

Friday, March 23, 2007

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students writing the OSSLT,

As you are aware, all students in Ontario working towards an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (OSSD) must successfully complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The date for the province-wide administration of the **test is Thursday, March 29, 2007**. It is imperative that all eligible students writing the test be present the morning of **March 29** in order to write the OSSLT. Eligible students include all grade 10 students, and any students in grades 11 or 12 who have not successfully completed the test. All students with an Identified Education Plan (IEP) and English as Second Language (ESL) will be contacted to review any accommodations they may require.

As partners in education, we invite you to visit the EQAO website (www.eqao.com) for sample tests in preparation of this very important assessment. Your efforts will be a wonderful supplement to the many strategies and resources that we have implemented and utilized to prepare our students.

Some of our literacy activities have included:

- Students completing sample test booklets with a focus on the nuances of the questions, key words and terms, as well as what might be expected as a reasonable response to the different questions.
- Teachers reviewing the responses with exemplars.
- Students completing assessment pieces of subject specific material that is congruent with the assessment parameters of the OSSLT.
- Grade 9 students completing a “mock” test as part of their long-term preparation for the OSSLT in Grade 10.

Transportation will run as per usual. Students should come to school on time, well rested and encouraged to do their best. We recognize that some students find testing stressful; however, there should be no surprises for students on this test. We will do our best to help students practice and prepare for the test.

Please note that we will be running a **modified time schedule** to ensure that the needs of all of our students are met on March 29th.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. DeSantis
Principal

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Morning Schedule

<p>Grade 9 students will be writing a mock test in preparation for next year</p>	<p>8:30 am – 9:45 am – 1st session – Book 1</p> <p>9:45 am – 10:00 am – 15 minute break</p> <p>10:00 am – 11:15 am – 2nd session – Book 2</p>
<p>Grade 10 students will be writing the OSSLT</p>	
<p>Grade 11/12 students will be in the gym watching a staff versus students basketball game</p>	<p>*these students must report to their period one class and will be escorted to the gymnasium by their classroom teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:30 am – 9:45 am – in gym</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 am – 10:00 am – 15 minute break</p>
<p>Grade 11/12 students will be in the gym watching a Much Music social justice video presentation “War Child Canada – Sum 41: Rocked in the Congo”</p>	<p>*these students must report to their period two class and will be escorted to the gymnasium by their classroom teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 am – 11:15 am – in gym</p>

Common Lunch - 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Afternoon Schedule

Period 1	12:15 pm	12:45 pm
Period 2	12:45 pm	1:15 pm
Period 3	1:15 pm	1:45 pm
Period 4	1:45 pm	2:15 pm
Period 5	2:15 pm	2:50 pm

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