**Vincent Massey Collegiate**

Leadership, Scholarship and Self-reliance

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Dear VMC Families,

The faculty and staff of Vincent Massey Collegiate are looking forward to meeting our new and returning students next week.  Thank you for your patience as this email is a few days late, but we wanted to share accurate information that would help in planning for your child’s return to school next week. Vital information to get the year started is included in this email. Please take the time to read through the entire document and attachments.

As announced last school year, construction is ongoing and will continue throughout the school year (mostly after school hours and weekends) in designated areas.  Although there have been delays in the timeline of the construction project, we will be starting school next week.  Crews are present and finishing their work preparing the school for our entry.  There is still much to do in the next few days and a final email confirmation will be sent on MONDAY detailing the entry procedures. We look forward to welcoming students:

* Secondary 4 & 5 students on Wednesday afternoon
* Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students throughout the day Thursday

Students will be at school for approximately 1.5 hours during the orientation days.  The first day of regular classes will be Friday, September 1st (Day 2).

As discussed with our staff and VMC Governing Board members, we are staggering student entry over two days to give our staff an opportunity to prepare their materials and classrooms to welcome students.  We have been working diligently offsite to allow the construction team a few additional days to catch up.

**CONSTRUCTION 2023-24 PROJECT UPDATE**

As explained last Spring, this project is expected to be ongoing over 2023-2024 and involves the complete renovation of all four central student bathrooms.  As planned, a heated, semi-permanent, mobile bathroom structure has been installed and will remain connected to the school until the renovation project is completed.

* The basement and first floor bathrooms are under construction.
* Second and third floor bathrooms are currently available for student use.
* Partitions currently installed around the first floor and basement construction areas will be readjusted prior to the first day of classes to allow for normal flow in the hallways.
* All air ducts were cleaned, and air quality tests done to ensure the building is safe for our return next week.
* Work on exterior staircases, windows, building façade, and exterior doors is ongoing.  All interior classroom, office, and fire doors are also scheduled to be replaced.

**STUDENT ORIENTATION DAYS AND ENTRY**

Staff will be on premises as of Tuesday, August 29th, 2023 and we will welcome our students on Wednesday and Thursday next week.  We appreciate the VMC Governing Board’s support in allowing us to stagger entry over two days, which allows us the necessary time to organize the physical space within the school to accommodate our students.

**Please take note of the following orientation times by day and level:**

**Wednesday, August 30th**

**Secondary  V                                           1:00 p.m.**

**Secondary  IV                                          1:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 31st**

**Secondary  I                                            8:30 a.m.**

**Secondary  II                                           1:00 p.m.**

**Secondary  III                                         1:30 p.m.**

Students must be in full uniform and are to meet at the main entrance of the school at the times and dates designated above for their grade level. Students will be at school for approximately 1.5 hours.

**Secondary 2 to 5 RETURNING students are to bring in the Student Fee cheque (in the amount of $80.00) on** **this day.**Please make your cheque payable to **Vincent Massey Collegiate** and write your child’s name on the cheque.

All NEW students to VMC have already paid this fee.  Workbook fees will be invoiced during the month of September for secondary 2 to 5 students.

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| *Breakdown of the Student Fee:* |
| *Worksheets:* | *$ 20.00* |
| *Agenda:* | *$  7.00* |
| *Yearbook (optional):* | *$ 20.00* |
| *Academic, cultural, and athletic awards:* | *$ 20.00* |
| *House Shirt - Uniform:* | *$ 13.00* |
| ***TOTAL:*** | ***$80.00*** |

**CHANGES TO SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Please note that there have been several changes to the code of conduct.  It is important to review the code of conduct attached at the bottom of this email with your child.  As a school, we have decided to make significant changes to our cell phone policy, which align with the proposed directives recently announced by the MEQ:

*Extracted from the VMC code of conduct….*

*“Students are NOT permitted to bring electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, earbuds, headphones, Smart watch) to class.  All other devices from home are not permitted.  Any electronic devices brought to school must be stored in lockers during class time, homeroom, and passing time. Use of these devices is restricted to before & after school, and during recess & lunch.  All students must sign and adhere to the VMC Technology Code of Conduct.”*

It is important to also review the Technology Code of Conduct and the Cheating & Plagiarism documents below:

[2023-2024 VMC Technology Code of Conduct & Plagiarism - student contracts.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/d_yxuW4MJnPR3kchynM6rQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmyjxiP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9dGF3a09tNVdoTkkmbWFsPWJiNmRhYzNhMGQxOTA4NDIxMjY1NzNjNWEyNDZjYWE0M2Y4YTcwODcyNGQ0ZWQ4ZjY5MDk4NWEyM2E2MjBiNjRXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmTn4gjpZIKGqHFSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

***August 30th & 31st***

* Staggered entry according to schedule provided. (Level assemblies, locker distribution, schedules, fee payment, agenda & yearbook distribution)

***September 1st***

* ID Photos
* 1st day of regular classes, Day 2, Semester 1
* All school forms must be completed and returned

***September 7th***

* Virtual Curriculum Night

***September 12th***

* General Assembly 7pm – Election of Governing Board members and establishment of PPO

***September 13-15th***

* Secondary 1 Nature Trip – Students not attending come to school

***September 18th***

* OPUS card

**SUMMER READING**

Students must have completed their summer reading prior to the start of classes.  Instructions to follow from English and French teachers, once classes begins.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORMS**

School supply lists will be provided the first day of classes.

Vincent Massey Collegiate students are provided calculators and locks for their regular lockers.  Returning students who have lost or misplaced their calculators must pay $15 at the main office to receive a replacement.  It is mandatory for students to use the calculators and locks provided by the school.

For Physical Education classes:  It is recommended that students purchase an additional lock for this class to secure their belongings.

In addition to the standard uniform available at TOPMARKS, our official uniform supplier, students may also purchase the VMC hooded sweatshirt.  It is designed for students to personalize with their extra-curricular activity and/or name for an additional fee.  These sweatshirts are optional and can be purchased at [https://www.evangelistasports.com/vmc/en/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/jFkJrm4EWFNtkyFKZnkkXA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmyjxiP0QpaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZXZhbmdlbGlzdGFzcG9ydHMuY29tL3ZtYy9lbi9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmTn4gjpZIKGqHFSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

As always, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards at Vincent Massey Collegiate. There will be no shortage of opportunities for students to be challenged with high quality instruction, to be socially connected to their peers, and feel a sense of belonging to their school.  More information will be delivered to you regarding the upcoming opening.

**We wish you and your family a wonderful start to the new school year.**

**Sincerest regards,**

**Ms. Cristiano, Principal**

**Ms. Juhasz, Vice-Principal**

**Mr. Timpano, Vice-Principal**

**Additional useful information at a glance:**

[VMC Calendar 2023-2024.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/U-mTmPQ3tYOoeN2xb8de_A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmyjxiP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9dGF3a09tNVdoTkkmbWFsPTUwMTM4YjUyZTM1NGU0YzE5NTdiMTUwMGM3Y2UwOTk4NjZiZDdlMzEyOTZhZjExNjc0YmEyMmQwYThiNzJhZDVXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmTn4gjpZIKGqHFSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

[VMC Code of Conduct (2).pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/UHFvpeObR2swxxRvwXWVIw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmyjxiP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9dGF3a09tNVdoTkkmbWFsPTBiZTlhN2U3MDQ1ZmE2OTU3NDcyZjZlNWU4M2NmMDUwMDcwNzZmN2M2ODE1OGFlNzFhZmUwN2UwNDEzOWNlYjhXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmTn4gjpZIKGqHFSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

STM Information:

[VMC Bus.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/b_xqSB1zqSOqxuFBILpzww~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmyjxiP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9dGF3a09tNVdoTkkmbWFsPTE3NWRjMTg0YTMwMDg4MTkyYjIxZGZlOTkzNjg0NmFhMDM1ZjhmNTFkMjhiZjQzOTliNjMyMmY2MDg3Mjc5ZTFXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmTn4gjpZIKGqHFSEnNkdWZvcnRAZW1zYi5xYy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)