



# Vernon Secondary School

*"Pride on the Hill"*

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## Principal's Report

As we enter these final weeks of the school year, I find myself reflecting on how quickly time passes and how much our students have grown. We have many meaningful events ahead, beginning with our Year-End Assembly on June 12th, followed by our Graduation Ceremony on June 18th at 4:00 pm at Kal Tire Place, where all are welcome to join us in celebrating this remarkable group of graduates. Super grad will take place at VSS on June 19th for our graduates and their approved guests, with families invited to share in the joy of the prom and the first two dances; due to limited space, we kindly ask families to keep attendance to four guests per graduate. Our Awards Ceremony will be held on June 25th at 1:00 pm in the gym, and families will be contacted if their child is receiving an award. The last day of classes is June 23rd, with course completion days on June 24th and 25th for students who may need or be able to attend. Teachers will contact these families personally.

As we look toward summer, I want to wish each of you a safe, restful, and joy-filled break. This year carries special meaning for me personally, as I will be retiring at the end of July after 34 years in education. It has been a privilege to serve the VSS community and to work alongside such dedicated staff, inspiring students, and supportive families. I am pleased to share that Mr. Mike Edgar will be joining VSS as principal in August, and I know the school will continue to thrive under his leadership.

## Fees

Please remember with the end of the school year approaching school fees are now overdue. Please visit the office to pay any overdue fees. If you are sending a cheque, please write your child's name and the reason for the payment on the memo line of the cheque. Please contact Ms. Tobler in the office if you have any questions about school fees or athletic fees. We take cash or cheque only at the office. Payment can also be made online through your MYED account for student fees. Please be reminded that students owing athletic fees for extra curricular activities will not be able to try out for a sports team next year until all fees are paid. If you are experiencing hardship, please contact administration so that we can work out a plan.

## EXAM EXPECTATIONS

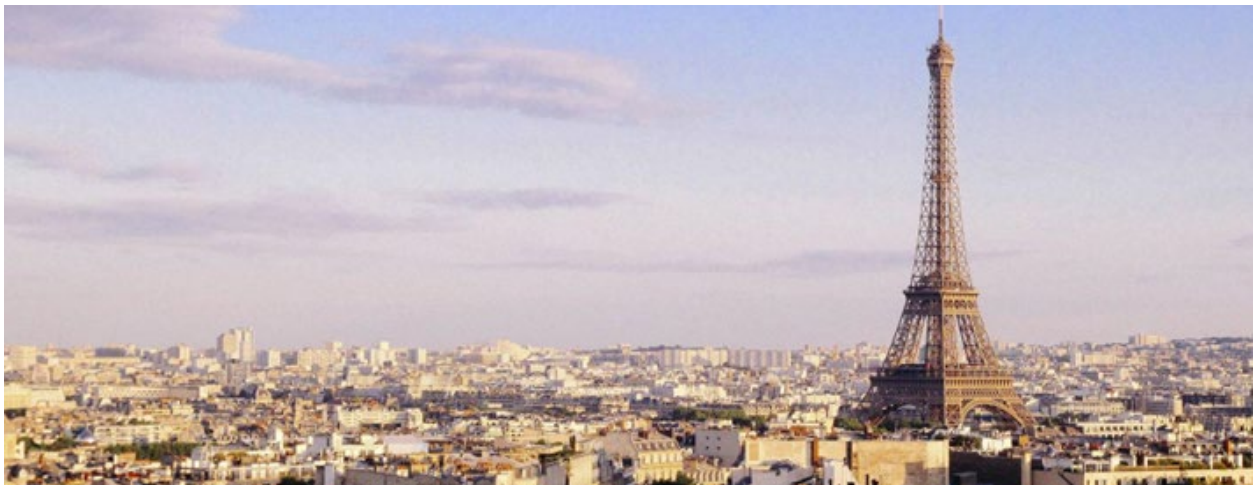
The last day of classes is June 23rd. Exams are being held at different times but students are expected to be in attendance till the end. **Please respect our exam times and do not phone the office to have your child excused from class once their exam is finished.** This is not only disruptive to the class and those students still working on the assessment, but it also puts a huge demand on our office secretaries who are also extremely busy with year end work. Please have your child bring a book or some other quiet form of entertainment until the exam period is finished. Summer is just around the corner....

## AWARDS RECOGNITION

This year we are recognizing our students for their accomplishments on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in our gym. Parents/guardians will receive a phone call from a VSS staff member just prior to that day if their child will be receiving an award.



## Euro Trip 2028



Planning for Euro Trip 2028 has begun. Mr. Hirschhorn is organizing a 13-day trip to Germany, Czechia, Switzerland and France for Spring Break 2028. The group will visit Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Munich, Lucerne and Paris. To participate in this trip, students must be in grades 10-12 in the 2027-2028 school year, studying either German, French or Spanish that school year (or have completed a grade 11 language), and be in good standing with the school. The cost of the trip will be \$6375 and includes flights, transportation in Europe, tourist site visits (museums and palaces) breakfast and dinner, a 24-hour Tour Director and bus driver. Students will need some spending money for lunches and souvenirs. A monthly payment program is available with EF tours. There will be an informational meeting in mid-September 2026 to discuss the trip in more detail as well as the application process for participation.

# VSS Theatre on the Hill



Journey into the whimsical Jungle of Nool, where Horton the Elephant discovers a tiny world on a speck of dust and bravely vows to protect the Whos of Whoville. Guided by the mischievous Cat in the Hat and joined by an unforgettable cast of colorful characters—including Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie La Bird, and the Wickersham Brothers—this musical reminds us that *“a person’s a person, no matter how small.”* With catchy songs, lively choreography, and bright costumes, *Seussical Jr.* delivers laughter, warmth, and meaningful moments from start to finish.

- 📍 Where: Theatre on the Hill, Vernon Secondary School
- 📅 When: **June 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 & 12**
- 🕒 Time: 7:00 PM each evening
- 🎫 Tickets: \$15 general admission | \$5 for kids 12 and under

This student-led production showcases the talent, dedication, and passion of VSS Theatre students, bringing classic stories to life with fresh energy and enthusiasm. Whether you’re a lifelong Dr. Seuss fan or discovering these characters for the first time, *Seussical Jr.* promises an entertaining and uplifting night at the theatre.

Bring the whole family, invite your friends, and support VSS Theatre on the Hill while enjoying a Seuss-tacular evening filled with music, laughter, and unforgettable fun. Think big, dream boldly, and join us for a magical theatrical experience you won’t want to miss! 🌈 🐘 🎭

# Scholarship Tea

Many of our graduates took part in a special Scholarship Tea on May 27th, where they had the opportunity to meet the generous donors who are supporting their post-secondary journeys. It was a truly wonderful event; the room was full of great conversations, gratitude, and genuine connection.

Seeing graduates and donors sit together, share stories, and celebrate the impact of these scholarships was incredibly meaningful. Although scholarships will still be formally recognized at graduation, donors will not be presenting on stage, as those heartfelt introductions and presentations have already taken place at the Tea.

It was an unforgettable afternoon, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make it such a success.



## CARE PROJECT

Climate Action Ripple Effect (CARE) projects that support local climate objectives and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Kopy and Ms. Jacobs had their classes involved where students could choose from six categories (Nature & Biodiversity, Agriculture & Food, Energy & Buildings, Waste Reduction, Eco-Friendly Transportation, and Human Health & Culture). Projects were celebrated and judged by 60 local climate leaders at the CARE Summit on May 29th. VSS students did outstanding work!



# Mathletes

The VSS Mathletes came first and second again this year at the Team Math Competition at Fulton!! In first place, we had the BEDMAS Baddies, made up of three grade 11 girls (Lyn Seo, Maia Gerlib, and Gigi Li) and three grade 9 boys (Logan Sitter, Toba Cao, and Vu Nguyen). Following closely in second place, we had the Algebros (Liam Burfitt, Lennart Prokopp, Xander Rodgers, Zoe Rodgers, Deven Bauset, and Jonathan Spitzer). Yumiho Sakai earned the Top Grade 10 Award and Vu Nguyen got the Top Grade 9 Award! Everyone did really well and all had fun. Congratulations!



## Upcoming Events

<b>June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grade 7 Orientation 9:15 – 11:15</b>
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last day for cafeteria</b>
<b>June 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grad Parent Meeting 6pm</b>
<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year End Assembly B Block</b>
<b>June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grad Student Meeting at 2:15 pm (Mandatory)</b>
<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Locker Clean Out (EVERYTHING must be removed)</b>
<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Literacy/Numeracy Assessments</b>
<b>June 17th</b>	<b>Grad Rehearsal</b>
<b>June 18th</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony 4pm KTP</b>
<b>June 19th</b>	<b>Grad Prom and Super Grad</b>
<b>June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Course Completion Days</b>
<b>June 25th</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony 1pm – parents/family welcome</b>