



VIMY RIDGE
ACADEMY

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
BY: JILLIAN MARINO

We are looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year with great anticipation! We have grown to serve almost 1400 students who are looking to turn their passion into performance. We are excited to support students who excel in a wide variety of athletic commitments, many with success at international competitions and performances.

Communication for school events, success stories, and celebrations is found on **SchoolZone**, (www.schoolzone.epsb.ca) and can be followed on Social Media platforms. We invite you to follow us to keep up with all the exciting things happening in our school for our student-athletes.

Instagram: [vimyacademy](https://www.instagram.com/vimyacademy)
X (Twitter): [@VimyAcademy](https://twitter.com/VimyAcademy)
Facebook: [Vimy Ridge Academy](https://www.facebook.com/VimyRidgeAcademy)



Families new to Vimy Ridge will receive access to SchoolZone in August. Our **School Office opens Wednesday, August 20th**, and we will begin to email out the login and password accounts after this date.

Student Schedules:

- ◆ Semester Timetable of all Academic Classes Gr 7 - 12
- ◆ JH Options are offered in a Mini-Quartered Schedule (daily for 5 weeks each). This means all students, Gr 7-9, will access 4 option classes in one semester and their choice of Spanish or French in the other semester in 2025-2026.
- ◆ Full Year, Double Block: Athletic Programming/PE/Health/Sports Modules
- ◆ Balancing Literacy & Numeracy all year, with Humanities in opposite semesters and Math/Sciences in opposite semesters.
- ◆ Grade 9s will write two PATs in January and two in June at the completion of the coursework, balancing exams each semester.

Academic Schedules

Semester classes create space for all students to have only TWO core classes to focus on rather than a full course load. This supports a reduction in academic stress for assignment completion, as well as managing the stress for students if absences occur due to athletic commitments, illness, or injury.



Academic Schedules (cont'd)

- ◆ Should a student not successfully complete a course in Sem 1, we can provide intervention and support to complete the work in Sem 2 for an improved mark by the end of the year. (second chances in one year)
- ◆ **Academic Coaching** is available for individual and small group support for academics on Thursdays from 2:05 - 3:00 p.m..
- ◆ On the first Thursday of each month, Academic Coaching will not be available to students due to staff collaboration. **Students are dismissed early on these dates** unless they are involved in school athletic teams.

Questions or Concerns?

Our Assistant Principals support families in alpha groups (last name), maintaining the relationships built between the home and the school for the years your child attends Vimy Ridge:

**Mr. Blair Faulkner (A-L) and
Mrs. Georgia Mader (M-Z).**

New Student Orientation

On **Thursday, August 28**, our first day of classes is an extended modified day with 5 blocks in the morning, and an afternoon of assemblies and activities. All students will be assigned their lockers, with a specialized orientation for new students **Thursday will be a full school day with dismissal 3:00 pm, and Friday, August 29th, flipped to the Thursday timetable with dismissal at 2:00 pm.**

Thursday's schedule will be:

Block 1 ~ 8:25 - 9:25

Block 2 ~ 9:30 - 10:15

Block 3 ~ 10:20 - 11:00

Block 4 ~ 11:05 - 11:35

Block 5 ~ 11:40 - 12:10

Lunch 12:10 - 1:00

1:05 - 1:30 Full School Assembly

1:30 - 3:00 Welcome Week Activities

IMPORTANT DATES

August 20 – Office Opens

August 26– Staff PD Day

August 27 - Staff Operational Day

August 28– First day of Classes

(Modified Schedule & Orientation)

August 29- Thursday Bell Schedule

(Modified Schedule)

August 29-September 3–Photo & ID Cards

September 1 - Labour Day ~No Classes

September 2 - ISP Program First Day

September 18 – School Council AGM

September 8 – 12–Terry Fox Run

September 26 – JH Option Change Q1B

September 30 – National Day of Truth and

Reconciliation ~ No Classes

October 6-11 – Turkey Trot in PE Classes

October 8 – Picture Retakes

October 9 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 13 – Thanksgiving ~ No Classes

October 20 – PD Day–No Classes

November 6– Progress Report #1

November 6 - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 7–14 Fall Break – No Classes

Parent Orientation

If this is your first experience as a parent of a student in Junior High, High School, or an alternative programming site like Vimy, we invite you to a **Parent Information Session in our Large Gym on Thursday, August 28 from 8:45 am —9:30 am.**

Meet our School Council

The Vimy School Parent Council and Friends of Vimy Ridge Academy AGM will happen on **Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Cafeteria. Council elections will be held, and planning activities for the 2025-2026 year will begin. Future School Council meeting dates will be on Oct, 16, Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 19, Apr 16, May 21, 2026, with the dates subject to change if needed. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. The format of the meetings will be determined at the AGM regarding in-person and/or online meetings.

Please visit our School Council team in Student Headquarters on August 28, anytime between 9:00 am—10:00 am.

Student Timetables & Course Changes

Student Timetables will be posted to SchoolZone on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Friend requests are usually not possible due to various academics occurring at different times in the schedule. Part of the experience at Vimy is to meet many new friends with a variety of interests. Students new to our school join us at all grades, and our staff works hard to create opportunities for new friendships to form.

All timetable and/or course changes for the 2025/2026 High School students only can be completed through the course change request form on SchoolZone. Responses will be emailed to the contact provided. If an in-person meeting is required, an Administrator will be in contact with you, and an appointment may be scheduled.



Guests/Visitors to the School

All guests/visitors, including parents, MUST sign in at the office upon entering the building. For safety reasons, all exterior doors will be locked during the school day. Entrance is through the main doors of the building on 90th Avenue.

Parking

We strive to be good neighbours to our Idylwyld community members and the Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre. Please be mindful of residential driveways and shared community parking spaces. There is limited parking on school property. Parking is permitted for guests and students in the angled stalls facing NORTH toward 90th avenue and in the northwest parking lot. The north main parking lot is one way, entering via one driveway from the WEST and exiting via the driveway at the far EAST. Please be mindful of the patrons of the pool at pick-up and drop-off times.

Drop off and Pick up Zones:

Please remember the parking on the south side of the building belongs to the Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre patrons.

- Hockey, Baseball, Ringette, Lacrosse and Golf use the route between the school and the pool moving east to west (these students have storage facilities to drop off their gear in the mornings for the day).
- Dance and OHA use the entrance on the north west corner
- BJJ, Elite, Sport Fit, Outdoor Pursuits, Soccer, and Sport Fit use the north front doors and the northwest corner entrances.
- The parking lot by the Edmonton Public Library and Bonnie Doon Mall are spacious enough for parents waiting to meet students at the end of the day.

To avoid receiving a ticket, we ask that parents and students refrain from parking in areas that are designated "No Parking" zones or "Staff Parking" areas. Signs are posted in all areas. The south and the east parking lots are solely dedicated to Staff Parking.

ETS ARC Card Passes (\$60) (replaces the bus pass)

September ARC Cards will be available after August 20 from the Main Office. Fees for Arc Card Passes can be added to SchoolZone throughout the year simply by emailing our Office Administrator, Adriana Mauro, at adriana.mauro@epsb.ca. Please follow the [attached document](#) to register your Arc Card once purchased.

School Lanyards and ID

The school-issued ID must be kept on hand by students as soon as they enter Vimy Ridge Academy School. It must be available at all times. Labs, PE, and Fitness/Spin Centre will have proper protocols given to them for those areas.

School-issued ID and lanyards are provided for safety and security reasons, permitting all staff and students to know who should be in our building and who should not be. This protocol is in place for all students and visitors at VRA. The student ID card is also used for exams, the library, the office, and to borrow a classroom Chromebook, etc. The replacement cost for a lanyard is \$10, and an ID card is \$5 and can be purchased in the main office.

SchoolZone

SchoolZone is Edmonton Public Schools' main online tool for supporting communication between schools and families. Parents and students sign in to SchoolZone to receive information about homework, timetables, attendance records, reports, student fees and more. epsb.ca/schools/schoolzone/

- ◆ New parent accounts will be created after school startup. This will happen in late August. Parents, please access your own account
- ◆ Students can access new accounts when they receive school computer login information.
- ◆ School fees will be uploaded to SchoolZone on August 20.
- ◆ Please ensure your contact information is correct in SchoolZone to help stay up-to-date about what's happening in your child's school and classroom. We often communicate with emails directly to our parents and guardians, and we ask you to keep your email contact information current and accurate.

The following forms in SchoolZone must be completed by a parent/guardian under their unique login.

- ◆ *Student Information Correction Form* ~ These are required by our Division every year
- ◆ *FOIP*. This form is only done once unless the parent wants to change information on it.
- ◆ *Media Release Form* - must be completed each year for each student.



Textbook and Borrowed Device Checkout

Returning students should ensure that they have their ID cards for textbook check-out during the first two weeks of school. Students new to Vimy Ridge will receive their ID card on Picture Day between August 29 to September 3, 2025.

Fees

Athletic Academy Fees are paid directly to the Partner with whom the alternative athletic programming is offered.

Academic School Fees can be paid online through SchoolZone, e-transfer or in person with cash, debit, or visa. Personal cheques are no longer accepted. [2025-2026 School Fees](#)

Instructional Supports for our Student-Athletes

Success Centre will remain open with a full-time Educational Assistant who will support blended learning with module courses through LearnWrite.

ELO Room is located upstairs next to our Success Centre, and students will continue to access assistive technology and quiet spaces to complete assignments and assessments.

Library will remain open for support with small group and one-on-one interventions where needed. We will be looking for parent volunteers in 2025-2026 to assist with our Library tasks. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Adriana Mauro at adriana.mauro@epsb.ca.

Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)

Students are permitted to access the ELO classroom when either:

- a student has outstanding assessments ... and it has been pre-arranged with the teacher
- communicated to the parent and program staff, and the tasks requiring completion are provided to ELO staff, or
- a student has a medical document to support a long-term exclusion from attending programming.

Where a student is accessing ELO, and they do not have homework or missed assignments to complete, work may be provided online through these websites:

- SOLARO (Edmonton Public Library Card required)
- [Exambank.com](https://www.exambank.com) or [abed.VRETTA.com](https://www.abed.vretta.com)
- The Key
- In-House LearnWrite Course Packs & Modules

The following circumstances will NOT result in access to ELO:

- Unprepared for programming - student is still expected to attend programming as an observer/helper.
- Missed bus for off-site programming - alternate transportation to the venue may be provided, or alternate in-school supervision arrangements may be made.
- Misbehaviour in class - admin referral for a consequence
- Occasional illness - parent contacted for student pick up
- A student has a medical document to support a long-term exclusion from attending programming, in this case, arrangements should be made to work at home during athletic academy time where possible.

Success Centre (Learnwrite High School Course Modules)

Vimy ensures academics are offered in flexible and dynamic ways. If a student's athletic or dance schedules create conflict for a class they need or would like to complete, we provide correspondence modules through our Success Centre. The majority of these courses are provided through our partnership with LearnWrite, an Edmonton Public School program through our Outreach programming. All of these courses must be registered through the an administrator, Ms. Mader, Mr. Faulkner or Mr. Chute.

Academic Interventions

On Thursdays, Vimy students have access to a flexible block of time from **2:05—3:00 pm** called "Academic Coaching". This opportunity provides students with time to review, rewrite, re-do, assessments or to relearn concepts covered in class. All teachers are available in their classrooms during this block of time, and students may access their own teacher or any other teacher in that subject area to get any help they feel they need. Students may also be expected to attend Academic Coaching, by either the parent or the teacher, if they have not had success in the recent assignments. Parents are welcome to email teachers to request that their child connects with their teacher on a Thursday afternoon.

The first Thursday of the month is a collaborative time for our full staff, and Academic Coaching is not available on the following dates: September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, and June 4. On these dates, students are dismissed at 2:00 p.m.



Onsite Athletic Support for Student-Athletes

Pediatric Sports Medicine Physician Services at VRA

Dr Erika Persson will be resuming onsite sports medicine physician visits as in years past. This year, however, her clinics will be on Thursdays 10-2, when the school is open. If students



require assessment for a new injury or issue or follow-up for previously assessed injuries or concerns, Dr. Erika Persson will be able to see students at the school or alternatively at her clinic.

Please contact the clinic directly to arrange non-school visits at Summerside Children's and Sport Physiotherapy Clinic, #103 1230 91st ST SW, Edmonton, phone: 780-466-8676. Dr Persson is excited to see students again for this upcoming

school year!

Sports Physiotherapist Services at VRA

Chris Holt. BScPT, MScRS Cert. Sports Physio



Chris has worked with local and international sports teams for the past 20 years, including rugby, hockey, basketball, and dance. He holds a certificate in Sports Physiotherapy and has a special interest in the area of pediatric sports injuries. A clinical educator with the University of Alberta, he is a regular presenter and research collaborator, and was recently recognized with a U of A Teaching Award.

Chris' unique treatment style focuses on empowering patients, both you and old, to overcome obstacles through education and exercise. His clinic will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 4 pm, during the school day.

From the Library & English Department

Have you checked out a book from **SORA**? Take advantage throughout the summer of the thousands of books available on your devices. Check out the latest in Audiobooks, YRCA picks and top genre selections: anytime, anywhere!

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2. In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in. Note: If you need your sign-in information (like an ID, username, or password), talk to a teacher.
3. Browse the "Explore" tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.
4. Close the book and go to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:
5. Select Open book or Open audiobook to "Shelf" to read or listen to the book.
6. Select Options to renew or return the book, see your notes and highlights, and more.

Student Cell Phone Access at Vimy Ridge Academy

Students are invited to bring their own devices to school for academic purposes (see BYOD on the following pages). Students in Grades 7 through 12 are **not permitted** to use cell phones or personal electronic devices that are not related to curricular lessons at any time during the school day from **8:20 to 3:00** (from the entry bell until the last dismissal bell). This includes outdoor instructional time (i.e. Academy / Phys Ed, community walks, etc) as well as time spent on transportation to off-site venues. Personal devices may not be used in classrooms or hallways, including washrooms, locker rooms, or gym, except under the direct supervision of a staff member (e.g. in an emergency situation). Exceptions to these guidelines will be made for students who may have Medical Management Plans (MMPs) and require their phones for medical reasons, or related to an IPP goal as assistive technology. Alberta Health Services has resources at this link:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page17564.aspx>



Vimy Ridge Academy: B.Y.O.D. Program "Bring Your Own Device to School" Guide

Vimy Ridge Academy has adopted a policy where **Grade 7-12** students are **requested** to bring a student-owned device that will be used in the classroom to support instruction and learning. **Personal Cell Phones are not permitted in classes and must be kept in lockers from 8:20 am to 3:00 each day.**

As all teachers use Google Apps for Education, a personal device helps alleviate the booking demands for school-provided devices. With teacher direction, students use their own (or school-provided) devices in the classroom to access, interact and save information from the Internet, communicate with other learners and use productivity tools like Google Classroom, Slides, Documents, etc. to create assignments/projects or take classroom assessments.

Participation in the B.Y.O.D. program is not mandatory. Chromebooks will be provided from our Library for student use for the year. Chromebooks are signed out just as a textbook would be for the year. A deposit for Chrombook rental is \$150, refunded upon return of the device and charger at the end of the year.

We strongly recommend a Chromebook, but any other device that will **run Chrome OS or the Chrome browser efficiently** is also acceptable. Some considerations to keep in mind when choosing a device are how long the device will hold battery power, how easily it can be transported to and from school, and how easily it can work with Chrome.

EPSB uses [Google Apps for Education](#). When a student signs into either a school-owned or personal Chromebook using their Google Apps account, they get access to all of their school files, mail, sites, photos, and calendars available through the District

- Quick boot-up time of under 10 seconds
- Long battery life and fast-charge. 6-8 hours of battery life for all Chromebooks with a Solid-State hard drive (SSD).
- Low cost. Retail Chromebooks typically cost between \$225 and \$400. Models from several manufacturers are available online or in-store.
- Always up-to-date, no software to buy. Chrome OS updates automatically, and the student's Google Apps for Education account includes all of the software they will need.

ACCESS

Access to the Internet is provided via the EPSB wireless local area network. Please note that EPSB actively monitors content users are accessing while connected to EPSB's network.

THEFT, LOSS, OR DAMAGE

EPSB, Vimy Ridge Academy, or any employee of the school or District is **not** liable or responsible for any theft, damage or loss of any non-District device or the information on any such device. **It is the responsibility of the owner of the device to ensure that the device is safe and secure.**

FAQ's FOR STUDENTS in B.Y.O.D

How do I connect to the Wifi?

Connectivity to the wireless network is just like connecting to the school network when it comes to sites you can access. It is important to remember that whether you are using your personal technology or the school's technology, you must comply with the School's Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement.

Can I use my device in all of my classes?

That is up to the teacher in each of your classrooms. Each teacher is responsible for the classroom environment and will share the expectations of the classroom to their students.

How do I save my work?

You can save your work files to your Gmail/Google Docs account or SchoolZone. You can also use a flash drive or send a document/project via email. It is expected that all work and communication carried out while the student is at school is carried out using their EPSB share account and on the EPSB Wi-Fi network.

Do I need to have anti-virus software on my laptop?

It is **strongly recommended** that students update their anti-virus software before bringing their device(s) onto school property. EPSB will **not** provide an antivirus solution for personal devices. *Note: Chromebooks do not require anti-virus software as it is built into the operating system.

How do I print from my own device?

Students have no access to wireless printing at school. It is recommended that if students have a printer at home, they print off any needed documents at home, much the same way that they would bring their own paper to school.



What do I do if my device is stolen or damaged?

It is the responsibility of the owner to keep his/her personal technology safe and secure. Anytime there is theft or damage, you should notify your teacher and/or Administration. ***The District, school, or any employees of the District, are not responsible for theft, loss or damage to your personal device(s).*** Keeping track of the device's serial number, model and type at home is suggested. The refundable Chromebook Deposit of \$350 would be fully refunded to families if the Chromebook and charger are returned in good working condition. If it is lost or damaged, this deposit may not be refunded.

Will I be able to charge my battery at school?

There are a limited number of outlets available in any given space. Students should make it a point to charge their technology prior to coming to school each day. This should also be a consideration when purchasing your device. Some of our classrooms only have two or three free outlets per classroom, so you want a device with a longer battery life.

FAQs FOR PARENTS

If my student uses their own technology at school, will they be able to access things they normally do not when using District technology?

Anyone connecting to the District wireless network will have their usage monitored in the same way as if they were using District-owned technology.

What are the building/classroom rules for using student-owned devices?

Teachers will make the final decisions regarding student-owned or school-provided technology used in their classrooms. Feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) or the Administration for his/her expectations.

Any student-owned devices must receive updates from Google. **Please be advised that each Google device (Chromebook) has an Auto Update Expiration (AUE) date listed; this means that before this date, devices will receive new software updates from Google. After this date, you may not be able to access locked exams on Forms and other updates to G Suite Tools.**

Vimy Ridge Academy Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement

In the first week of classes, we will be sending home technology use agreements for parent and student signatures. Please sign them as soon as possible and return them to the school. They will include the information below:

Any parent permitting their child to use a personally owned or school-provided technology device in accordance with this agreement on Edmonton Public School Board property must read, sign, and return the last (signature) page of this agreement.

The student is responsible for keeping his or her device in their possession or properly securing it, at all times. District personnel are not responsible for the security or condition of students' personal devices.

The student is responsible for the proper care of personal and school-provided technology devices. For a personal device, this includes all maintenance/repair, replacement or modifications, and software updates necessary to effectively use the device.

The Division reserves the right to confiscate and/or inspect personal technology devices if there is reason to believe that it was used to violate our policies, administrative procedures, school rules, or for general misconduct.

Violations may result in the loss of privilege to use technology in school, and/or disciplinary and legal action, as appropriate.

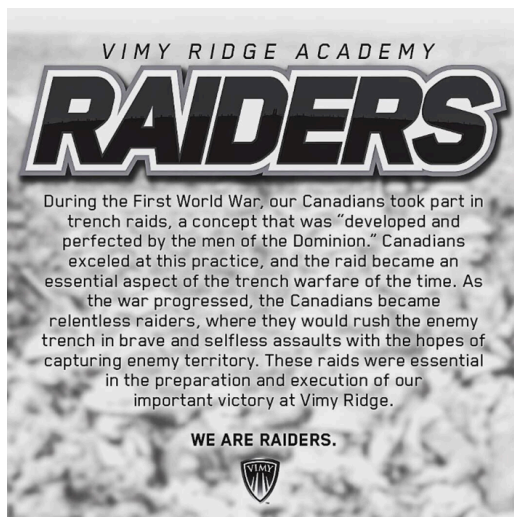
The student must comply with the teacher's request to refrain from using a device, verify/display the authentication login screen, or to power down (turn off) the device.

The student may not use any devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person without their knowledge and consent. Images, video, and audio files recorded at school may not be transmitted or posted at any time without the expressed permission of a District faculty member.

The student should only use technology devices with consent and under the direct supervision of a District employee.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Student Leadership is an essential tool in developing these values in our student-athletes. Not only does it allow our students to learn skills valuable in their respective sports, such as communication, teamwork and problem solving, but it empowers our student body to take initiative and contribute to the development of the communities they are a part of. Our Student Leadership Program has three facets: Student Leadership Team, Vimy TV, and Learning to Lead. Each of these opportunities allows students to develop a sense of responsibility and accountability, encouraging them to become proactive and confident individuals while working cooperatively on school spirit events and initiatives. Our Student Leadership Team meets weekly over the lunch hour. A group composed of students from Grades 7 through 12 and staff, this Team operates under the mantra of service before self. We are focused on creating a positive, cohesive school culture by planning inclusive and exciting school spirit events and activities that promote our CORE values and give participants opportunities to make a difference in our school community. Additionally, we are a proud member of the Canadian Student Leadership Association, hosting the Horizons Student Leadership Conference annually. Our Vimy TV Crew is an extension of this work, preparing daily YouTube broadcasts to celebrate the achievements of Vimy students and staff, share

information about school events and initiatives, and promote spirit events. These announcements are filmed daily after school and are played for our classes the following morning. This is a student-led club, with teacher liaisons to support this work. Students take care of all aspects of these broadcasts, preparing the teleprompter and script, staging filming, anchoring, and technical behind-the-scenes details. Our Learning to Lead program is included in our Grade 9 student schedules as a mandatory option. This work involves collaborating with the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative, allowing students to build leadership capacity outside of our school. The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative has a vision of fostering the development of "[y]outh invested in their communities today, because we all need a better tomorrow.' This vision reflects a commitment to engaging young people as key agents of positive change, fostering a strong sense of responsibility and belonging through active community involvement." Students learn about social issues, charity and philanthropy work, and have an opportunity, through this work, to secure grant money for local charities deeply in need of financial assistance. Past charities rewarded with these unrestricted funds include, Jewish Family Services, the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE), the Zebra Centre, and CASA Mental Health Services. Ultimately, our Student Leadership program serves to encourage our student athletes to become confident, empathetic individuals, nurturing a sense of purpose and belonging for themselves, and our student body

TRAVEL CLUB : Quebec Trip 2026

If you will be in Grade 8 or 9 in the 2025-26 school year, then you are eligible for an exciting opportunity: a spring break trip to Quebec! The 2026 trip will take us to Quebec City and Montreal. In Quebec City, we will tour Old Quebec, the Forts and Chateaux Saint-Louis, and a traditional Huron site including a reconstructed village. We will take part in an activity where we hunt for the remains of Samuel de Champlain, and will have a meal in a sugar shack, followed by a marshmallow roast in a sugar maple forest! On the way to Montreal, we will visit the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica and Montmorency Falls. In Montreal, we will tour the Biodome from the Olympic Games, Old Montreal, the Notre Dame Basilica, the Pointe-a-Callière Museum, the Montreal Science Centre, Saint Joseph's Oratory, and the Mount Royal Lookout. We will also take part in an activity where we hunt for hidden symbols in the city. You will experience the unique architecture, culture, and history of Quebec City and Montreal on this trip! For more information, contact Spring Break 2026 Trip Coordinator, Mr. Geoffrey Evans at Geoffrey.Evans@epsb.ca.

TRAVEL CLUB : Europe Trip 2027 - TBD



School Athletic Teams

We encourage all students to try out for a school team. No experience is necessary! It's a great way to meet new friends, be involved in your school, and try a new team sport. Games are in competition with other EPSB junior highs or part of the Metro League in the greater Edmonton area at the High School level. We strive to offer 4 teams at all levels:

Junior High - Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Senior Girls, Senior Boys

High School - Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Senior Girls, Senior Boys

Watch for tryout information in SchoolZone, on the athletics website below, and through social media channels.

RAIDERS

SEASONS

JUNIOR HIGH		HIGH SCHOOL	
FALL			
CROSS COUNTRY VOLLEYBALL	SEP 1 - OCT 4 OCT 1 - DEC 7	CROSS COUNTRY VOLLEYBALL SWIMMING	SEP 7 - OCT 20 SEP 1 - NOV 25 SEP 14 - DEC 15
WINTER			
WRESTLING BASKETBALL	OCT 12 - FEB 25 DEC 1 - MAR 14	CURLING WRESTLING INDOOR SOCCER BASKETBALL NINJA WARRIOR	OCT 10 - FEB 8 OCT 12 - MAR 25 NOV 1 - MAR 6 NOV 1 - MAR 15 OCT 22 - APR 21
SPRING			
BADMINTON GOLF SLO-PITCH TRACK & FIELD ULTIMATE FRISBEE	MAR 1 - MAY 1 MAY 1 - JUN 8 MAY 1 - JUN 19 MAY 1 - JUN 5 MAY 1 - JUN 5	BADMINTON HANDBALL SOCCER TRACK & FIELD BEACH VOLLEYBALL GOLF ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FEB 1 - MAY 5 MAR 1 - MAY 8 APR 14 - JUN 1 MAY 1 - JUN 8 MAY 1 - JUN 8 MAY 1 - JUN 8 MAY 1 - JUN 8

ALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND EXACT DATES WILL CHANGE YEAR TO YEAR.
CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS FOR MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

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 sites.google.com/epsb.ca/raiders-athletics

<https://sites.google.com/epsb.ca/raiders-athletics/home>



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST – Junior High & High School

- ☐ Personal Device (Chromebook, laptop, etc).
- ☐ loose-leaf paper (lined and unlined)
- ☐ binders and dividers (three-ring) (one for each core subject)
- ☐ 4 duotangs
- ☐ pens (blue, black, red)
- ☐ HB pencils
- ☐ colored pencils
- ☐ highlighters
- ☐ erasers
- ☐ glue stick
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ pencil case
- ☐ geometry set (including a ruler, with mm measurements)
- ☐ Calculator for grades 7—9: Texas Instruments scientific TI-30XA
- ☐ Calculator for grades 10 —12—Texas Instruments TI-83, TI-83+ or TI-84
- ☐ Student ID card & lanyard will be supplied. Replacement ID cards \$5.00, Replacement lanyard \$10.
- ☐ combination locks for personal lockers — one will be supplied by the school. (Replacement locks \$10.00 at the office.)
- ☐ a second lock is required for the change room lockers during PE classes. These lockers are meant to be used only during Physical Education Classes, not for the entirety of the day.





VIMY RIDGE ACADEMY MODIFIED CALENDAR 2025-2026

AUGUST 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2025						
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OCTOBER 2025						
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NOVEMBER 2025						
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DECEMBER 2025						
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JANUARY 2026						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
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APRIL 2026						
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MAY 2026						
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JUNE 2026						
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-  Public Holiday (no classes)
-  PD Day (no students)
-  First/Last Day of Classes
-  Operational Day (no students)
-  Teachers' Convention (no students)
-  Teachers' Day In Lieu (no teachers or students)
-  Board Approved Non-Instructional Day (no teachers or students)
-  Winter/Spring Break
-  Modified Calendar Break



BELL SCHEDULE

2025-2026

SEMESTER:

MON-TUE-WED-FRI	
PD 1	8:20 Warning Bell 8:25 Start Block 1 9:35 End Block 1 Bell (70 mins)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
PD 2	9:38 Moving Music 9:40 Start Block 2 Bell 10:50 End Block 2 Bell (70 mins)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
PD 3	10:53 Moving Music 10:55 Start Block 3 Bell 12:05 End Block 3 Bell (70 mins)
12:05 - 12:35 (30 mins) LUNCH	
PD 4	12:30 Warning Bell 12:33 Moving Music 12:35 Start Block 4 Bell 1:45 End Block 4 Bell (70 mins)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
PD 5	1:48 Moving Music 1:50 Start Block 5 Bell 3:00 End Block 5 Bell (70 mins)

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PD 1	8:20 Warning Bell 8:25 Start Block 1 9:23 End Block 1 Bell (58 mins)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
PD 2	9:26 Moving Music 9:28 Start Block 2 Bell 10:26 End Block 2 Bell (58 mins)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
PD 3	10:29 Moving Music 10:31 Start Block 3 Bell 11:29 End Block 3 Bell (58 mins)
11:29-11:59 (30 mins) LUNCH	
PD 4	11:54 Warning Bell 11:57 Moving Music 11:59 Start Block 4 Bell 12:57 End Block 4 Bell (58 min)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
PD 5	1:00 Moving Music 1:02 Start Block 5 Bell 2:00 End Block 5 Bell (EARLY DISMISSAL) (58 mins)
5 MINUTE BREAK	
2:05 - 3:00 ACADEMIC COACHING AVAILABLE (55mins)	