



# Bluevale Collegiate Institute

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), administered by EQAO, is a requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. On **Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>**, all Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the OSSLT. In addition, any senior students who have yet to complete this graduation requirement, or the OSSLC, will participate in the test. Please check out Bluevale's website for a full list of supports being offered to the students writing the literacy test. This includes our Literacy Test Google Classroom full of helpful resources. The classroom code is: kc8fsr

The OSSLT consists of two booklets that include both reading and writing assessments. In order to create a positive environment that will optimize the conditions for successful completion of the test, the instructional school day for all students at Bluevale Collegiate Institute has been modified. The following is the timetable for March 27<sup>th</sup>:

<b>8:20 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>OSSLT Booklet 1</b>
<b>9:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.</b>	<b>OSSLT Booklet 2</b>
<b>11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Tutorial Session 1 for Periods A and B Gr. 9,10,11,12</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Tutorial Session 2 for Periods C and D Gr. 9,10,11,12</b>

It is important to note the following about the assessment and the day's structure:

- Students will be assigned alphabetically to a classroom in which to write the OSSLT. Students requiring specific accommodations will be assigned to write in the library or computer lab.
- Each booklet of the OSSLT is designed to be completed in 75 minutes. This year, students are able to have additional time to complete the test and thus we have allocated a 90 minute session to account for this accommodation. If students require additional time beyond 90 minutes, it is their responsibility to request this of the supervising teacher and allowances will be made. All students are expected to remain in their assigned classroom for the entire 90 minute session. They are permitted to bring reading material to the classroom should they finish the test early. No electronic devices are permitted in the test rooms.
- Students not writing the test will only have access to the cafeteria, while the test is in progress, for quiet, independent study. There will be no regular classroom instruction in the morning. The library will be unavailable during the whole day as this space is required to support the administration of the test. School buses will run only at their regular times.
- When regular administration of the test has been completed, teachers will be available in the afternoon to provide all students with tutorial assistance in all subjects and at all grade levels. Regular attendance reporting procedures remain in effect for this day.

These adjustments have been made across the Waterloo Region District School Board in order to facilitate the administration of the OSSLT in a manner that provides for the best conditions possible for the students who are writing. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the Literacy Test, or the schedule for March 27<sup>th</sup>, please feel free to contact Mr.B. Wiechers.

Sincerely,

Ms.D.Tyrrell  
Principal, Bluevale Collegiate Institute