

St. Patrick's Catholic High School

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Dear parents and guardians,

Grade 10 students who are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma are required to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This school year, the OSSLT will be a pen-and-paper test and it will take place at **8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27th**.

Please note that this date is the only opportunity for students to write the OSSLT in 2019 and students who are absent will have to wait until the spring of 2020 to write the test.

As a school, we are preparing students for the OSSLT in all of our grade ten classes, as the test is based directly on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Additionally, our school is offering in-school and after-school literacy tutorials.

The in-school sessions are delivered through a whole class, small group or individual basis. The afterschool sessions are open to all students and will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on January 15th, 2019. Please see the <u>schedule</u> for dates and topics.

If you would like to view resources to prepare students for the test, you can visit the <u>Literacy News</u> page of our St. Patrick's website, the <u>Parents</u> section of the EQAO website, or join our OSSLT Preparation Google Classrooms. The class code for Grade 10 students is **4bzsc8**. The class code for Senior Rewriters is **q9uex**.

We look forward to working with your child in preparing him or her for this graduation requirement. Sincerely,

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