



**March 20, 2018**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), developed by the Education Quality And Accountability Office (EQAO), will be administered to Grade 10 students on April 10, 2018.

Successful completion of the OSSLT is a requirement of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. In June, students will be provided with their individual results. Students who are not successful will be offered remediation by the school based on their areas of success and areas of concern.


One change this year is that all students who request extra time on the day of the assessment students will be provided with extra time as needed; however, booklets one and two must be completed by the end of the day.

It is important to ensure that all of our students have every opportunity to be successful. In order to do this, it is necessary for us to alter the structure of the test day as follows:

1. All Grade 9 and 10 students will attend school on April 10, 2018.
2. Grade 10 students, as well as Grades 11 and 12 students who have not yet fulfilled their literacy requirement, will participate in the OSSLT.
3. The grade 9 students will experience a simulation opportunity (i.e. mock test) which will be informally assessed to provide feedback on areas for improvement.
4. Grade 10 students who are exempted or deferred from the test will participate in reading and writing activities appropriate to their needs.
5. Grade 11 and 12 students will be assigned coursework related to their current unit of study. Grade 11 and 12 students may complete the assigned course work at school or at home on the day of the OSSLT. In place of regular classes, students in grades 11 or 12 will be accommodated in a supervised study hall for the day. Students in Co-operative Education and Dual Credit will attend their placements unless they are required to write the OSSLT.
6. If your child is eligible for test accommodations or special provisions, your home school will communicate with you regarding their testing needs.
7. Students in Specialized Class Placements (i.e. Students with Special Needs, Students with Multiple Exceptionalities) will attend school as per their usual schedule.
8. Transportation will operate as per the normal school schedule on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Should you require any further clarification, please contact your home school. Thank you for your support in helping us manage this important process.

Yours truly,



Steve Gulyas  
Principal

**Schedule for April 10, 2018:**

Students Writing the OSSLT	8:50 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Warning Bell OSSLT Booklet One Morning Break OSSLT Booklet Two Lunch Period 3 Period 4
Grade 9 students	8:50 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Warning Bell Practice Booklet One Morning Break Practice Booklet Two Lunch Period 3 Period 4
Grade 11 and 12 students not writing the OSSLT who wish to attend school	ALL DAY (with lunch at 12:15 pm)	Independent Study (rooms TBD)