



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Templeton School Community,

As we approach the winter break and put a pause on classes, we want to extend to all members of our community our very best wishes for the season and hope you all have a happy and prosperous new year.

We are thrilled to share some of the wonderful achievements and upcoming events at Templeton Secondary. Our students have been working incredibly hard, both academically and in extracurricular activities, and we couldn't be prouder of their dedication and accomplishments. From outstanding performances in sports and arts to impressive academic achievements, our students continue to shine and make us proud. It is with much gratitude that we thank the numerous staff members and community volunteers who make these opportunities for student involvement a possibility. Their dedication to the students is unwavering and we are very thankful for their gift of time throughout the year. We hope that you all have an amazingly restful winter break.

In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find important updates on school events, including important information for grads, accessing MyEd, and important dates. We look forward to your continued support and involvement in our school community.

~ Templeton Secondary Administration

Important Information – Please Translate

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tue, Dec 10	Grade 8 FIT Assembly (Crime Stoppers)
Thu, Dec 12	Grade 10 FIT Assembly (Crime Stoppers)
Fri, Dec 13	Grad Winter Formal - 6 pm Cafeteria
Wed, Dec 18	Collaborative Day – Students dismissed at 1:45
Fri, Dec 20	Last day of classes before winter break
Dec 23 – Jan 3	Winter Break – school closed
Mon, Jan 3	Classes resume
Jan 9 - 11	Grad Photos @ Artong
Jan 13 – 16	Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
Tue, Jan 21	Grade 8-11 Course Selection Evening
Fri, Jan 24	Last Day of Regular Classes – semester 1
Jan 27 & 28	Turnaround Days - Semester 1
Wed, Jan 29	Semester 2 begins
Thu, Jan 30	Semester 1 Summary of Learning Published to Myed



Adam Tuerlings
Principal
(Grade 11 & 12)



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



LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

Mid-semester written learning updates were published to MyEducationBC on November 21. These reports contain valuable information for students and families in relation to student learning and actionable next steps. Please note that the login information for the

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	-	-	-

GRAD 2025 UPDATE

BOOKING ARTONA GRADUATION PICTURES

Grad Session Dates: January 9, 2025 to January 11, 2025

Location: Artona studio at 353 West 7th Avenue in Vancouver

How Artona Grad Sessions Work

1. **Book an appointment at www.artona.com.** There is no cost to book an appointment but we do require a credit or debit card to secure the booking. Students are not charged until the time of their session.
2. **Get photographed and pay the \$60 deposit.** At the time of their session, students pay a \$60 deposit they can use toward a purchase later. We take both casual and formal photos, including one for the yearbook. If students choose not to order, we'll refund the deposit within 30 days.
3. **View and order photos online.** Students and families can purchase their photos online, with both [digital and print options](#) available.

Helpful Links

Please feel free to use the following links for more information about the Artona grad photo process:

- [How to Prepare for Grad Photos](#)
- [What to Wear for Grad Photos](#)
- [All about Grad Group Sessions](#)
- [Artona Pinterest](#)
- [Artona Instagram](#)

GRADUATION VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

This year's graduation ceremony will e happening at UBC's Chan Centre for the Performing Arts on JUNE 18, 2025 with the ceremony beginning at 5:00 pm. More information about the event will be coming out in the new year.



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 January 28 at 7:00 pm in the library.

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

GENERAL PROCEDURES

Reporting an Absence

To report your child's absence, please email the school at timplsafearrival@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

Supporting Students to Arrive On-Time

Students are expected to arrive on-time for their classes, prepared and ready to learn. There is a place for families and caregivers to be involved in supporting students make it to school on-time below are some ways that families can help support students to arrive on-time:

Tips for Punctuality

- 1. Rethink the meaning of "on time." If classes start at 8:40, students should be seated in the classroom at 8:35.
2. Understand the importance of being on time - the first 10 minutes of class are the most important
3. Get enough sleep
4. Give yourself a realistic amount of time to dress and groom
5. Communicate any problems. If your bus is always late or you have to take your little brother to school and it always makes you late, communicate this to your teacher
6. Follow traffic updates. If you depend on public transportation to get to school, always keep an eye on schedule interruptions
7. Have a backup plan for your transportation.
8. Set your clocks forward by ten minutes. This is a little psychological trick that really works!

Daily Bell Schedule

Table with 6 columns (Day) and 12 rows (FIT, Break, Period 1, Break, Period 2, Lunch, Period 3, Break, FIT, Break, Period 4) showing time slots for each day of the week.



WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

VSB has procedures in place for when severe weather, like heavy snowfall or extremely high winds, may affect schools. During severe weather events, all schools in the Vancouver School District will remain open, if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, that will be decided and publicized by 6:30 a.m.

District-wide school closures will be announced through the media, the [District website](#), school websites and social media channels.

Follow VSB socials for updates:

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#)

Instagram: [@vsb39](#)

X: [@vsb39](#)

VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](#)

How are decisions made about school closures?

We monitor forecasts and conditions, and work with the City of Vancouver and other partners to assess safety when there may be:

- heavy snowfall
- extreme cold
- freezing rain
- extreme heat
- other hazardous weather/emergency conditions that pose risks to student and staff safety

We coordinate with neighbouring school districts to align our decisions where possible.

The decision to close schools is made in consideration of safety, equity and well-being.

We consider other impacts weather conditions may have, like transit delays, meal programs for students, other essential student supports and impacts to learning. If weather conditions begin or worsen during a school day, usually, schools will remain open until the end of the school day.

Except under extreme circumstances, all schools and offices will remain open, if possible. Typically, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced.

Extra-curricular activities, school events and field trips may be cancelled because of weather – even when school remains open.

Remember to dress for the weather and take extra care when traveling between school and home. Drivers are reminded to slow down and remain alert in and around school zones.

What if I don't think it is safe for my child to go to school due to weather conditions?

Student safety is our top priority. If for any reason a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to/from school, they can notify their child's schools about the expected absence. Students will not be penalized.



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