



St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students,

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is field testing an online Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). If successfully completed, students will earn the secondary literacy requirement, a graduation requirement. The field test is available to students who are learning in-person and working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). We believe the field test is of benefit since it will offer students an opportunity to demonstrate their literacy skills and with a successful completion, students will earn their secondary literacy requirement.

Who will be writing?

St. John Henry Newman C.S.S. is administering this field test to **students in Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12 students**. Students who participate in this field test and are successful, will have it included on their transcript. Students who are unsuccessful will be eligible register in the OLC40 course which will satisfy the literacy graduation requirement.

Students learning remotely who wish to participate in the field test must complete the following survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3mRnGrJqT0uzQfOY6ZcnB4SUA5iub3dMveCb1PoB_btUMkhUNERHUVhSUzRIT0Q1MjdTRFpURkpWMi4u

Arrangements, under the guidance of public health, will be made for safe, in-person participation subject to school capacity.

Please note: The literacy graduation requirement for all students graduating during the **2020–2021** school year has been **waived** by the ministry of education; therefore, graduating students in 2020-21 **will not be participating in** the field test.

When will students be writing the field test?

The field test dates will occur from May 25th to June 4th, 2021. Students will be notified in advance when their cohort/class will be writing.



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How can students prepare for the field test?

Students can prepare for the field test by accessing the OSSLT myClass site. The myClass site provides students with numerous practice assessments that they will encounter on the OSSLT field test. The prep 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 encouraged to prepare and practice before their designated test day.

It should be noted that the ministry will provide students who did not have an opportunity to write the OSSLT with an opportunity to complete the test in the 2021-22 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our school Literacy Chairs:

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Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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