

March 19, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

One of the OSSD graduation requirements is the successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This year the test will be held on **Wednesday, March 27th**. It is administered to first time eligible Grade 10 students and previously eligible grade 11 & 12 students every year in schools across the province and subsequently marked centrally by provincial markers.

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) offers a number of programs to prepare students for this Literacy test. Our students are provided with the opportunity to write in smaller groupings and have as much time as required to complete the OSSLT, which is an optimal test-taking environment. Those students requiring accommodations will have them.

If you have any questions about your child's participation in the OSSLT please contact Kyle Hingley our Literacy Leader, at 905 892 2635. If you have any questions about special education accommodations for the OSSLT please contact Don Lockhart, our Special Education Program Leader, at 905 892 2635.

Our grade 9 students will be writing the DSBN Literacy Snapshot on this morning as well. This diagnostic assessment allows our teachers to provide optimal support in grade 10 classes and in preparation for the OSSLT next year.

For those students not writing the OSSLT or the Literacy Snapshot this is a regular school day. Grade 11 & 12 students will attend their regular classes and follow the schedule below.

Our schedule for students on Wednesday, March 27th is as follows:

8:10 – 9:35	Period 1 & EQAO/Literacy Snapshot Booklet 1. Following instructions, Booklet 1 will be written from 8:20 - 9:35.
9:35 - 9:50	Break
9:50 - 11:15	Period 2 & EQAO/Literacy Snapshot Booklet 2 & Questionnaire
11:15 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 1:05	Period 3
1:05- 1:10	Break
1:15 – 2:15	Period 4

We appreciate your understanding and support in assisting with our students' success in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Janice Sargeant
Principal