

Glenview Park Secondary School

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Dear Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written on the morning of Thursday, March 31, 2016, by all Grade 10 students (and other previously eligible students). Students who are eligible to write the test will receive a letter indicating that they are expected to write. Students in our school will receive OSSLT preparation and practice from March 7th to 10th, and again on March 22nd and 23rd.

All buses will run on a regular schedule, dropping students off before 8:15 am and picking them up after 2:25 pm. As school staff will be involved in administering the test, there will be <u>no regular classroom</u> instruction in the morning of March 31st. Students not writing the test who arrive at school will be supervised and expected to be engaged in silent independent study in the cafeteria for the entire morning. The library will be unavailable on this day as this space is required to support the administration of the test. There will be <u>no</u> <u>cafeteria food service</u> over the lunch hour. Students of all grades seeking teacher support are invited to attend classroom tutorial sessions in the afternoon.

Please note the special schedule below for March 31, 2016

Time	Activity
8:15-8:30	Students Proceed to Test Location
8:30-8:35	Instructions for Booklet 1 (5 minutes)
8:35-9:50	Booklet 1 (75 minutes)
9:50-10:05	Break (15 minutes)
10:05-11:20	Booklet 2 (75 minutes)
11:20-11:30	Student Questionnaire (10 minutes)
11:30-12:30	Lunch (No Cafeteria Food Service)
12:30-1:25	Tutorial Session 1 for Blocks A and B classes
1:30-2:25	Tutorial Session 2 for Blocks C and D classes

Students who are attending the afternoon tutorial sessions must first sign in at the Main Office where they will be directed to the appropriate tutorial location.

Similar scheduling 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 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 31st, please contact Mr. Dickson or consult the posted resources on the school's website at http://gps.wrdsb.ca/ and at http://www.eqao.com. Sincerely,