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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On Wednesday, March 27th, all Grade 10 students, as well as senior students who have yet to complete this graduation requirement, will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

The Literacy Test, administered by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), is used to determine whether a student has the literacy (reading and writing) skills required to meet the standard for understanding reading selections and communicating in a variety of writing forms expected by *The Ontario Curriculum* across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. The successful completion of this test, or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, is a requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

On March 27th, in order to create a positive environment that will optimize the conditions for successful completion of the OSSLT, there will be a modified instructional school day for all students across the WRDSB and at Forest Heights C.I.

8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Breakfast (Nutrition for Learning) in Cafeteria
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	OSSLT Instructions and Booklet 1
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	OSSLT Booklet 2 and Questionnaire
12:15 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Tutorial Session 1 (all grades)
1:55 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tutorial Session 2 (all grades)

It is important to note the following about the OSSLT timetable:

Many school staff members will be administering the test, no regular classroom instruction will take place in the morning. Students who are not writing the test will only have access to the cafeteria while the test is in progress for quiet, independent study. The library will be unavailable during the entire day because this space is required to support the administration of the test.

When the test period is complete, teachers will be available to provide students with tutorial assistance in all subjects and at all grade levels. Teachers will announce to their students, and post in their classrooms, the location for their tutorial sessions.

Regular attendance reporting procedures remain in effect for this day. Any student who does not attend school will be marked absent.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the Literacy Test, or the schedule for March 27th, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

  
T. Rowe,  
Principal



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