



Glenview Park Secondary School

Home of the Panthers

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Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

The WRDSB's Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting procedure aligns with the Ontario Ministry of Education's policy document, *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools* (2010).

The procedure supports staff in optimizing learning for **all** students. In particular, the procedure helps align classroom practices with the following belief statements from the Ministry of Education:

- All students can succeed;
 - Each student has his or her own unique patterns of learning;
 - Fairness is not sameness.
- Learning For All, K-12, p. 6*

Research tells us that all students learn best when instruction, resources, and the learning environment are well-suited to their particular strengths, interests, needs, and stage of readiness. The procedure helps support student learning by ensuring that evaluation and reporting practices:

- Result in marks that reflect achievement of learning goals – not behaviour;
- Separate academic achievement from learning skills and work habits;
- Encourage high expectations for student learning;
- Promote responsibility on the part of students to provide evidence of their achievement of the Essential Learnings for a course.

In addition to this newsletter, you will find an [explanation of key parts](#) of the Provincial Report Card and a [Parent Guide](#). The first and most important place to look on the Report Card is the Learning Skills and Work Habits section.

Additional information for parents/guardians about assessment, evaluation and reporting in several languages can be found at the following website: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html>

Black Brilliance Month

In the WRDSB, Black Brilliance Month aligns with Black History Month, and February 17 was Black Brilliance Day. Thanks to the GPSS BSU (Black Student Union) for displays, PA announcements, and music celebrating Black Brilliance. On February 15, GPSS welcomed alumnus Antonio Michael Downing (class of 1993; author of [Saga Boy](#)) who spent the day speaking with both large and small groups of students, delivering key messages about identity and belonging.

Pink Shirt Day at GPSS

February 22 was Pink Shirt Day, an anti-bullying initiative that began in 2007 in Nova Scotia. This year's Pink Shirt Day theme was "Lift Each Other Up"; a theme that ties closely to key messages shared in the previous week by our guest speaker, Antonio Michael Downing. Thanks to the group *Glenview Cares*, for promoting this year's Pink Shirt Day, encouraging all members of the GPSS community to stand up to bullying, discrimination and hate.

Clubs and Activities at GPSS

It's not too late to join clubs and activities running at GPSS. Please see the [list of clubs](#) available. Thanks to all staff sponsors for offering these fun activities, giving students an opportunity to get involved and meet new people.

Athletics at GPSS

Congratulations to all Panthers who represented GPSS in the winter season and thank you to our coaches for your incredible support of our athletes. Our very successful winter season is winding down, with a CWOSSA silver medal won by our junior girls volleyball team, a CWOSSA berth for the senior girls, and OFSAA qualification for our swim team. Plans are underway for the Spring season. Prospective spring athletes should listen for announcements in the coming weeks about Track & Field, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, and Badminton.

Student Activities Council (SAC)

Our Student Activities Council ran a very successful semi-formal in mid-February, and continues to plan events and activities for semester 2, including our "Save Glenn" campaign to raise money for a new mascot. In the coming weeks, look for GPSS spiritwear in the Tuck Shop. Stay tuned to the announcements, and watch the Panther Proud Google Classroom for upcoming events.

Blended Learning Days: March 1 and May 10

In November 2021, the Ministry of Education announced that all schools in the province will implement a fully [de-streamed and single-streamed Grade 9 Program](#). To support the expansion of destreaming and single-streaming, there are two [Blended Learning](#) days planned for Semester 2. Students are not required to attend in-person, and instruction will be provided through the virtual classroom (morning) and live meetings with teachers (afternoon). Students who choose to attend in person should report to the library in the morning and attend regular classes in the afternoon. Please note that students in ACE classrooms will continue to attend in-person according to the regular day schedule.

Parent Night: Wednesday, March 8 (6:00 to 8:00)

Our Semester Two Parent Night is Wednesday, March 8, in the cafeteria and gym at GPSS. This is an opportunity for parents, guardians and caregivers to meet teachers and get direct feedback on your child's progress. Students are welcome to attend as well. We hope to see you then!

Instructional Support Days: April 19/20 & June 23/26/27

Instructional Support (IS) Days are part of our ministry-approved [calendar](#) and are intended as assessment days and/or catch-up days. The mid-semester IS days are **April 19 and 20**, and the end-of-semester IS days are **June 23, 26 and 27**. On the IS days, students do not attend school in-person but work asynchronously or synchronously from home, depending on their individual needs. Students should use the days to complete any missed work, get virtual help from a teacher or EA, conference with their subject teacher, meet virtually with other students to complete group projects or review material, etc. Students in ACE programs will attend in-person on these days.

Severe Weather Procedure

In the midst of winter, it's important for everyone to be familiar with our Severe Weather Conditions procedure (AP4130 on the board's website). Any decision to close schools will be made based on weather and road conditions, and communicated by approximately 6:00 am via the school and board website, the WRDSB social media feed, and through the radio stations listed below.

KOOL-FM	FM 105.3	CKWR Kitchener	FM 98.5
MAGIC FM	FM 106.1	CHYM Kitchener	FM 96.7
570 News	AM 570	Dave FM	FM 107.5
Oldies 1090	AM 1090	Kicx	FM 106.7
Faith FM	FM 94.3	The Beat	FM 91.5

