



## **MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

Welcome to Tecumseh Vista Academy Secondary School Home of the Vortex!

At Tecumseh Vista Academy Secondary students and staff strive for academic excellence. We offer a variety of programs and services to meet the learning needs of all students. In addition to a regular high school curriculum, we offer an e-STEAM Program for students that want an enhanced learning opportunity in entrepreneurship - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. We offer a French Immersion Program for students who want to be immersed in French culture and language. We offer four Specialist High Skills Major Programs (SHSM): Arts and Culture, Business, Health and Wellness, and our French-focused SHSM program: Non-Profit, Education and Childcare. Finally, we also offer a Skills to Enhance Personal Success Program (STEPS).



## IMPORTANT DATES

Labour Day .....	September 2
First Day of School .....	September 3
Professional Activity Day .....	September 20
Parent-Teacher Interviews .....	October 9
Professional Activity Day .....	October 11
Thanksgiving .....	October 14
OSSLT Opportunity 1.....	November 5 to December 3
Remembrance Day .....	November 11
Professional Activity Day .....	November 15
Night of Excellence .....	November 28
Christmas Holiday .....	December 23 to January 6
Gr. 9 EQAO Math Assessment.....	January 8 to January 31
Semester 1 Exams .....	January 24 to January 30
Professional Activity Day .....	January 31
Start of Semester 2 .....	February 3
Professional Activity Day .....	February 14
Family Day Holiday.....	February 17
Parent-Teacher Interviews .....	March 5
OSSLT Opportunity 2.....	March 18 to April 15
March Break .....	March 10 to March 14
Good Friday .....	April 18
Easter Monday .....	April 21
Professional Activity Day .....	April 25
Senior Prom .....	TBD
Victoria Day.....	May 19
Gr. 9 EQAO Math Assessment.....	May 28 to June 25
Gr. 12 Graduation Ceremony.....	June 16
Athletic Banquet .....	Mid-June
Semester 2 Exams .....	June 20 to June 26
Professional Activity Day .....	June 27

## GENERAL INFORMATION, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

**AUTOMOBILES AND PARKING:** Students may bring their car to school and park with permission from school administration. The make, model, colour and license plate number of the c0(, wreW00Fs(r)-3(a), wre



**RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE (coughing/sneezing):** Students that feel the need to cough or sneeze should cough/sneeze into their elbow or into a tissue. Students must immediately dispose of their tissue and wash/sanitize their hands. If you do not, droplets will remain on the skin which have the potential to be spread to other people or to other surfaces.

**TEXTBOOKS:** Textbooks are issued to students on loan. Students are responsible for returning the same textbook at the end of each semester. A replacement cost will be applied to lost or defaced books and to books that are returned in such poor condition that they are no longer useful.

**SMOKING or VAPING:** According to Board Policy and the Smoke Free Ontario Act, smoking or vaping is not permitted on school board property, the bus, or at school sponsored events and activities. Smoking or vaping between classes is not permitted. Students will be disciplined and/or fined by the Windsor Essex County Health Unit Tobacco Enforcement Team.

**SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES, HEELIES AND TRICK BIKES:** Skateboards, roller blades, heeies and trick bicycles are not to be used on school property at any time.

**STUDENT WALKERS:** Students who walk to/from school are expected to display courtesy to our neighbours and local businesses by respecting their privacy and property. Please do not litter, loiter and or take shortcuts through their property.

**STUDY PERIODS:** Senior students may be assigned a study period on their timetable. This decision is made in consultation with guidance and administration, based on credit accumulation and on a case-by-case basis. Students are expected to utilize this study period to study and/or complete schoolwork in one of the learning pods, Cafeteria or Library.

**TRACK and FIELD COMPLEX:** Students may access the track and turf area when accompanied by their classroom teacher. The track and turf area is off limits to students before and after school and during lunch time.

**VISITORS:** By law, all visitors to the school must report to the Main Office. Visitors must conduct a daily self-assessment, sign a logbook, wear a mask, sanitize their hands and practice physical distancing at all times.

**WASHROOMS:** Students are expected to use the washroom closest to their scheduled class. Only one student is allowed out of the classroom at any given time as occupancy in washrooms is very limited. Loitering in washrooms will not be tolerated and will result in progressive discipline.

**WATER FOUNTAINS and REFILL STATIONS:** Students are encouraged to bring a re-usable

### **SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE**

At Tecumseh Vista Academy, students will attend four classes per semester. The school timetable is listed below:

<b>Warning Bell</b>	8:10 a.m.
<b>Announcements and Period 1</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:35 a.m.
<b>Period 2</b>	9:40 a.m. 10:55 a.m.
<b>Lunch</b>	10:55 a.m. 11:40 a.m.
<b>Lunch Warning Bell</b>	11:35 a.m.
<b>Period 3</b>	11:40 a.m. 12:55 p.m.
<b>Period 4</b>	1:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Regular attendance and punctuality are habits and qualities that are important in any work









**OVERDUE (LATE) EVALUATIONS:**



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### **ACTIVITIES LEADING TO SUSPENSION PENDING EXPULSION**

When a Principal believes that a student has committed one or more infractions outlined below on school property, during a school related activity or event, and/or in circumstances where the infraction has an impact on the school climate, the Principal shall suspend the student. An investigation will ensue. Under section 310 of the Education Act, the following activities will lead to a suspension pending expulsion:

- Possessing a weapon, including possessing a firearm;
- Using a weapon to cause or to threaten bodily harm to another person;
- Committing physical assault on another person that causes bodily harm requiring treatment by a medical practitioner;
- Committing sexual assault;
- Trafficking in weapons, illegal and/or restricted drugs;
- Committing robbery;
- Giving alcohol or cannabis to a minor;
- Bullying if,
  - i) The pupil has previously been suspended for engaging in bullying, and
  - ii) The pupils continuing presence in the school creates an unacceptable risk to the safety of another person.

Any activity listed in subsection 306(1) that is motivated by bias, prejudice or hate based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical



Subject to an appeal to the Board to refuse to admit to the school or classroom a person whose physical or mental well-being of the pupils.

### **STUDENT SEARCH POLICY**

To maintain proper order and discipline in the school, the Principal and/or Vice Principal, who has (desk, locker, backpack etc.) where his/her possessions may be stored.

Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a student is carrying a gun or some other dangerous weapon, or is in possession of, or is distributing an illegal narcotic (including cannabis) OR where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a student is in possession of stolen property, pornographic material or hate literature the Principal and/or Vice Principal may decide to:

Search lockers and personal property.

Have the student empty and turn out pockets, remove outer clothing and remove shoes and socks.

Call in the proper authorities if they deem a more intrusive search is necessary.

Notify their immediate supervisor and parent/guardian in a timely fashion of the action they have taken.

### **BULLYING AND RACISM: REPORTING AND PREVENTION**

Students have the right to feel safe at school, in their community and online. Students are encouraged to talk to someone they trust, a friend, a teacher, a child and youth worker, a coach, or a guidance counsellor if they are experiencing bullying.

you feel out loud, write it down, then get it to someone who can help. Once the bullying has been reported to the School Principal and/or Vice Principal (P/VP):

#### **If you are the Victim:**

Share the details of the incident with an adult at school that you trust, remember all conversations are confidential and dealt with strategically.

It is recommended that parents/guardians/caregivers be part of the solution. In fact, it is ar

**If you are the By-Stander or Supporter:**

Encourage the victim to report the situation to a trusted adult.

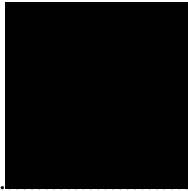
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police, depending on the situation.





TMC Urgent Care Clinic.....  
Transitional Stability Centre .....  
Teen Health Centre



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519-257-5224

