

During recess and lunch, students will be outside regardless of the weather. Please have students dress accordingly and consider sending umbrellas for rainy days. Also, pack an extra set of clothes in case of accidents.

I'd like to take a moment to address student placement. Our team takes the student placement process seriously and spends a significant amount of time reviewing placements before finalizing classes. The assignment of students to classes is a collaborative decision made by a team of professionals, including the current teacher, Resource Teacher, School Counsellor, and School Principal. Various factors are considered in this process, such as program needs, maturity, learning styles, academic balance, and more. Please understand that this is a complex process, and while we try our best to accommodate preferences, it's not always possible to place all students with their preferred teachers or friends. Your support in helping your child understand this is greatly appreciated.

For classes with combined grade levels, rest assured that the curriculum prescribed by the Ministry of Education for each grade will be taught. Research has shown that combined classes can be just as successful for student learning as single-grade classes.

If your child is disappointed with their class placement, please acknowledge their feelings and provide perspective. While initial disappointment is natural, most students adjust positively over time as they get to know their new teacher and peers.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year ahead!

Brad Toews (pronounced TAVES)
Principal

"Fools have a habit of believing that everything written by a famous author is admirable. For my part, I read only to please myself and like only what suits my taste." - Voltaire

Important Dates

- Monday, September 4, 2023: Statutory Holiday – No School
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023: First Day for Students (9:00-10:00 am, One Hour Only)
- Wednesday, September 6, 2023: First Full Day for students, Lunch Program Begins
- Wednesday, September 13, 2023: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Thursday, September 14, 2023: First full day for kindergarten students
- Friday, September 15, 2023: Individual Student Photos
- Friday, September 22, 2023: Professional Development Day – No school for students
- Friday, September 29, 2023: [Orange Shirt Day](#)
- Monday, October 2, 2023: [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) – No school
- Friday, October 6, 2023: Thunderbird [Terry Fox Run](#)

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call [604-713-5159 Ext. 81](tel:604-713-5159) or Email tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca by 9:00 AM.

Please do not call the school office.

School Cash Online – Student Payment System

Please take five minutes to register, even if your preference is to pay in cash.

Visit <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Then click "Register". You will need your child's usual first name, last name, and birth date to register. An email will be sent to you from school cash online. *Please open email and click the link provided to confirm and complete registration.*

School Fees

The School Supply Fee for 2023-2024 will be \$35 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. *Parents do not have to purchase supplies.* The agenda fee for Grade 3-7 students will be \$6 and Jump Math workbooks (2) will be \$24, if applicable.
