



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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September 5, 2025

Dear Templeton School Community,

On behalf of the staff of Templeton Secondary School, I want to welcome students, families, and caregivers back to another school year. As we mentioned to students in our grade assemblies on Tuesday, this year has the potential to be the best one yet, and it all starts with getting involved with the various clubs, committees and athletics available at Templeton.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a vibrant school community and I look forward to working with staff and parents around creating the best possible outcomes for students. A new school year brings with it a fresh start as well as new opportunities and I am excited to see the things we can achieve together.

In this newsletter, you will find important information for our school year, including important dates, student learning updates, Flexible Instruction Time (FIT), MyEdBC and Microsoft Teams accounts, daily and weekly schedules, news from our Counselling Department, Parent Advisory Council (PAC) information, as well as school policies and procedures. We suggest that you save a copy of this newsletter for reference. We plan to send out regular parent communication where we will remind families of this information.

We have enjoyed welcoming students into their first days of classes this week. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our engineering, custodial, office, counselling student support teams, and teaching staff who have done a wonderful job getting our school ready for our opening week.

- Adam Tuerlings, Principal of Templeton Secondary School

~ Templeton Secondary Administration



Adam Tuerlings
Principal
(Grade 12)



Darren Gock
Vice-Principal
(Grades 9 & 11)



Liz Bell
Vice-Principal
(Grades 8 & 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

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید



COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



Claire Michaels
Grade 8 A-F
Grade 11



Joanne Sharples
Grade 8 G-L



Andrea Sum
Grade 10



Kris Scott
Grade 8 M-R
Grade 19



Michael Day
Grade 8 S-Z
Grade 12



Counselling Services

Anything on your mind? Need some advice, or someone to listen to you? Please come by the counselling suite if you would like to talk. Your information is confidential.



Courses & Scheduling

If any course conflicts are present in your schedule, or if things aren't working out for you, contact us and we will try to support you



Other Supports

We will try our best to assist with anything within our abilities, if there is anything not listed, please ask us and we will help guide you.

Course Changes

Our priority is to ensure students have complete timetables by having at least eight blocks scheduled. Counsellors are aware if students are missing classes or did not complete summer school as planned and will be speaking with students. Course change requests can be done through emailing your counsellor. The last day for timetable changes will be **Friday September 19, 2025**. Thank you to parents and especially students for your patience with this process, it is very much appreciated.

PAC INFORMATION

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 September 23 at 7:00 pm in the Library all are welcome, we are always looking for new members!

A message from PAC Chair, Andrew Smith:

Greetings from TPAC, your Templeton Secondary Parents Advisory Council. All parents are welcome to attend any (or all!) of our meetings, where we will have a chance to engage with the school administration, community leaders and support workers, and most importantly, each other. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Templeton Library. The first meeting is September 23 (due to school being closed on September 30 for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation). We would love to hear from you and you can reach us at chair.tpac@gmail.com. See you on the 23rd!



GRADE 8 INFORMATION

Welcome to our new cohort of grade 8 students and families! Templeton Secondary would like to invite all parents and caregivers of grade 8 students to attend the Welcome Event for Grade 8s on **October 2, 2026** from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. We will meet in the auditorium for a presentation and then move into the cafeteria to connect with school staff and community partners.

Grade 8 Camp

Grade 8 students received a Grade 8 Camp Package in their homeroom on September 3rd. There are 3 camp forms that need to be returned to the office by Monday September 8. Grade 8 Camp is a fantastic way to meet new people and bond over a shared experience. If your child did not bring home the Grade 8 camp info package and form package, extra copies are available in the office.

SCHOOL FORMS

All students were given out one forms in homeroom on Wednesday September 3: the Emergency Reunification form, which should be completed and returned to the office.

Additionally, grade 8 students received a "Data Verification Form" please submit this form along with any changes to family/caregiver contact information to the office. Please make sure that these forms are filled out, signed and returned to the main office by **Friday, September 13, 2025**. Students should come to the office if they have misplaced their copies.

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

Absences & Attendance

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>

OPTIONAL INSURANCE

The VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>



Notice of Late Return

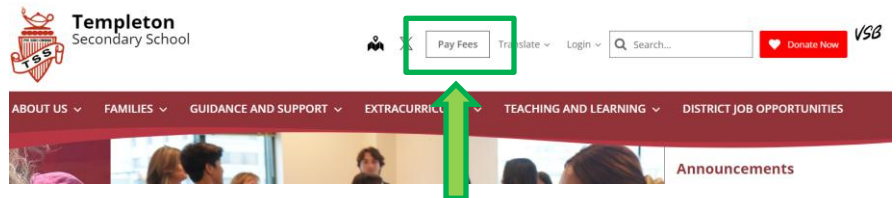
To help us ensure a smooth start to the new school year, we would like to remind you that students **must** attend school by Friday September 5, to confirm enrolment. If your child/children was not in attendance the first week back to school, please fill out this form [Notice of Late Return Form - Fillable](#) and return this form to the office or email a copy to student records at edemelo@vsb.bc.ca

If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Friday September 5, 2025, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

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 [HERE](#). **Please pay by Sept. 26.** Any future fees, for events such as field trips, will be available on School Cash Online.

NOTE: Direct links to School Cash Online and the school fee schedule can be found at the top of our website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/templeton>



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, Self-Serve	Any teacher, library, Self-Serve

We will be using two additional platforms this year. VSB FIT Planner 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, students work around Core Competencies.

Technology Tool	VSB FIT Planner	SpacesEDU
LOGIN	VSB Login	VSB Login
LINK	FIT Planner	SpacesEDU
USE	Signing up for FIT sessions, previewing teacher availability	Communicating on Core Competencies; building portfolios
HELP?	Coming Soon	RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES
Where can I go to reset password?	Any teacher, library, Self-Serve	Any teacher, library, Self-Serve



VSBC 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

We will continue the use of MS Teams this year, with students being added to classroom and school/grade-wide Teams this week. All students have been added to the Templeton All Student Team, which will be the central hub for school communication. Many classes will use TEAMS to post course information, assignments and other class happenings. Starting next week, students should be checking Teams as part of their daily routine. We encourage families to access TEAMS with their child to see what it entails.

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 9:25	n/a	n/a	n/a	9:20 to 9:25
Period 1	9:25 to 10:25	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00	9:25 to 10:25
Break	10:25 to 10:30	10:00 to 10:10	10:00 to 10:10	10:00 to 10:10	10:25 to 10:30
Period 2	10:30 to 11:30	10:10 to 11:30	10:10 to 11:30	10:10 to 11:30	10:30 to 11:30
Lunch	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15
Period 3	12:15 to 1:35	12:15 to 1:15	12:15 to 1:35	12:15 to 1:15	12:15 to 1:35
Break	1:35 to 1:45	1:15 to 1:20	1:35 to 1:45	1:15 to 1:20	1:35 to 1:45
FIT	n/a	1:20 to 2:00	n/a	1:20 to 2:00	n/a
Break	n/a	2:00 to 2:05	n/a	2:00 to 2:05	n/a
Period 4	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05

* Please NOTE that student classes will rotate halfway through the semester- Monday November 10, 2025 (Semester 1) and Thursday April 24, 2026 (Semester 2)

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 – 3:05 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 dates and bell schedule are as follows:
(*Students are not expected to be in classes during these times*)

AFTERNOON Collaborative Time		MORNING Collaborative Time	
Dates: October 14, January 13, April 14, June 16		Dates: September 16, December 2, February 10, May 12	
COLLAB TIME	1:45 to 3:05	COLLAB TIME	8:40 – 10:00

Note: we will not have FIT sessions on days when there is collaboration time scheduled

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 [FIT Planner](#). 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 Will begin on September 18, 2025 – until this date, the daily bell schedule will follow a “Wednesday” schedule (see below).

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 can be found [HERE](#). Instructions for logging in to the VSB FIT Planner will also be posted once available.

LEARNING UPDATES (STUDENT REPORTING)

The purpose of assessment is to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer three questions about their learning:

- Where am I now?
- Where am I going?
- How do I get there?



Quality assessment is ongoing and responsive. It informs the instruction cycle and provides teachers with evidence to plan. It helps families understand and support their children's learning. Most importantly, it provides students with meaningful feedback to guide their learning and help them reflect on their growth.

The new Provincial Reporting Policy requires that students in Grades 8 and 9 will receive marks on a four-point proficiency scale (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending), while students in Grades 10 -12 will still receive a letter grade and percentage. Learning Updates (report cards) for all students will now also include self-reflection and goal setting, as well as descriptive feedback.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Staff contact information is [available on our website](#).

Learning Update Dates:

Semester	Learning Update	Written Learning Update	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Summary of Learning
1	Oct.10, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	Nov. 6, 2025	Jan. 30, 2026
2	Mar. 6, 2026	May 1, 2026	Apr. 9, 2026	June 25, 2026
Linear Courses	Nov. 21, 2025	Jan. 30, 2026 May 1, 2026		June 25, 2026
Core Competencies (Self Reporting)	November 18 2025	April 28, 2026	n/a	June 23, 2026

You can read a summary of the changes [HERE](#) or use the Ministry of Education and Child Care's [WEBSITE](#).

If you have any questions on these changes, please reach out to any school Administrator for further information.

Please note, your child's Learning Update is electronic and will be published to their MyEd BC account. It is recommended that you download and save a copy for future reference.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

Graduation assessments are not associated with any course mark, but their completion is part of the BC Graduation Requirements.

Students in Grade 10 will be scheduled to write two Provincial Assessments to assess their proficiency in numeracy and literacy. Any student in grade 11 or 12 who has not written the numeracy or literacy 10 assessments will also be scheduled to write during this assessment window.

Students that are in Grade 12 will be scheduled to write the literacy assessment. Details of times and room numbers will be provided closer to the date. Practice assessments and answer keys can be found [HERE](#).



Families can familiarize themselves with assessment information, preassessment activities and assessment exemplars by clicking the links below.

Grade	Assessment Date	Assessment	Link
12	November 3 – 7, 2025	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment
10	January 12 - 16, 2026	Numeracy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
12	April 21 - 24, 2026	Literacy	https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment

ATHLETICS

Sign up for Fall Athletic Teams is currently taking place. It is not too late to sign up! Sign-up sheets for the following teams are located in the Main Gym hallway. Stay up to date with all things Athletics on our blog – [Templeton Athletics: Home of the Titans](#).

- Senior (Gr. 11/12) Boys Soccer
- Juvenile (Grade 8 & 9) Boys Soccer
- Bantam (Gr. 8) Girls Volleyball
- Juvenile (Gr. 9) Girls Volleyball
- Junior (Gr. 10) Girls Volleyball
- Senior (Gr. 11/12) Girls Volleyball
- Junior (Gr. 10) Boys Volleyball
- Senior (Gr. 11/12) Boys Volleyball
- Cross-country Running (All grades)
- Swim Team (All grades)



TITAN ATHLETICS
Home of the Templeton Titans

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

TERRY FOX RUN

On September 18, our whole school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run to raise funds for cancer research. We will be collecting funds to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation in the week leading up to the run. If parents would also like to donate directly to Templeton's efforts they are encouraged to do so using [School Cash Online](#).



IMPORTANT DATES

September	Event
Mon, Sep 1	Labour Day – school closed
Tue, Sep 2	First Day of School – Grade Assemblies
Wed, Sep 3	First full instructional day – Semester 1 begins
Mon, Sep 8	School Photo Day
Tue, Sep 16	Collaborative Day – AM (Classes start at 10:00 AM)
Wed Sep 17	Terry Fox Run (Period 2)
Thu, Sep 18	Grade 8 Camp (Grouse Mountain)
Fri, Sep 19	Professional Development Day (Classes not in session)
Tue, Sep 23	PAC Meeting - 7PM in Library
Tue, Sep 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Classes not in session)
October	
Thu, Oct 2	Grade 8 Family and Caregiver Welcome Event (5:30 PM - 7:00 PM)
Fri, Oct 10	Informal Learning Update Published
Mon, Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Tue, Oct 14	Collaborative Day – PM (Students dismissed at 1:45 PM)
Wed, Oct 15	Photo Retake Day
Fri, Oct 24	Professional Development Day (Classes not in session)
Tue, Oct 28	PAC Meeting – 7 pm in Library
Thu, Oct 30	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic



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