Dear VMC Families,

Activities and updates about VMC and the Government's announcement:

**Academic, Cultural and Sports Awards Ceremonies**

We are starting our academic, cultural and sports award ceremonies for the 2019-20 school year.  We will be starting with the Secondary 3 students' ceremony on Wednesday.  Students will be recognized for their achievements last year with an on-line ceremony.  While the presentation will happen on-line, the students will receive their certificates, trophies and recognition in live time during class.  The Secondary 2 and 4 ceremonies will take place next week.  Secondary 5 students will be recognized at their graduation ceremony next Fall as per our tradition.

**House Shirt Day has been moved from this Friday to THURSDAY, October 29th, 2020.**Secondary 4 students can choose to wear their Halloween costumes on Thursday since they will be on-line Friday.

**Costume Day on Friday.**  Say cheese! We’ll be taking lots of pictures.    [image1.jpeg](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Rf3-Ux35i3ZT0ZPwxmRdrA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRheSpGP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9VW5GX196eENrNW8mbWFsPTgyNjkzMzFlMjhhNzEwNjEzYmFkZjg2MTExOWVkYzAzODU4YmNhYTBjMGZiOTBmMTZiOTk5NjA4YjhiYWU3NDRXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBGxvaXX8MmqFRSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

Costumes must be appropriate for the school environment.  Some reminders: All costumes must have a top and bottom that are visible and appropriate in length.  Students should be well-covered and their costumes should refrain from sexualizing or stigmatizing any group.  Violent costumes are not permitted. Students dressed inappropriately will be sent home.  Students not wearing a costume must be in VMC uniform.

**Secondary V Grad Photos**

Secondary V students will receive an invitation to book their Graduation Photo Session.  Please review the information as it will come in a separate email.

**Workshops for Parents, Students and Staff**

We will be hosting two FREE virtual workshops for parents and students.  A separate email will be sent to sign up for the workshop.  Please review the info below and add these two evening workshops to your online calendar:

Nov. 12th - Smartphones, Sexting & Social Media: What Parents & Students Need to Know       [Digital tech parenting workshop flyer.docx](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/hG7lulJbyB0teJvEsj0IeQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRheSpGP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9VW5GX196eENrNW8mbWFsPTI5Mzg3MTUwMzU1OGFiZmUzODZhZmYzMDQ0NzNiZTA2YWM3ZmMyOTdkNWQyOTAxYjhhZWVjYTM3OGRjNTk5MDhXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBGxvaXX8MmqFRSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

Dec. 3rd - Worried Sick: What Parents & Kids Need to Know About Anxiety           [Worried sick student flyer.docx](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/mDOHyB5hQbITQXB2g74Z-Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRheSpGP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9VW5GX196eENrNW8mbWFsPTIzN2YyNjExZWM2YjU3YTlkYjEwOGE3MjUzOTJjOTdiNDdmNDIwNzA4ZTdmYzI0OTI5NzY0OTJiZjM0ZjllM2FXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBGxvaXX8MmqFRSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**Premier Legault's Announcement**

In order to meet the needs of our students and the directives given by the government, the schedule below will be in effect as of Thursday this week.

Please note the following:

* Secondary 3 students will be following a 50%-50% model as of Monday, November 2nd, 2020 through MS Teams.  The schedule indicates when they will be at school (VMC) and when they will be following their classes at home through MS Teams (Virtual).
* Secondary 4 and 5 students will continue with the 50%-50% model. A switchover in cycle days as indicated will occur this Thursday followed by another switchover every two cycles.
* Secondary 4 students will not be at school on Friday, Costume Day.  In order to have Secondary 4 students join in the fun, they will be able to come to school in their costumes on Thursday or in their House shirts. On Friday, they will be able to participate in the House Council school-wide BINGO event from home through their period 7 class.
* CYCLE SWITCHOVER:  The schedule has two planned switchover periods which occur after every two full cycles of classes (Day 1 to 6).  Example:  Currently the secondary 5 students are at school on odd cycle days (day 1, 3 and 5) and when the switchover happens they will be at school on even days.
* Why the switchover from odd to even cycle days?  Some classes are only scheduled on odd or even days and therefore teachers rarely or never see their students in person if we do not plan a switchover.  Often the classes affected are those scheduled four or less periods per cycle. Examples: Physical Education, Ethics and Religious Culture, Contemporary World, Financial Education, Sec V Option classes, etc…
* This schedule is in effect until November 23rd, 2020 or until we receive new directives.
* More information will be coming soon regarding academic progress reports, mid-year exams, new end of term date and November's on-line Parent-Teacher Conference.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable week.

Sincerest Regards,

**Franca Cristiano**

**Principal**

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| **Day of the week** | **DAY - DATE** | **SECONDARY 3** | **SECONDARY 4** | **SECONDARY 5** |
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| Wednesday | **6 - October 28th** | - | VMC | Virtual |
| Thursday - Cycle switchover | **1 - October 29th** | - | VMC | Virtual |
| Friday | **2 - October 30th** | - | Virtual | VMC |
| Monday | **3 – November 2nd** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Tuesday | **4 – November 3rd** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Wednesday | **5 – November 4th** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Thursday | **6 – November 5th** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Friday | **1 – November 6th** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Monday | **2 – November 9th** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Tuesday | **3 – November 10th** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Wednesday | **4 – November 11th** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Thursday | **5 – November 12th** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Friday | **Pedagogical Day** | - | - | - |
| Monday | **6 – November 16th** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Tuesday - Cycle switchover | **1 – November 17th** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Wednesday | **2 – November 18th** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Thursday | **3 – November 19th** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Friday | **4 – November 20th** | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Monday | **5 – November 23rd** | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |