



KPR Virtual High School Information Update – Feb

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new VHS Vipers joining us for quadmester three. We recently conducted a student survey which revealed that our students are overwhelmingly happy with their virtual learning experience and expressed that their teachers and working from the comfort of their own homes were the best parts! We are very proud of our staff and our students at VHS.

All students should hear from their period one teacher through Edsby by the end of the day on Monday Feb 1st.

Report Cards

Congratulations to our students who have now completed Quad 2. Report cards will be published on February 4th. A signed paper copy will be placed in your child's OSR. Reports will include a grade, learning skills, and a comment.

To access the report card in Edsby:

- Login to Edsby (<https://kpr.edsby.com/>) from a web browser *(this option is not available from your mobile phone)*
- Locate Classes section
- Click View Report Cards option from the left side

If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher(s) directly.

Student/Parent HUB

Please check out our Student/Parent HUB, it is full of helpful information including technical support information, course change forms, special education inquiries, and so much more.

<https://sites.google.com/kprdsb.ca/kpr-virtual-high-school/home>

Free Tutoring and Homework Help

A reminder that we have Trent Education students who volunteer with VHS to tutor students in most subject areas. Go to the **VHS Tutoring and Homework Help Group** located in **Edsby** for more information.

Edsby

We remind parents that Edsby is our primary communication tool. If you need help connecting please contact secondary_helpline@kprdsb.ca, or call them at 1-877-741-4577 x 3001.

School Clothing

We are very excited to announce that **VHS Spirit Wear** is now available! [Click Here](#) to order yours.

Government Funding

To see if your child is eligible for student funding click here: [Government Funding for Students](#)
As well, if your child has a diagnosis of ASD, there is additional funding available. Contact your Special Education Resource Teacher for more information.

Guidance Department Updates

Quad 3 Schedules

All students should now have **full schedules** in Quad 3 and Quad 4. Course changes for Quad 3 will close on the following dates:

Week 1 classes: 4pm, Thursday, February 4, 2021

Week 2 classes: 4pm Wednesday, February 10, 2021

If students do not have 4 courses showing in Edsby (look under future classes), please complete a Course Change form **ASAP**. Course change requests can be completed through this link [Course Change Request Form](#)

You can view our master schedule here: [MASTER TIMETABLE VHS](#)

2021/2022 Course Selections

Thank you to all students who have completed their course selections. It has been an interesting process for everyone, and we are almost done! If you have not completed your selections yet, please submit through myBlueprint as soon as possible. Any questions can be directed to your **HOME SCHOOL** guidance department.

Graduate Photos

We know there is much excitement about graduating from high school. The additional lockdown we have experienced since the winter break has delayed our ability to coordinate grad photos for our students. As soon as we have dates and locations confirmed with Edge Imaging, we will be in touch via the Graduating Students Edsby Group.

University Applications

Applications were due January 15, but some Universities have reached out to guidance counsellors indicating they are still accepting applications into some programs. If you missed the deadline, it might not be too late! Transcripts/grades will be updated (to include Quad 2 marks) and sent to OUAC February 4th.

College Applications

Apply on or before February 1st in order to receive equal consideration. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full. Applications to highly competitive programs must be received by this date in order to be considered. Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1. Transcripts/grades will be updated to include Quad 2 marks on February 4 to Ontario Colleges.

Literacy Test/Literacy Requirement

The Ontario Government has waived the literacy requirement for students who will **graduate in the 2020/2021 school year**. Grade 10, 11 and non-graduating grade 12 students, will have the opportunity to write the OSSLT online this spring. As we get more information, it will be shared with students and parents/guardians.

Community Involvement (volunteer hours) for High School Students

This year many students are unsure of how to meet this requirement (40 hours by graduation). Students are encouraged to think about creative ways to support the community that do not put themselves or others at risk. This may include volunteer activities that can be completed at home or online. Some examples of activities are sewing masks to donate to social agencies and virtual tutoring to help students (including ESL students). Students may also visit [Charity Village](#) or [SparkOntario](#), or contact a charitable organization in their community to explore current volunteer opportunities.

Students graduating in June 2021, are only required to complete 20 hours.

Record your hours on this form:

<https://www.kprschools.ca/content/dam/kpr/forms/CommunityInvolvementActivitiesForm.pdf>

and submit your completed hours to Allison_MacArthur@kprdsb.ca

Until January 2021, parents/guardians will be allowed to sign for hours. Students must still include the contact information of someone other than a parent who can verify the activity and hours completed.

Parent Survey

Please help us to better understand your experience with virtual learning and help us plan for the future by completing this short survey. Thank you in advance.

[Parent Survey](#)

We wish everyone a safe and successful third quad!

Sincerely,

VHS Admin

