



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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October 24, 2024

Dear Templeton School Community,

School is now in full swing, and we are approaching the mid-point of semester one. Students should be congratulated on their amazing work thus far and are hopefully excited to share what they have been working on with their loved ones at home.

We feel immensely privileged to work at Templeton. When we greet students at the main entrance each day and say good-bye as they leave in the afternoon, we are always so amazed at the creativity, thoughtfulness, and inquisitiveness that Templeton students demonstrate. Very few things are more rewarding than getting to discuss a project that a student is very proud of with them. As we enter the final half of the semester, we wish all students the very best in their academics and look forward to continue to discuss their achievements with them each day.

Academics aside, there are a lot of ways in which students find success at Templeton. Our Drama and Film programs are working on their showcase, [fall season athletics](#) are looking ahead to playoffs, and our numerous clubs are creating new opportunities for students to get involved. Thank you to [Student Council](#) for organizing the Clubs Day event for students to see the many clubs that students can be a part of.

As we celebrate all the great work that has been done this semester already we also look forward to seeing all the great things yet to come!

~ **Templeton Secondary Administration**



Adam Tuerlings
Principal
(Grade 11 & 12)



Darren Gock
Vice-Principal
(Grades 8, 9, & 10)

Important Information – Please Translate

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महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Fri, Oct 25	Professional Development Day – classes not in session
Mon, Oct 28	Grade 12 Literacy Assessments begin
Tue, Oct 29	PAC Meeting – 7 pm Library
Mon, Nov 4	Registration for Parent-Teacher Conferences opens
Mon, Nov 4	Mini School Information Night – 7 pm Auditorium
Fri, Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Mon, Nov 11	Remembrance Day – school closed
Tue, Nov 12	Block rotation
Wed, Nov 13	Parent-Teacher Conferences Classes dismissed at 2:01 pm
Thu, Nov 14	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
Thu, Nov 14	Templeton STEM Information Night – 7pm Auditorium



GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

As part of British Columbia's graduation requirements, students are required to write three Graduation Assessments Numeracy10, Literacy10, and Literacy12. The assessment session for Literacy 12 is going to occur during the week of October 28, 2024 to November 1, 2024.

Students who are missing a Graduation Assessment(s), you may be scheduled to write the assessment(s) during this week as well.

Students will be excused from the classes that you regularly attend to write the assessment and students are expected to attend their regularly scheduled classes when they are not scheduled to write an assessment or if they complete your assessment before the provided end time.

[Further information is posted in the school foyer of the school about the Assessments](#) as well as links/QR codes that will take you to online information and [resources to prepare for the Assessment\(s\)](#). Note that this is NOT a Provincial Exam. The result you achieve on the Assessment(s) will not impact your academic standing, BUT you are required to write the assessment to meet Graduation Requirements.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Verify that you have completed all your Graduation Assessments and if not confirm that you are scheduled to write your missing assessment.
- Make note of your assigned assessment date, time, and location. This can be found in the school foyer. If you need to write previous assessments, please look for your name on other days.
- Refer to the supporting Ministry of Education webpages to prepare for the assessment.
- Please see your Counsellor should you have questions regarding your graduation requirements.
- Please contact [Mr. Gock](#) should you have questions regarding writing your Graduation Assessment(s).
- BC Ministry of Education Link for Graduation Assessments:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/graduation/graduation-assessments>

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Students received an **electronic** *Informal Learning Update* published to their [MyEducationBC](#) account on October 10 which will be available online until November 20. This report includes a comment from each Semester 1 teacher. The *Mid-Semester Learning Update* will be published on November 21. **It is recommended that you print or save a copy for your records.**

If your child receives an IE (Insufficient Evidence) for any of their classes, it is crucial that they connect with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to demonstrate their learning of the course material. Please note that all work must be submitted prior to the end of the semester to be assessed and evaluated for semester 1 *Summary of Learning* unless specified by the teacher. If you have any questions about your child's progress, you are welcome to email the teacher or grade counsellor directly. Our [staff directory](#) is available on our website. If you need help with MyEducationBC, please refer to the [MyEdBC guides](#) on our website or, for password resets, contact our office at 604 713 8984.

Learning Update Dates:

Semester	Learning Update: Interim Report	Learning Update: Parent-Teacher Conferences	Learning Update: Mid-Semester Report	Learning Update: Summary of Learning
1	Oct. 11, 2024	Nov 19, 2024	Nov. 21, 2024	Feb. 13, 2025
Linear Courses	Nov. 21, 2024	-	Feb. 13, 2025	-
Core Competencies (Self-Reporting)	Nov. 21, 2024	-	-	-



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/guardian-teacher conferences will be held in-person on November 13 from 3:15-4:30 and 5:15 – 7:00pm.

Registration for conference times will begin on November 4, 2024 at 8:00 am. We will again be using templeton.schoolappointments.com to book conference times. Anyone wishing to book an appointment will be required to create new accounts to access the site. Registration for parent/guardian-teacher conferences is on a first come first served basis. If there is a teacher you would like to meet with but are unable to, please request a call-back through the school appointments system, or email the teacher directly to arrange another time to meet. Teacher emails can be found [on our website](#)

For detailed instructions on registering and accessing the site, please refer to the instruction links below:

[Parent Instructions for School Appointments](#)

[Condensed Parent Instructions for School Appointments](#)

If you have any problems accessing the links above, please visit the parent/guardian-teacher conferences section of the Templeton homepage at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/templeton>

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We invite all parents/caregivers of Templeton students to join us for PAC meetings!

PAC meetings are an opportunity for folks to hear from, and ask questions of, the school administration and we welcome suggestions for topics for future meetings. More information can be found on the [PAC webpage](#) along with notes from previous meetings.

Join us at the next meeting on October 29 at 7:00 pm in the library.

All are welcome, we are always looking for new members!



OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS

Screenagers: The Next Chapter

Join us for an engaging Family Night centered around a powerful documentary and engaging Q&A, where we'll explore ways to empower teens to thrive emotionally in our ever-connected world.

When: Tuesday, November 19 at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30)

Where: Van Tech Auditorium

Cost: Free! Feel free to bring family and friends. Light refreshments will be provided.

Last spring, Van Tech hosted a well-attended screening of *Screenagers: Under the Influence*. Templeton families have again been invited to view a screening at Van Tech of *Screenagers: Next Chapter*, a powerful documentary directed by Dr. Delaney Ruston. The film delves into the rising challenges of teen stress, anxiety, and depression in the digital era. It blends Dr. Ruston's personal story of helping her daughter through depression with expert insights from psychologists, psychiatrists, educators, and pediatricians.

The film offers practical, evidence-based strategies to build emotional resilience and manage stress in teens, while exploring the digital world's role in shaping these challenges.

Watch the trailer: [Screenagers Next Chapter](#)

After the screening there will be a Q&A panel discussion to dive deeper into these crucial topics.

Interested in attending?

Please RSVP using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZC0WqGudYf>



SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you ordered school photos, they will be handed out to students next week.

Students who had their picture taken during the retake session will also have their ID card handed out at this time. Students will pick up their photo packages and/or ID cards during the FIT period on Tuesday from their homeroom class. Anyone who is absent that day can pick up their photo or ID card from the office.

SCHOOL FORMS

Students were given out two forms in September:

1. User Agreements and Parent Permission Form
2. Emergency Reunification form

Please make sure that these forms are filled out, signed and returned to the main office by. Please come to the office if you have misplaced your copies or download them at

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/templeton/page/66695/forms>

Also, please visit <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> this week to sign several important forms online:

- VSB Media Consent
- External Media Consent Form
- Grade 4-12 AUP Form (Acceptable Use of Technology Policy) - **very important, read through this carefully with your child.**
- 4) Adobe CC Consent Form (if needed for a course)
- 5) CASL Consent Form (Communicating Student Learning)

GENERAL PROCEDURES

Reporting an Absence

To report your child's absence, please email the school at tmplsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca

Information required is:

- Date of absence
- Student number
- Student name (first and last name)
- Period(s) missed
- Reason for absence (i.e. sick, appointment, etc.)

Please note: Students cannot report their own absence.

More information on attendance and punctuality expectations, as well as extended absences (beyond 3 consecutive days) can be found on our website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/templeton/page/4292/student-attendance>

LOOKING AHEAD: POST SECONDARY

Post- Secondary Institute (PSI) Day- October 28, 2024 (PM)

On October 28, Grade 11 and 12 students will be participating in this half day event. This is a great opportunity for students to hear from a variety of BC Universities, Colleges and Institutes about their programs and opportunities.

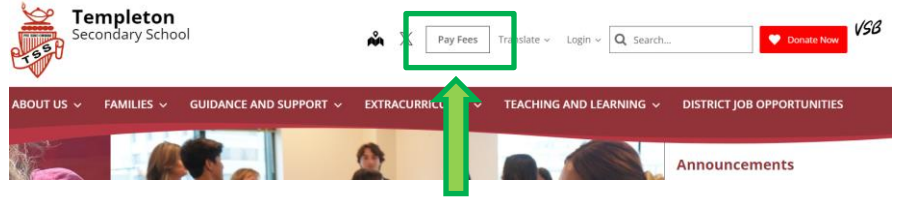
Post-Secondary Planning

Continue to check Grade 12 @ Templeton on Microsoft Teams for information on upcoming post-secondary events as well as opportunities for scholarship.



Fees

To pay school or course fee, create an account using [School Cash Online](#). The school fee schedule (an itemized list of fees to be paid by grade), can be found. Consider signing up for alerts to ensure you are notified of any future fees, for events such as field trips.



NOTE: Direct links to School Cash Online and the school fee schedule can be found at the top of our website:

TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Students and families will become familiar with the following tools over the course of the school year. Some We encourage students to note their password in a secure place.

Technology Tool	MyEd	TEAMS	Microsoft 365
LOGIN	STUDENT NUMBER	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca
LINK	MyEd Website	TEAMS Website	https://www.office.com/
USE	Attendance, grades, class schedule, report cards	Classroom Materials, All Students Team	Student use of Microsoft Suite of Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc.)
HELP?	LINK FOR MYED HELP	TEAMS TRAINING	LINK FOR MICROSOFT 365 HELP
Where can I go to reset password?	Click "I forgot my Password", main office	Any teacher, library, main office	Any teacher, library, main office

We will also be using two new platforms this year. MyWeeklyPlanner will be used for students to sign up for FIT sessions for more information on FIT at Templeton please [see our website](#). SpacesEDU will be used to collect and communicate to families student work around Core Competencies.

Technology Tool	MyWeeklyPlanner	SpacesEDU
LOGIN	STUDENT NUMBER	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca
LINK	MyWeeklyPlanner	SpacesEDU
USE	Signing up for FIT sessions, previewing teacher availability	Communicating on Core Competencies; building portfolios
HELP?	LINK FOR MWP HELP	RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES
Where can I go to reset password?	Click 'HELP' to request Support	Any teacher, library, main office



VSB Accounts

All students have an VSB account created with your username as [studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca For example, if your student number is 8675309, then your username is 8675309@learn.vsb.bc.ca This account will be used daily by students, so please be sure your child has their password and can login to use school computers, Office 365, VSB email and VSB Secured WiFi. If you need to reset your password, you can visit <http://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> and choose a new password. Security guidelines suggest using two or three words such as "purple pumpkin pepper."

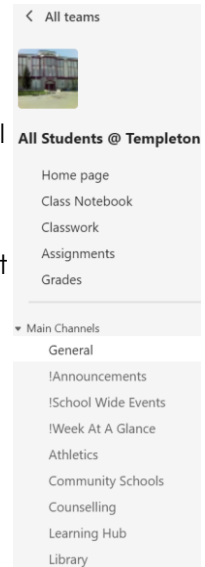
Microsoft Teams

All students have been added to the **Templeton All Student Team**, which will be the central hub for school communication.

This is where students will find school announcements and important information. All students have been added to this team- if not, please ask them to come to the office.

There are several "channels" that are set up to organize the information. Please check "hidden channels" as they might not be shown. There are specific channels for different areas of the school, groups, clubs, general announcements, and more. The Week At A Glance provides students with important information for the week ahead.

We encourage families to remind their child to make sure they are checking TEAMS and All Students @ Templeton as a regular part of their day.



DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT	8:40 to 9:20	n/a	n/a	n/a	8:40 to 9:20
Break	9:20 to 9:24	n/a	n/a	n/a	9:20 to 9:24
Period 1	9:24 to 10:23	8:40 to 10:01	8:40 to 10:01	8:40 to 10:01	9:24 to 10:23
Break	10:23 to 10:33	10:01 to 10:11	10:01 to 10:11	10:01 to 10:11	10:23 to 10:33
Period 2	10:33 to 11:32	10:11 to 11:32	10:11 to 11:32	10:11 to 11:32	10:33 to 11:32
Lunch	11:32 to 12:17	11:32 to 12:17	11:32 to 12:17	11:32 to 12:17	11:32 to 12:17
Period 3	12:17 to 1:38	12:17 to 1:17	12:17 to 1:38	12:17 to 1:17	12:17 to 1:38
Break	1:38 to 1:45	1:17 to 1:21	1:38 to 1:45	1:17 to 1:21	1:38 to 1:45
FIT	n/a	1:21 to 2:01	n/a	1:21 to 2:01	n/a
Break	n/a	2:01 to 2:06	n/a	2:01 to 2:06	n/a
Period 4	1:45 to 3:05	2:06 to 3:06	1:45 to 3:06	2:06 to 3:06	1:45 to 3:05

Please NOTE that student classes will rotate halfway through the semester Tuesday November 12, 2024 Semester 1

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TIME

This year the Vancouver School Board calendar will include eight (8) days on which the school day is shortened for students. The school day remains the same length for school staff. These periods of time, called Collaboration Planning Time, provide the opportunity for school staff to come together to engage in activities and discussions specific to their unique school community to support and enhance student progress and achievement. During Collaboration Planning Time, teachers work directly with peers within the school setting to share, discuss, and learn from each other to enhance their teaching practice within the "Four Pillars" of education:

- Curriculum
- ◆
- Instruction
- ◆
- Assessment
- ◆
- Social / Emotional Learning.



During Collaborative Planning Times, *students are not expected to be at school*. To ensure that instruction is equitable during all periods, some Collaborative Planning Times will be scheduled in the morning during the AM- **8:40 AM – 10:00 AM** or the PM- **1:45 PM – 3:06 PM** As a reminder, the Provincial government sets out minimum hours of instruction for all grade levels. The Vancouver School Board calendar, with Staff Collaboration Planning Time included, still meets all Provincial requirements.

The Collaborative Planning Time date and bell schedule are as follows:
(*Students are not expected to be in classes during these times*)

AFTERNOON Collaborative Time		MORNING Collaborative Time	
Dates: September 25, December 18, February 26, May 28		Dates: October 23, January 22, April 23, June 11	
COLLAB TIME	1:45 to 3:06	COLLAB TIME	8:40 – 10:00

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (FIT)

The purpose of Flexible Instructional Time is to provide students with time and flexibility to meet with teachers for support, guidance, and inspiration regarding curriculum or other passions and interests. Students are also able to collaborate with peers to explore, work on, or complete assignments and projects (curricular or extra-curricular).

Expectations of Students During FIT

Students are expected to be in a classroom or learning space, with a teacher or staff member during FIT. On **Tuesday** and **Thursday** FIT sessions, students *must* sign-up using [MyWeeklyPlanner](#). Students should use the Thursday FIT session to sign-up for the upcoming week. Once signed up for a FIT session, students are expected to attend, and remain in the space they have selected. This is instructional time and we want to support students in taking ownership over their learning. On **Monday** and **Friday**, students who are in the building are expected to be in a learning space but there is no requirement to sign-up for Monday or Friday FIT sessions.

FIT Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT (40 min)	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1	FIT (40 min)
Block 1	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2	Block 1
Block 2				Block 2
Lunch				
Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3
Block 4	FIT (40 min)	Block 4	FIT (40 min)	Block 4
	Block 4		Block 4	

AM FIT (M/F): 8:40 – 9:20

PM FIT (T/TH): 1:21 – 2:01

More information about FIT as well as instructions for logging in to MyWeeklyPlanner can be found [HERE](#).



ATHLETICS

Stay up to date with all things Athletics on our blog – [Templeton Athletics: Home of the Titans.](#)



TITAN ATHLETICS

Home of the Templeton Titans

For the full Vancouver Secondary School Athletics Association schedule please visit the [VSSAA website](#). Messaging regarding upcoming practices and tryouts will take place through the Athletic Channel on the Templeton All Student Team (Microsoft Teams). Please encourage students to check Teams daily for information.

Any parents or guardians who might be interested in coaching or helping out with Winter Athletics please contact Templeton Athletic Director, Dave Braun at dbraun@vsb.bc.ca



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