

## VAUGHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We hope this correspondence finds you, your family and loved ones healthy and safe. We know these are uncertain times and we wish to provide as much information as possible regarding your and your child's education.

We are contacting you to inform you of midterm mark reporting for full semester courses and final report reporting for Term 1, Semester 2 courses. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has indicated that midterm report cards will not be issued this semester and that midterm marks will only be reported for Grade 12 students or potential graduates. All students will receive final marks in all their courses. The Ontario Ministry of Education has also directed schools to determine Semester 2 midterm marks for all grade 12 students and Semester 2, Term 1 final marks based on work assigned up until March 13.

In order to meet mark reporting deadlines set out by the <u>Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)</u> and <u>Ontario College Application Service (OCAS)</u>, we have adjusted our timelines as follows:

April 9	Final	day 1	for -	Semest	ter 2,	Term 1	courses

April 14 First day of Semester 2, Term 2 courses

April 16 Teachers will share only midterm marks, via TeachAssist, with Grade 12 students and

Grade 11 students who have indicated to guidance their intention to graduate this school year. Parents and Guardians will need their child's password in order to view the midterm marks on TeachAssist. Teachers will also share final marks for all Term 1

courses ending April 9.

April 17 - 22 Students may contact their Guidance Counselor, by **email** to indicate their

Need, discuss their post-secondary destination and/or drop a course if

needed.

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April 22 This is the last day that a student may drop a course in order for it not to be reported to

universities or colleges. Midterm marks for all courses not dropped by this date will be

reported to post-secondary institutions, as applicable.

April 23 Midterm marks are reported to OUAC and OCAS for those students who have applied

to universities and/or colleges.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

If you have concerns about how your child may be affected by the change to reporting, including possible concerns for their mental health, help is available. Resources and supports related to student mental health can be accessed through <a href="YRDSB COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families">YRDSB COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families</a>. If you ever have an immediate safety concern for your child, including risk of suicide, please contact your local hospital or emergency services by calling 911 immediately.

We remain deeply committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If our school can support your family in any way, we encourage you to connect with us.

Please take care,

Maria Maiato Principal Vaughan Secondary School