



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Templeton School Community,

Spring is around the corner and so is spring break. Spring is a time of renewal and growth, and we are excited to see our students blossom in their academic and extracurricular pursuits. Whether it's on the sports field, in a school club, or in the classroom, we are proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our students bring to everything they do. We look forward to celebrating this season of new beginnings and continued success together.

Parental involvement in a child's education is crucial for their academic success and overall well-being. Research consistently shows that students whose parents are actively engaged in their education tend to have higher grades, better attendance, and increased motivation. At Templeton Secondary School, we believe that fostering strong partnerships between families and the school is essential. We encourage parents to connect with us through regular communication, attending parent-teacher conferences (which are happening again in April), and

participating in school events. The [year at a glance and bell schedule](#) is available on the Templeton website as is all the [contact information for Templeton staff](#). By staying involved, parents can support their child's learning journey and help create a positive and enriching educational environment. Our staff is available to answer any questions and provide guidance, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can ensure that every student thrives.

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.	Mon, Mar 31	Classes Resume After Spring Break
	Wed. Apr 9	<b>Parent-Teacher/Guardian Conferences (early dismissal)</b>
	Wed Apr 22	<b>AM Collaborative Time (Classes start at 10:00AM)</b>

**~ 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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Información importante - Por favor traducir

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## GRADUATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Graduation assessments are used to assess students' proficiency in numeracy and literacy. Graduation assessments are not associated with any course mark, but their completion is part of the BC Graduation Requirements.

Students in Grade 10 have been scheduled to write the Literacy 10 Assessment between **April 14 through 17**. Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars: [Practice and Information Link](#).

Students who are missing a Graduation Assessment in grades 10-12 may also be scheduled to write a missing assessment(s) during this week as well.

The exact timing and schedule for individual students will be posted in the foyer in the weeks leading up to the assessment. The same information will also be shared with students via Microsoft Teams,

### 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>

## ATHLETICS

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



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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](mailto:dbraun@vsb.bc.ca)



## 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)

Semester 2 is well underway and students should continue to make use of FIT sessions to complete assignments, finish any missed work, get extra support, and prepare for mid-semester 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
	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](#).



## GRAD 2025 UPDATE

### BOOKING ARTONA GRADUATION PICTURES

If you missed out on booking a grad photo session during the Templeton booking window there is still time! As long as students have their photo taken prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, they will be included in the grad composite picture. 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.

More information around grad events will be coming directly to grade 12 students and families soon.

## PROVINCIAL STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. In April 2025 the Student Learning Survey will be distributed to students in all grades during FIT. Parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff also have an opportunity to complete this survey. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Students who are not able to complete this survey at school, can be supported at home to ensure their voice is heard.

The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

**The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.**



## INFORMAL LEARNING UPDATE (STUDENT REPORTING)

Informal Learning Updates (Interims) will be published to MyEd BC on March 13 by 3:30 PM. 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
<b>2</b>	Mar. 13, 2025	Apr. 9, 2025	Apr. 24, 2025	<b>Jun. 25, 2025</b>
<b>Linear Courses</b>	-	Apr. 9, 2025	Apr. 24, 2025	<b>Jun. 25, 2025</b>
<b>Core Competencies (Self-Reporting)</b>	April, 2025	-	-	<b>Jun. 25, 2025</b>

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Parent/guardian-teacher conferences will be held in-person on April 9 from 3:15-4:30 and 5:15 – 7:00pm.**

Registration for conference times will begin on April 3, 2024 at 8:00 am. We will again be using [templeton.schoolappointments.com](https://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

### PURDY'S SPRING FUNDRAISER

The PAC has arranged a Purdy's fundraiser for the school and the campaign is on now through April 5 with pickup happening on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the school.

Place your order now using the following link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1658402-127899>

### 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 April 29 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](mailto: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
<b>FIT</b>	<b>8:40 to 9:20</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>8:40 to 9:20</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:20 to 9:24</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>9:20 to 9:24</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>9:24 to 10:23</b>	<b>8:40 to 10:01</b>	<b>8:40 to 10:01</b>	<b>8:40 to 10:01</b>	<b>9:24 to 10:23</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:23 to 10:33</b>	<b>10:01 to 10:11</b>	<b>10:01 to 10:11</b>	<b>10:01 to 10:11</b>	<b>10:23 to 10:33</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>10:33 to 11:32</b>	<b>10:11 to 11:32</b>	<b>10:11 to 11:32</b>	<b>10:11 to 11:32</b>	<b>10:33 to 11:32</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:32 to 12:17</b>	<b>11:32 to 12:17</b>	<b>11:32 to 12:17</b>	<b>11:32 to 12:17</b>	<b>11:32 to 12:17</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>12:17 to 1:38</b>	<b>12:17 to 1:17</b>	<b>12:17 to 1:38</b>	<b>12:17 to 1:17</b>	<b>12:17 to 1:38</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>1:38 to 1:45</b>	<b>1:17 to 1:21</b>	<b>1:38 to 1:45</b>	<b>1:17 to 1:21</b>	<b>1:38 to 1:45</b>
<b>FIT</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>1:21 to 2:01</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>1:21 to 2:01</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>2:01 to 2:06</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>2:01 to 2:06</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>1:45 to 3:05</b>	<b>2:06 to 3:06</b>	<b>1:45 to 3:06</b>	<b>2:06 to 3:06</b>	<b>1:45 to 3:05</b>





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

As a reminder, MyWeeklyPlanner is 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
<b>LOGIN</b>	STUDENT NUMBER	[studentnumber]@learn.vsb.bc.ca
<b>LINK</b>	<a href="#">MyWeeklyPlanner</a>	<a href="#">SpacesEDU</a>
<b>USE</b>	Signing up for FIT sessions, previewing teacher availability	Communicating on Core Competencies; building portfolios
<b>HELP?</b>	<a href="#">LINK FOR MWP HELP</a>	<a href="#">RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES</a>
<b>Where can I go to reset password?</b>	Click 'HELP' to <a href="#">request Support</a>	Any teacher, library, main office

### 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.

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.



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