

Jan/Feb 2025 Villager

As we hit the ground running in 2025, we hope that your holiday season was merry and bright.

School Registration

Registration for 2025-2026 opens January 20th for **kindergarten** and **French Immersion**. There is a live virtual kindergarten information session on January 27th; check tvdsb.ca for registration information.

French Immersion (FI) is a way for students to learn a second language while still developing their skills in English. If your family is thinking about FI, you should know that the only entry point into the program in Thames Valley is grade one.

Your designated FI school is determined by your home address; to find your designated school, go to tvdsb.ca under “Find a School” then select “French Immersion Program” and input your address.

For incoming grade 9 students, course registration for **secondary school** opened on January 6th with a fast-approaching deadline of February 10. If there are students in your home who want to register at a school other than your designated school, the deadline to submit the application is January 31 at noon.

There is great information about high school options and requirements here:

<https://tinyurl.com/tvdsbcourses25-26>

Construction Update: New Schools and Expansions

Thames Valley currently has seven new schools in various stages of planning and construction, and an expansion at **Eagle Heights Public School** is now complete. A rededication ceremony is planned for early this year.

Construction is underway for **Northwest Public School** and **White Pine Public School**, the new elementary schools for Northwest and Southwest London, and they are expected to open this September.

Construction is also underway for **Turtle Island Public School**, the new elementary school for North Woodstock, and the school is expected to open in Winter of 2026.

Additionally, four new schools in Belmont, Lucan, Southeast London, and West London are in the design phase and are expected to open for the 2026/27 school year.

Family Literacy Day (January 27)

Family Literacy Day raises awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy activities as a family. Did you know that if you spend just 20 minutes reading together during the week, that will add up to over 85 hours a year of time spent exploring books and stories with each other?

Plus, reading helps expand your child's vocabulary and has the added benefit of reducing screen time for the whole family. For families with older kids, just sitting together and reading separately is a way to connect and unwind without the pressure of conversation.

Why not check out your local library this month? They are sure to have something for everyone.

Contact Us

We're always happy to hear from members of our community. If you have questions, feedback, or ideas about school board activities, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Your input helps us better serve our schools and students.

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