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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is offering the administration of the on-line Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) during the fall and spring. Successful completion of the OSSLT or Literacy course (OLC40) is a graduation requirement – with the exception of this year’s graduating class whose requirement has been waived by the Ministry of Education; **therefore, graduating students in 2021-22 do not need to take the test.**

The test is available to students who are learning in-person and online working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). St. Mary Grade 10, Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12 students will be participating in the OSSLT during the fall session on the following dates:

Session	Who is writing?
Tuesday, October 26 th	Grade 11 Students
Tuesday, November 23 rd	Grade 10 Students

Arrangements, under the guidance of public health, will be made for safe in-person participation. All participating students will have access to a **school loaned device to complete the on-line assessment.** All participants will complete the on-line assessment on the above scheduled date during **period one.** The school will contact online students directly to arrange an opportunity to write the test in person. If the OSSLT is not written in this school year, online students will be compelled to write next year to fulfill their graduation requirement. Online students are **not** exempt from writing the OSSLT.

Students who participate in the test and are successful, will have it counted on their transcript and their graduation requirement will be fulfilled. If a student is unsuccessful, this attempt at the test will grant the student eligibility to register in the OLC40 course in order to obtain the literacy graduation requirement **OR** they will have a second opportunity to write in the spring session.

Test Preparation:

Students can prepare for the field test by accessing the [OSSLT myClass Site](#). The myClass site provides students with numerous practice assessments similar to what they will encounter on the OSSLT field test. The preparation site also includes a video that provides an overview of the online platform and outlines what students will need to know for test day. In addition, EQAO has offered students the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through [EQAO’s online practice test](#). Participating students are strongly encouraged to prepare and practice before their designated test day.