



KPRDSB Virtual High School April Update

Hello,

We hope everyone has had a safe and happy Spring Break. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new VHS Vipers joining us for Q4. Week One classes begin on Monday. Below are a few updates as we move into our last quadmester of the year.



Please bookmark our Student/Parent HUB, it is full of helpful information including technical support information, course change forms, FAQs, and so much more.

PARENT/STUDENT HUB

Quad 3 Final Reports

Report Cards will be issued on Friday. A signed paper copy will be placed in your child's OSR. To access the report card in Edsby:

- **Login to Edsby** (<https://kpr.edsby.com/>) *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.

Quad 4 Schedules

Course selections for Quad 4 courses will close on the following dates:

Week 1 classes: 4pm, Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Week 2 classes: 4pm, Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Course change requests can be completed through this link: [Course Change Request Form](#)

The Master Schedule is available here: [MASTER TIMETABLE VHS](#)

Please follow the **Guidance Department Group in Edsby** for more up to date information.

All students should hear from their week one teacher through Edsby by Monday morning at the latest. Please contact Allison_MacArthur@kprdsb.ca if you have not heard from your teacher by 9:00 am.

Virtual High School September 2021 OPT IN

While final details are still being confirmed, we are happy to announce that our virtual school programs for next year will be based largely on current school structures.

- Virtual secondary school will include both synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- The virtual learning opt-in web page includes a list of available courses to help students and families make a decision on virtual learning for next year. Parents will have the opportunity to confirm their child's participation in virtual learning before the start of the 2021-22 school year. Please note we cannot offer courses virtually if they have an in-person component.
- Entry/Exit from virtual learning will occur at the start of each semester (September 2021/February 2022).

Families interested in choosing virtual learning for the next school year should click here:

<https://optin.kprdsb.ca>

Community Involvement (volunteer hours)

The ministry has reduced the total number of hours required for students graduating in the 2020-21 school year to a minimum of 20 hours and is allowing greater flexibility for all students for what counts towards those hours. Students NOT graduating this year are still required to accumulate 40 hours prior to graduation. Students aged 14 years and older may now count up to a maximum of **10 hours from paid employment** towards their earned hours. Students will be required to complete a [Reflection Exercise](#) indicating how their work contributed to the service of others.

Students are encouraged to consider virtual volunteering. There are a number of organizations that provide virtual volunteer opportunities for students. Some of these opportunities can be found through agencies such as [SparkOntario](#) or [Charity Village](#)

The following list provides some examples of flexible ways students could earn community involvement hours:

- **Providing tutoring and mentorship supports through:**
 - Virtual tutoring to help students with reading, communication and/or other skills
 - Teaching online music, art, or dance lessons
 - Assisting siblings and/or younger students with online learning and schoolwork
- **Connecting with and supporting seniors by:**
 - Conversing with seniors virtually, for example, acting as technology mentors or providing a regular check-in to address isolation and build cross-generational friendships
 - Joining or creating a letter-writing campaign to seniors
 - Delivering groceries to elderly/immunocompromised neighbours
- **Supports for families, neighbourhoods and community initiatives:**
 - Supporting a family by walking a younger child to and from school
 - Participating in donation pick-ups for not-for-profit organizations
 - Coordinating a donation event with a local organization such as a shelter
 - Facilitating discussions with newcomers to help them learn about their new community
 - Sewing masks to donate to social agencies
 - Yard work for a family due to extenuating circumstances
 - Taking part in neighbourhood litter-pick-up

Utilizing social media to connect with their community by:

- o Organizing a virtual reading or math activity for their feeder elementary schools
- o Creating a transition support video for Grade 8 students
- o Working with not-for-profit organizations to solicit donations through social media platforms

As activities are completed, the details are to be recorded on the following form:

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

Completed forms can be submitted to Allison_MacArthur@kprdsb.ca

Graduation Information

Students graduating this year are graduating from their **HOME SCHOOL**. Any information about graduation events/requirements will be available from students' home schools or via the home school **Graduation Edsby Group**. VHS students are eligible for home school awards and scholarships. If you have any questions or concerns about graduation, please contact your **home school guidance department** for support.

Graduation photos were organized for VHS students in each region of the board. Peterborough was the last remaining area and was scheduled for this coming week. Unfortunately, the current lockdown has forced us to cancel these appointments. A new date will be rescheduled once it is safe to do so.

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.

Literacy Test (for grades 10,11, and non-graduating grade 12s)

An opportunity to write this year's field test for the OSSLT had been organized for our VHS students on the May 14th PD day at five different locations across the board. However, the recent school closures and Stay At Home Order mean that we will have to put our plans on hold and revisit the idea once the order has been lifted. All KPR schools who have not yet participated in the test this year will be in a similar position. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

KPR Borrowed Technology

All technology that has been borrowed to assist with remote learning will need to be **returned by the end of June to home schools**. If a student requires technology for summer school or is returning to VHS next year, the technology will still need to be returned prior to re-deployment. More detailed information will be communicated in June.

VHS Families in Need

If you are experiencing financial hardship and are in need of groceries, please contact our Guidance Lead Kelly_Eastman@kprdsb.ca. We would like to help and will handle the situation with confidentiality and dignity.

VHS Year End Talent Show

We know that with almost 2000 students in our virtual walls, there is A LOT of talent out there. Students are invited to submit a digital recording of their talent for our year end showcase. Further details will be posted in **School Talk** on Edsby. Stay tuned!

Mental Health Supports

It has been a difficult year for many. We recognize that the stress of the Pandemic and the increased isolation of the lockdown has affected the well-being of many of our teens. If you are concerned about your child please reach out to our guidance department (through our guidance secretary Allison_MacArthur@kprdsb.ca) to inquire about available resources.

Wishing everyone a smooth start to quad four. Please see below for a summary of upcoming dates.

Your VHS Admin.

Upcoming Dates:

April 23	P.1/2 Report Card Issued/ Grade 12 marks sent to OUAC/OCAS
April 26	P.3 Edsby Progress Update
April 30	P.4 Edsby Progress Update
May 14	PA Day Optional OSSLT for VHS Students (Postponed due to Lockdown)
May 20	P.3 Careers/Civics Change-Over
May 21	P.3 Mid-Quad Mark Posted in Edsby
May 24	Victoria Day Holiday
May 27	P.4 Careers/Civics Change Over
May 28	P.4 Mid-Quad Mark Posted in Edsby
June 28/29	Credit Completion Days (No school unless your student requires Credit Rescue)
June 30	PA Day
July 7	Report Card Issued