

Message to Families RE OSSLT, Credit Completion Day – Monday, November 16, Changes to Secondary School Year Calendars, FSL Survey, and Cyber Security Awareness Month

November 10, 2020

Subject Line: School Year Calendar Change and Important Updates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire team at Eastdale CVI, we hope you are having a good start to the week. There are a few important items that we are sharing with you:

1. Update on Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for 2020-2021 School Year
2. Credit Completion Day – Monday, November 16
3. First Day of Quadmester 2 – Tuesday, November 17 – Cohort B Attends this Day
4. Changes to Secondary School Year Calendars
5. Reminder: French as a Second Language (FSL) Programs Parent/Guardian Survey
6. Cyber Security Awareness Month

We thank you in advance for your engagement and hope that you find this information useful as we navigate this new environment together.

Update on Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for 2020-2021 School Year

The literacy graduation requirement will be waived for all students graduating during the 2020-21 school year. There will be a pilot test this Spring for students who are not graduating this year. We will share more information once we receive it.

Credit Completion Day – Monday, November 16, 2020

Monday, November 16 will be a designated credit completion day, where educators can work with individual students on any necessary credit completion to support student success. This day will take place virtually (some exceptions may be made for in-person depending on the individual situation) and only students directly involved will participate. Here are additional details that you need to know for Monday, November 16:

- Students in small class placements will attend as usual on this day.
- School buses will not be running on this day, except for buses that transport students who are in a small class placement.

First day of Quadmester 2 – Tuesday, November 17 – Cohort B Attends this Day

The first day of quadmester 2 is Tuesday, November 17. Cohort B will be attending in-person on this day.

Changes to Secondary School Year Calendars

The secondary modified and regular school year calendars have slightly changed to accommodate a credit completion day at the end of each quadmester. Students should verify their cohort letter (A or B) and check the quadmester calendar on the DDSB website to confirm the dates they need to attend class in-person. You can download the calendars by clicking the links below:

- [Secondary Regular, Listed by Quadmester: Term Dates and Cohorting Days](#)
- [Secondary Regular, Full Year Calendar Format: Term Dates and Cohorting Days](#)
- [Secondary Modified Schools, Listed by Quadmester: Term Dates and Cohorting Days](#)
- [Secondary Modified Schools, Full Year Calendar Format: Term Dates and Cohorting Days](#)

Reminder: French as a Second Language (FSL) Programs Parent/Guardian Survey

The DDSB is continuing to reach out to school communities to give them an opportunity to share their thoughts about the French Program Review. The deadline to participate in the survey has been extended to **November 12th, at 11:59 pm**. Click on the following link to give your opinion: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSLReviewParCom>

The purpose of the survey is to gather information in order to prepare a comprehensive report on French language programs the DDSB offers as well as to review the impact of FSL programs on English Language programming. For more information about the FSL Programs Review please visit: <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-learning/fsl-programs-review.aspx>.

Cyber Security Awareness Month

November is Cyber Security Awareness Month. In addition to posting weekly resources on DDSB's social media platforms about how to stay safe online, we've also attached a few best practices about how to safely learn and work remotely.

For more information about cyber security and how to keep families safe visit DDSB's [Online Safety and Digital Citizenship](#) webpage.

Sincerely,

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