

Good Evening Parents/Guardians,

The warmest of welcome to our annual Curriculum Night. We apologize that Covid-19 restrictions prevent us from meeting you in person, however, we hope that this virtual format will be fine. Curriculum night provides us an opportunity to discuss with you, through **email**, the outcomes, expectations and any questions you may have regarding the courses that your child/ren are taking.

We are entering the third year of a three-year pilot project with **no mid-year exams** at either the Jr. or Sr. High levels. Following the trial period, the Department of Education will review achievement data and decide on whether this practice will continue. We will keep you informed of all changes to the policy.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our new (and/or newly permanent) **staff**;

Mrs. Millie Dredge is our newly permanent Assistant Principal

Mr. Greg West is our new Jr./Sr. High Math Teacher

Ms. Jenna Taylor is our new Core French Teacher

Ms. Sarah Coombs is our new Jr./Sr. High Science Teacher

Mr. Sean Burton is our new Jr./Sr. High Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Daniel Crewe is our new Technology & Physical Education Teacher

On behalf of all of us at VTA and our communities, we hope that you all have a rewarding and enjoyable year at this wonderful institution.

I would like to briefly touch on some reminders on **Covid-19** affecting us at the school;

- All students must wear a mask on the bus and while entering the school. After reaching homeroom, primary/elementary students may remove their masks and put it away for storage until afternoon dismissal. Jr./Sr. High students are required to wear a mask while walking between classes and if a 1-meter distance can not be maintained while in their respective classrooms. All students are required to sanitize when entering the building and classrooms.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted inside the building unless it is required for an individual student's programming needs. At this point in time, only people deemed essential are permitted inside the building.
- Pre-order / Pre-pay cafeteria services will continue until further notice. At this point, we are permitting Jr./Sr. High students to eat in the cafeteria on a staggered schedule. Primary/Elementary will continue to eat in their respective classrooms.

Our **Breakfast Program** is up and running after a short delay. We can not thank our contributors and volunteers enough for helping give our students a healthy and nutritious breakfast. We thank the Viking Trail Centennial Lions Club for your very generous donation of breakfast packages for each student on Wednesday Mornings. We thank the Plum Point Youth Centre for generously continuing to provide a healthy breakfast on Thursday mornings. We would like to thank Kids Eat Smart Foundation for continuing to provide a yearly grant as well as other needed supports throughout the school year. In addition, generous financial support towards our Breakfast Program has been provided by;

President's Choice Charities grant of \$1800

Dockside Motel for conducting a 70/30 fundraiser

Norpen Status of Women Council for their generous donation of \$1000

We would also like to thank our School Council for organizing some amazing volunteers who help prepare breakfast on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. This is truly a community project and your commitment to this school is second to none.

Our **School Sports** program has been heavily impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. We have coaches in place for most school sports teams and as soon as restrictions are lifted in each sport, we will begin practices. Currently, our Jr./Sr. High Volleyball teams are permitted to begin afterschool practices.

We hope you enjoy meeting/talking with your student's teachers. To find out what each individual is teaching this year, please click on the teaching assignment link on this page. You can email any teacher with a comment or question by clicking on their name.

Thank You and Take Care