



## St. Patrick's High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Semester 1 exam period is upon us! We wanted to share some important information with you!

Our Grade 9 students will **only** complete RSTs. This includes the required EQAO provincial assessment for all Grade 9 students enrolled in MTH1W for this semester. They will NOT have exams as part of their final assessments. Our Grades 10-12 students will once again be completing RSTs **and/or** Exams as a part of the final assessment of their courses.

RSTs will be completed in the final 2-3 weeks before exams. We ask that families please take note of the following dates and to avoid any non-essential travel or absences during those periods. **It is critical that students complete the designated final assessments to be able to earn their credit.**

**Please note that if your child is NOT scheduled for an exam or RST they are to remain at home.**

### Grade 9 Assessment Schedule During the Exam Period

Grade 9 teachers will extend the assessment/evaluation process of grade 9 students into the exam period. This will involve student activities, primarily work associated with the students' rich summative task (RST) taking place during a final class (120 minutes in duration) during the high school exam period. As such, their attendance is mandatory at the scheduled time. The following is an example of what this schedule would look like:

| <u>Sample</u> Student timetable |          | <u>Sample</u> Student Schedule during the Exam Period |                               |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Period 1                        | English  | 1st day of exams<br>Thurs, Jan 23, 2025               | continuation of English RST   |
| Period 2                        | Math     | 2nd day of exams<br>Fri, Jan 24, 2025                 | continuation of Math RST/EQAO |
| Period 3                        | Phys Ed. | 3rd day of exams<br>Mon, Jan 27, 2025                 | continuation of PE RST        |
| Period 4                        | Religion | 4th day of exams<br>Tues, Jan 28, 2025                | continuation of Religion RST  |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Wednesday, January 29, 2025 | Credit Intervention Day/Inclement Weather Day | Grades 9-12 |
| Thursday, January 30, 2025  | Credit Intervention Day                       | Grades 9-12 |
| Friday, January 31, 2025    | PD Day                                        | Grades 9-12 |

### **Grade 10-12 Exam Schedule**

Courses with exams for students in Grades 10-12 will be writing according to the following schedule:

| Date                        | Exams                                         | Grade        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Thursday, January 23, 2025  | Period 1                                      | Grades 10-12 |
| Friday, January 24, 2025    | Period 2                                      | Grades 10-12 |
| Monday, January 27, 2025    | Period 3                                      | Grades 10-12 |
| Tuesday, January 28, 2025   | Period 4                                      | Grades 10-12 |
| Wednesday, January 29, 2025 | Credit Intervention Day/Inclement Weather Day | Grades 9-12  |
| Thursday, January 30, 2025  | Credit Intervention Day                       | Grades 9-12  |
| Friday, January 31, 2025    | PD Day                                        | Grades 9-12  |
| January 22-26, 2025         | ELearning Exams                               | Grades 10-12 |

January 30th, 2025 is a Credit Intervention day. Teachers will follow their regular schedule and students who need to complete tasks or assignments will attend their regular classes in order to do so. The same applies for Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 if an inclement weather day is not required (see below for more information for Inclement Weather). Teachers will communicate with students who should be attending the Credit Intervention day(s).

### **ELearning Exams**

ELearning exams will be held during the week of January 22-26. Your child's ELearning teacher will communicate with your child regarding the date and time of their elearning exam during the exam period.

### **Key points to discuss with your child before exams begin:**

- Students write their exams in their regular classroom.
- Exams start at 8:30am, students should arrive at their classroom 10 minutes prior to the exam start time.
- Students are expected to be in proper uniform during their exam. (a reminder that jogging pants, leggings, and jeans are not considered uniform bottoms).
- Students only show up for their exams; students go home immediately after their exam. Loitering will not be tolerated.
- Resource exams, e-learning exams and grade 7 & 8 classes take place all day.
- Students are encouraged to remain for the full length of their exam, but must remain in the exam room for a minimum of one hour.
- Teachers will inform students of the exam length for their specific exams.
- Attendance will be submitted electronically by 8:45am. Students arriving after 8:45 am must report to the office.
- Students should use a baggy (see-through) for their pencils, erasers and rulers.
- All items should be secured in lockers - No coats, hats, boots, or food are permitted in the exam rooms (except for Resource rooms). If students have not yet been assigned a locker, they will be asked to leave their belongings in a designated area.
- No cell phones, smart or programmable watches, music or electronic players are permitted in the exam rooms.

### **Student Absence**

Any student absences from exams must be reported to the appropriate Vice Principal. Any student with a special circumstance must meet with their VP prior to the exam for authorization.

### **Transportation**

- O.C. Transpo bus schedules will remain the same.
- On days students are writing an exam, they are encouraged to arrange their own transportation to return home.
- Inclement Weather - If school buses are canceled due to emergencies or inclement weather, ALL school board exams will be rescheduled to the next school day bumping all other exams by a day. Please listen to the radio and/or check social media for bussing updates. Parents are encouraged to register for School Messenger if they are not already registered.

### **Book Collection**

- The teacher of the course will be collecting course books.
- Students must bring their books to the exam as a last collection opportunity.
- No textbooks will be collected in the office during exams; students must arrange to return all course books to teachers by January 29th.

## **Cafeteria**

- The cafeteria will only be open to HS students from 8:00-8:25am.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher and/or Vice-Principal. Wishing all of our students the best as they prepare for and complete their end of term assessments.

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