following COVID protocols, of course!). Try to get outside, even in the cold weather. A quick walk outside, before, between, or after classes, will make a huge difference.

Keep a calendar of due dates and cross off what you have completed. This provides a great sense of accomplishment!

Avoid Distractions

Your phone can be a great learning tool, but it can also be a huge distraction. During class time, put your phone away, if possible. Disable

the alerts on your computer and phone during class time.

Share What You Learn

Teach someone at your home or a friend what you learned in class – one of the best ways to retain new information is to teach it to someone else. Have a conversation to help make connections to the new information learned.

Make new friends in your classes. Suggest creating a virtual study group and don't be afraid to introduce yourself to new people. You may just meet some lifelong friends!

Post-Secondary Applications

All Grade 12 students attending the Virtual Secondary School should have received an email to their TDSB email address with their Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) PIN information. Instructions to use the Virtual Secondary School BSID (936990) have also been updated and sent to all students.

Students applying to Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) are asked to list the TDSB Virtual Secondary School as their current home school.

A [Guide to Applying to Post-Secondary](#) was also shared with all students in October and we encourage students to stay connected to their home school for information regarding post secondary planning and scholarship opportunities.

Student Virtual Learning IT Support

For help with account and password issues, problems with digital learning tools or to access support for a TDSB device, please contact [TDSB IT Support](#).