



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Templeton School Community,

We want to take this opportunity to welcome staff and students back from what we hope was a restful winter break. In the next few weeks we will see semester one end and semester two begin. This transition between semesters often brings new opportunities as well as a sense of excitement for what lies ahead in semester two. We want to wish students the best of luck with the completion of current coursework and a successful start-up in the new semester.

Important Information – Please Translate

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One of the largest indicators of student success is parent/guardian involvement in their child's education and we encourage families and caregivers to continue to be part of the learning process throughout high school. At Templeton, we want to empower families and caregivers to reach out to the school with any questions or concerns they may have. Our staff contact list is available on our [school website](#), please feel free to reach out! Participation in parent/guardian events such as information sessions or teacher conferences is another way to stay involved in the educational lives of students. Whether it is arts, athletics, or club showcases attending one of the many extracurricular events that students are involved in, we hope parents feel welcome to attend and celebrate our students and their achievements.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES	
Jan 13 – 16	Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
Tue, Jan 21	Grade 8-11 Course Selection Evening for Families
Wed, Jan 22	AM Collaboration Day (Classes start at 10 AM)
Thu, Jan 23	Grade 11 Course Planning Assembly (FIT)
Thu, Jan 23	Grade 8-10 STEM Showcase
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
Thu, Jan 30	Grade 10 Course Planning Assembly (FIT)
Tue, Feb 4	Grade 9 Course Planning Assembly (FIT)
Thu, Feb 6	Grade 8 Course Planning Assembly (FIT)
Mon, Mar 14	Last day of Classes Before Spring Break
Mon, Mar 31	Classes Resume After Spring 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



Adam Tuerlings
Principal
(Grade 11 & 12)



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



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)

As the end of semester approaches, students should be making use of FIT sessions to complete assignments, finish any missed work, get extra support, and to prepare for final assessments or projects.

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
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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](#).



SEMESTER 1 TURNAROUND DAYS

On January 27 and 28, we will be transitioning from semester 1 to semester 2. As part of this process, we have what are known as 'turnaround days'. These days represent opportunities for students to attend classes for credit capture/completion of missed work, review of current course material, or preview of a courses next level of material. All students are welcome to attend.

The schedule for the 27th and 28th will be as follows:

Attendance for these dates will be taken through MyWeeklyPlanner instead of our usual practice of using MyEducationBC – this way students are able to sign up for a teacher for more than one period if they are needing to finish assignments and teachers can also book students into these timeslots.

Period 1	8:40 to 10:01
Break	10:01 to 10:11
Period 2	10:11 to 11:32
Lunch	11:32 to 12:17
Period 3	12:17 to 1:38
Break	1:38 to 1:45
Period 4	1:45 to 3:06

COURSE PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

The course planning process will be beginning soon for the 2025-26 school year. During this process, students will be submitting their requests for next year's courses using MyEducationBC. Counsellors will be meeting with their grades for course planning assemblies in January and February. The counsellor contact for each grade is:

- Grade 8:** Kris Scott klscott@vsb.bc.ca
- Grade 9:** Joanne Sharples jsharples@vsb.bc.ca
- Grade 10:** Ed Leung eleung@vsb.bc.ca
- Grade 11:** Michael Day mday@vsb.bc.ca

We are also hosting an evening for parents and caregivers to attend and receive similar information to students about the course planning process and things students should consider when making course requests. This information session will be held in-person on **January 21, 2025**, at 6pm at Templeton.

We ask that you please complete the following form by January 20 to RSVP to this event:
<https://forms.office.com/r/QvhRzp7vLs>

We suggest that parents and guardians also look through the course guide with students – the course guide will be made available on the website after the information session on January 21.



SUMMARY OF LEARNING (STUDENT REPORTING)

Summary of Learning (final reports) will be published to MyEducationBC on January 30. These reports contain valuable information for students and families in relation to student learning and actionable next steps.

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 the VSB website, our [FAQ page](#) 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

If you missed out on booking a grad photo during these sessions, you can still get a picture done for the composite. Please call Artona directly to arrange a time for your photo at 604 872 7272.

GRADUATION VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

This year's graduation ceremony will be 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 coming weeks.

GRAD DINNER DANCE

The Templeton Grads of 2025 Dinner Dance will be hosted at the Pan Pacific on **JUNE 20, 2025**, beginning at 6pm. This is a ticketed event and grads will need to have paid their grad fees to attend.

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 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>

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

	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



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.



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 Spring Athletics please contact Templeton Athletic Director, Dave Braun at dbraun@vsb.bc.ca



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