

# VHS JUNE NEWSLETTER



We cannot believe that an entire school year has passed since we started the Virtual High School last August. This year has certainly brought with it several challenges and we recognize that many students and staff are very much looking forward to returning to in-person learning in the fall. We also know that some (over 800) are planning to return to VHS, and we are excited to continue to offer diverse course selections and rich online learning opportunities for next year's Vipers.

We would like to share a special **thank you to all the teachers and support staff** with us at VHS. They have been incredible throughout this year of change and have made VHS the success that it is. These educators have pivoted to teaching from home with grace and professionalism, and many, like yourselves, have their own children and families to care for while they are working. They have embraced new technology, shifted their teaching practice to fit the online environment, and had to find creative ways to connect with their often-faceless students online. We continue to hear positive and moving accounts of students' experiences at VHS, and we know that our VHS education team has had a very real impact on our students. We wish both our staff and students who are returning to their home schools a safe and positive year ahead.

*Join us in thanking the following staff for their years of service in education and in wishing them a*

***FABULOUS  
RETIREMENT:***

Cynthia Doyle  
Teresa Friar  
Bruce Rutherford  
Caroline Tennent  
Kathleen Touw

**If you have changed your mind** about opting in or out of VHS for the fall, there will be an opportunity in August to make a different request. Stay tuned to KPR and VHS communications for further details.

Please read the information below for important end-of-year action items.

## ***Borrowed KPR Internet Devices***

*As we prepare for school in September, it is imperative that any technology (i.e. – Chromebooks, internet devices and ALL power cords) is returned to home schools even if your student is returning to virtual learning in the fall. **Please arrange to drop off your child’s loaned technology to the home school by June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** If you wish to return your borrowed technology before June 30<sup>th</sup>, the school will be happy to receive it. When you arrive at the home school, please ring the doorbell and someone will provide you with further directions. **Please note:** If you are registered for Summer School, then you will not be required to return your technology until Summer School is complete. We appreciate your support in helping us to prepare for September.*

## ***Summer School***

*Please contact [Kelly Eastman@kprdsb.ca](mailto:Kelly_Eastman@kprdsb.ca) to register for Summer School. DO you have summer employment? Ask about how you can sign up for paid co-op where you can earn credits while doing your job.*

## ***Credit Completion Days/Last Day of School***

*Students who have successfully passed their courses will be done school this Friday (June 25<sup>th</sup>). Students who have not met the minimum expectations of one or both courses this quadmester will be invited by their teacher(s) to participate in Credit Completion Days on the 28<sup>th</sup> and/or 29<sup>th</sup> for an opportunity to improve their grade.*

## ***Course Selections for Next Year***

*As a reminder, a KPR website has been created to allow parents/guardians access to course selection information for September 2021. The website will be accessible beginning **Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**. To access this website, please click the following link, or type the following into the address bar of your web browser <http://classlookup.kprdsb.ca/>. You will be brought to a website that looks like the following:*

The screenshot shows a web application titled "Class Lookup" with a blue header. Below the header is a "Class Information Search" form. The form includes a "Welcome!" message and instructions: "This service allows you to look up your student's class information for next year. Please enter the student's OEN or Student Number and birthdate and click the Search button." The form contains three input fields: "OEN or Student Number" (a text box), "PIN" (a text box), and "Birthdate" (three dropdown menus for Year, Month, and Day). At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Search" (blue) and "Reset" (orange).

You will need to enter the **student's OEN** (found on any report card), **date of birth**, **PIN** and click search. If those values match in our database, you will be shown the student information along with their course choices for September 2021. The PIN for each student will be sent out to families again on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

If your student is **returning to the VHS in September** and has selected courses only available in an in-person setting (such as dance, construction, pottery, etc.), and/or would like to request a change, please complete this form: [Course Change Request Form](#). Please only submit one form. [Click here for course offerings](#).

Finally, it is important to note that due to changes in enrolment during the summer or early fall, course selection information for both virtual school and home schools may change, and therefore, **course choices are tentative** at this time and students will not receive their official timetables until September. We appreciate your understanding and support in these situations.

## **Announcing the VHS Admin Team for 2021/22**

There will be some administrative changes at VHS next year. Jeff St. Thomas will be moving to Campbellford District High School as vice-principal, and Lyn Westlake has been appointed as principal of Colborne Public School. Lastly, John Ford will be focusing on his responsibilities as Superintendent of Student Achievement.

We are pleased to share that **Michael Sutcliffe** will be returning in his role as vice-principal and will be joined by **Silvia Grdovic** as principal. Please see Ms. Grdovic's message below.



Hello,

My name is Silvia Grdovic and I will be assuming the role of principal for the Virtual High School for the school year 2021-2022. I have been the principal of Clarke High School in Newcastle over the last few years and will continue in this role this coming year as well.

As an experienced principal, I am always excited of new professional learning, and this opportunity allows me to work with students and parents across the KPRDSB system, who have chosen the Virtual High School as an alternative to in-person learning in a typical high school with four walls and a roof. I look forward to working with the students who are returning and those who will be new. I believe that all students can succeed, and with the support of a great staff, we will continue to provide students with a full range of courses and authentic educational experiences based on the Ontario curriculum. Staff and Administration are dedicated to ensuring that all our students experience success. Our virtual door is always open to our student/parent community for communication purposes.

As we are planning for the Fall and a new school year, I can assure you that students will enjoy being part of an exciting, creative, and engaging learning environment.

My best to everyone, and I look forward to serving as your principal of the Virtual High School this coming year.

Stay well,

S. Grdovic

## **Student Awards**

All VHS students will be considered equally for recognition and awards (academic and otherwise) at their home schools. Please contact your home school guidance department for more information.

## Graduates

VHS grade twelves are reminded to check their home school Edsby grad group for information related to graduation including scholarships, commencement awards, grad sweaters, etc., ALL graduates will be included in home school graduation celebrations. **Commencements for ALL KPR high schools will occur in the fall.** Please make sure your home school has a way to contact you over the summer.

All grade 12s are asked to complete the following survey by Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>:  
[KPR Grade 12 Exit Survey](#)

Grads: If you have not submitted your community involvement hours, please contact [Kelly\\_Eastman@kprdsb.ca](mailto:Kelly_Eastman@kprdsb.ca) immediately.

## KPRDSB Parent Portal

KPR technical support and resources can all be found on the [KPRDSB Parent Portal](#) – [parents.kprdsb.ca](http://parents.kprdsb.ca)



	<p><b>Class Lookup</b> – contains information for next year’s teacher/courses.</p>
	<p><b>Student Credentials</b> – contains login information for Kindergarten – Grade 6 students.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Grade 7 – 12 students utilize self-service password reset (Forgot Password).</p>
	<p><b>Report Cards</b> – can be accessed in Edsby by logging in with a Parent account and selecting “View Report Cards” button on the left-hand side of the screen.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> report cards cannot be accessed on a mobile device.</p>
	<p><b>Student/Parent Elementary Helpline</b>  1-877-741-4577 Ext 3002  <a href="mailto:Elementary_Helpline@kprdsb.ca">Elementary_Helpline@kprdsb.ca</a>  <b>Student/Parent Secondary Helpline</b>  1-877-741-4577 Ext 3001  <a href="mailto:Secondary_Helpline@kprdsb.ca">Secondary_Helpline@kprdsb.ca</a></p>

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

*The Admin Team of The Virtual High School*

John Ford, Principal  
Jeff St. Thomas, Vice-Principal  
Mike Sutcliffe, Vice-Principal  
Lyn Westlake, Vice-Principal