

Check out the June 2019 Newsletter!

See the online version at vvschool.ca/news-events/newsletter.



Learning Without Limits

We're now in the last month of the traditional school year, typically a very busy month. Full-time students should be completing their coursework and writing final exams—and diploma exams for 30-level core courses—or be completing their Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs). Part-time students may also be completing their programs before summer.

For students with a June completion date, that are not going to have their courses finished by June 30, you must contact your teacher to make appropriate plans for the completion of your program. Students taking an Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) course must adhere to the deadlines set out in those courses (**June 30**), as there are no additional extensions allowed unless you have been notified already.

We encourage you to **re-register for the 2019-20 school year** before summer break begins. Re-registering now ensures you receive course materials on time, have your course schedule in advance, and are able to book in any appointments you need with your Academic Counsellor prior to starting your coursework. Re-register for the 2019-20 school year now on the VVS website. Students entering grades 1-9 and 11-12 can register anytime, and those entering grade 10 start registration July 2.

Year-end activity: Join your schoolmates and teachers at Calaway Park in Calgary or Galaxyland in Edmonton on June 21. See more information later in this newsletter and celebrate your 2018-19 school-year successes!

As always, we welcome your comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please phone us toll-free at 1-855-974-5333, and if you have any [stories](#) you'd like to share of your experiences with Vista Virtual School and how this is positively affecting your education experience and balancing with your diverse needs, contact Jay Zaal, our communications and marketing specialist.

Sincerely,



Mike Loitz,
Principal



Treena Bradbury,
Associate Principal



Frank McCallum,
Associate Principal

Did you Know?

National Indigenous Peoples Day is June 21.

Learn more about the cultural diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, as well as the unique accomplishments and contribution of Indigenous Peoples to Canadian society: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/celebrate-canada-days/aboriginal-day.html>.



Recent News Posts on the VVS Website

- **Early Planning for Long-term Academic Success**
- **Forest Fire Smoke and Air Quality**
- **CONNECTIONS: Be the Change - Interview Series (Alison Springer)**
- **Pembina Hills Local 22 Scholarship Opportunities**
- **Millwork & Carpentry Student Recruitment**

Congratulations 2018-19 Graduates!



Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams

Diploma Exam schedule

See the Alberta Education diploma exam schedule for the exam dates. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher.

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Teacher's Pet - Gerta

Meet Joy Trick's dog Gerta! Each month we feature one of the pets that are part of the staff families at Vista Virtual School.

Gerta is a 3-year-old Shepherd-cross rescue dog. She likes to hike, kayak and paddleboard. She is good with other animals, but most cats don't let her get too close.



Year-end Activity

Calaway Park - Calgary
Galaxyland - Edmonton

June 21, 2019
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FREE for students

**Sign
up by
June 14**



VVS Year-end Activity

VVS on the Road

- **Medicine Hat: June 6**
- **Lethbridge: June 20**
- **Red Deer: June 19 & 27 (LOCATION CHANGE: Red Deer Public Library)**

Important Dates in June

National Aboriginal History Month

June 5 - World Environment Day

June 10-27 - Provincial Achievement Tests

June 12-27 - Diploma Exams

June 16 - Father's Day

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 - VVS Year-end Activity (Calgary and Edmonton)

June 21 - First Day of Summer

June 24 - Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day

June 27 - Canadian Multiculturalism Day

June 30 - Last Day of Classes (Full-time students)

Staying active over the break – what are you doing this summer?

Monthly Events Calendar

Check out our monthly events on our website. This calendar is updated as events are added.

Helpful Steps when Submitting Information to VVS

Sometimes—especially during peak times of year—you may experience longer than expected wait times for course registration. We aim to have registrations processed in three days or less, but sometimes there are too many registrations at one time to meet this timeline.

But rest assured, as long as you've received notification of your registration submission, we have received your registration and will get to it as soon as possible.

Helpful tip: There is a confirmation date that mentions what day we are processing registrations directly in your confirmation email. Make sure to check that date to see if we are in a peak registration time or if there are any delays.

Please be patient, even if it has taken more than three school days, as there is no need to send an email or phone support asking for update if only 72-hours have passed—if we need more information, we will contact you. All registrations are processed as they are received, and we are excited to have you as a student and start your course(s)!

Thank you for your patience.

Tips to Succeed at Distance Learning

Always make sure to get plenty of rest before an exam. It is also valuable to get a proper night's sleep before embarking on a long study session. If you are too tired, it is typically harder to retain what you have studied.

Check out this article from Maclean's magazine on studying before bed and memory retention.

Meet your Teachers

Tanya Cole

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been teaching since 1994 (at VVS since 2012). I have taught Math, Physics and Science.

Interesting fact?

I can be very competitive.

What excites you each day?

I enjoy helping students with their math.



Contacts

Principal	Mike Loitz		
Associate Principals	Treena Bradbury	Frank McCallum	
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