

King City SS e-Newsletter



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March 22, 2019

Cap & Gown for Graduation



A reminder to all graduating students to purchase their cap and gown for graduation on [school cash online](#). Graduating students must purchase their cap and gown by **March 30th**.

Wednesday, March 27 - OSSLT Modified School Day Reminder

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day.

On March 27, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:

- **only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school** (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);

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- **only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school** (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- Ms. Zaslavsky's class will continue as normal

For Students Writing the OSSLT

Students writing the test will come to school on March 27 at their normal start time, 8:20, to write the OSSLT. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and, access to technology.

For Students Not Writing the OSSLT

Although schools will be open, regular classes will not be running. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community involvement hours.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT, and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's administrative team.

More important information on the OSSLT can be found on page three.

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click [here](#).

Wednesday March 27th

- ☐ Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test - Modified Day Schedule

Thursday April 4th

- ☐ Euclid Math Contest
- ☐ Outdoor Ed at Scanlon Creek

Friday April 5th

- ☐ Eh, Day! At King City SS

Tuesday April 9th

- ☐ Cadbury Factory Field Trip - Schoenhardt
- ☐ University of Guelph-Humber Field Trip - Gaspar

Wednesday April 10th

- ☐ Grade 9-11 Fryer, Galois & Hypatia Math Contests
- ☐ School Council - 7pm

Thursday April 11th

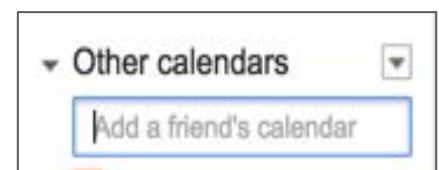
- ☐ Jazz Band visits to our feeder schools

Friday April 12th

- ☐ Last day of Term 1
- ☐ Jazz Band visits to our feeder schools

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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Final Update

Lit Blitz: Grade 10 students have completed their “Lit Blitz” activities in preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. These activities focused on areas that have challenged students in the past. There are many more activities on the *KCSS Literacy Learning Moodle* that were not covered during the Lit Blitz. Students are encouraged to practice these tasks. Evaluation guides and examples of student answers are available in the [Examples of the Assessment](#) section of the EQAO website. Being familiar with the marking guides will be helpful to students.

Final Steps:

- Students who are writing the OSSLT will attend a final assembly during period 4 on March 25th to hear important tips and reminders regarding the test.
- All students writing the OSSLT are encouraged to come to room 93 or the library to ask any remaining questions. The KCSS Literacy team will be glad to help!
- Wednesday, March 27th – OSSLT begins at 8:30 AM. Attendance is essential for all students eligible to write the test this year.

Test Locations:

- ELL students will be writing in Gym 3 and students with an IEP will be writing in the MPR or room 101.
- Students who requested extra time will write the test in the assigned rooms on the second floor.
- Students who did not request extra time will write the test in the assigned rooms on the first floor.
- Specific details will be shared with students before the test.

Reminders:

- March 27th is scheduled like an exam day. There will be no classes, but the school will be open. Only students writing the test need attend school that day. All other students are encouraged to use the day to advance their studies independently or to complete the Community Involvement hours required for graduation.
- There is no food service in the cafeteria on March 27th. Students expecting to work into the afternoon should pack a lunch.
- Buses will run on the normal schedule.

[CLICK THIS LINK FOR A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE OSSLT FOR PARENTS](#)

[CLICK THIS LINK FOR THE KCSS EQAO/OSSLT PAGE WITH LOTS RESOURCES TO SUPPORT TEST PREPARATION](#)



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KCSS Transportation SHSM Event at McAlpine Ford



Our grade 11 Transportation SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) students recently participated in an event at McAlpine Ford. The students were given a real life problem to solve and then had the opportunity to pitch their solution to the McAlpine Ford team.

Featured in the video is King City SS student Carly Michael Panneton talking about her experience at the event.

YRDSB Skills Challenge



Please take a minute to view the following video about the YRDSB Skills Challenge. While not featured in this video, King City SS sent a team to participate in the carpentry challenge. With all of their hard work and applied learning they came in second!

The video mentions the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). For more information on OYAP please [click here](#) and contact our guidance department.



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Information on School Bus Cancellation

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM
1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM
99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM
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