

October 5, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

The Virtual Learn at Home Secondary School (VLHS) has been in session for three weeks. Although the concept of synchronous (real-time) virtual learning was new for most teachers and students, they have done a great job of developing daily routines to maximize student learning and success. We appreciate the support that we have received from parents and guardians. 977 students from twelve secondary schools in the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) are enrolled in the VLHS.

Below are a few information updates:

- Students are encouraged to check out the Learn at Home Virtual High School course within Brightspace, where they will find regular announcements about clubs, activities, and resources.
- Students can view the courses they are enrolled in for the school year by logging into myBlueprint, <http://www.myblueprint.ca/lkdsb>, using the green school account button and their LKDSB Google email and password.
- The guidance staff will be completing a final review of student timetables this week to ensure that students are in the appropriate courses that meet the diploma requirements and align with their program pathways. Full year student timetables will be mailed home the week of October 13.
- Students who wish to 'meet' with a guidance counsellor to discuss their timetable, post-secondary plans, or who have other questions or concerns may set up an appointment by completing the form located [here](#). This guidance appointment request form may also be accessed from the VLHS website.
- Students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will receive their IEPs in the mail this week.
- The VLHS will be starting a School Council with its first organizational meeting date scheduled for Thursday, October 15 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place using Microsoft Teams. No software or account is required. School Council is made up parents, staff representatives, community members and the principal. It provides a forum to discuss a variety of topics relevant to the school. Please send the principal an email if you wish to become a member of School Council. For more information, see the [LKDSB Regulation](#) on School Councils.
- On October 5, the LKDSB is celebrating Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Day. We are proud of the ongoing dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers who work each to support student achievement and wellbeing.

Information previously announced for your reference:

- Students are expected to participate in classes daily. The morning session is from 8:20 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the afternoon session is from 11:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- To report student absences, please contact the school at 226-365-0375. A student attendance mailbox allows you to leave messages 24-7.
- A list of the VLHS staff and email contact information can be found on our website or [here](#). Parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers to address questions or concerns about classes or their children.
- The master class timetable may be found on the website or [here](#). As well, the course calendar may be found on our website or [here](#).

Thanks for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to contact our team at the school at 226-365-0375.

Sincerely,



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