





### EQAO Math – Grade 9 Assessment:

**EQAO Math testing is completed in January. January 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> applied level students will be writing and January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> academic level students will be writing their test.**

#### Important Information:

- Students in applied or academic courses will write the test only.
- Students will write the test over two days.
- Book 1 will be the written the first day and Book 2 will be written the second day.
- A third day is booked for students who missed a day due to illness. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.
- Parents/Guardians will be mailed their students access to accommodations in December.
- Accommodations for provincial testing are different than regular accommodations in the classroom. Please call or email if you have any questions regarding your child's accommodations.
- All students will have a formula sheet provided in the EQAO test.
- Students will still have an exam in their math class. The EQAO Math test will be counted as part of their grade 9 mathematics mark.
- If you have further questions regarding the specifics of the test please contact your child's teacher or ask the Head of the Math Department – Michael Climenhaga. Ext.317 or [michael.climenhaga@tlds.on.ca](mailto:michael.climenhaga@tlds.on.ca).



#### Homework Club:

Homework help is available every day after school. From 3:10 – 4:00 every day, there are school Educational Assistants ready to support students with their course work. Drop-ins or referrals are welcome!



### Changes to Guidance/Student Services:

Sue Fawcett now has a new position at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School. She is no longer with us at HHS. Therefore the alpha counsellor list has been changed. The following Guidance Counsellors will be supporting students at HHS:

**Nico Byl, A – L**

**Ally Myers, M – Z**

Please feel free to call Student Services at HHS to make an appointment:

705.789.5594, Ext. #224 – Jane Finbow

### Course Schedules for Semester II:

If your son or daughter is having difficulties with their timetables then please make a guidance appointment asap to problem solve. Making sure the schedule is balanced and contains the correct courses is critical early.

### IEP's for Semester II:

Teachers and students will be having conversations about their IEP's during the first couple weeks of classes. It is important to help your son or daughter self-advocate. Students should be directly speaking with their teachers to build self-confidence and self-advocacy skills. Having these conversation early, help to ease stress for the duration of the course. If you are concerned that your son or daughter is having difficulty, an email or phone call can help encouraged dialogue with the teacher. Please feel free to email or call Jill Klodnicki. Some parents have met with the teachers directly in the first few weeks to make sure things have settled smoothly and students are being successful. Jill can help support these quick discussions and meetings.

### IPRC's for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Identification, Placement and Review Committee meetings will take place in early spring with students that have been identified in TLDSB. These meetings are important to discuss placement, supports and identification. Letters will be mailed directly to families and then they have the option of arranging a meeting. For students who are not identified, families can always call for a Case Conference meeting to discuss supports and course placement. Please call Jill Klodnicki directly.

### Phone Numbers:

**705.789.5594**

#### Special Education:

**Jill Klodnicki** – Head of Special Education – Ext. 244

#### Guidance/Student Services:

**Nico Byl** – Alpha A - L  
- Head of Student Services, Ext. 278.  
**Allison Myers** – Alpha M – Z  
-Guidance Counsellor, Ext.

#### Administration:

**Kim Williams** – Principal, Ext. 225  
**Ian Patterson** – Vice Principal, Ext. 239, Alpha A-L.  
**Kelly Picken** – Vice Principal, Ext. 226, Alpha M – Z.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Grade 9 Math EQAO – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

Exams – Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Semester II starts – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>

March Break – Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

OSSLT Literacy Test – Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>.

WORLD OF WORK STUDENTS AT HHS

Students in our Life Skills Program continue to excel in our community based World of Work Program. Students have the opportunity to participate in both school and community work placements. The development of employable skills will help prepare students for employment after high school. Students will practice effective strategies for working in cooperation as well as individually. Along with placements, students participate within in-class activities and lessons to help build a foundation of skills for jobs both inside and outside the home.

Troy Belhumeur continues to be successful in his placement at Home Hardware.



Tristen in in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of World of Work and is working at Winners. Tristen is also an artist and displays his work in the Winners Staff Lounge.



Activities around HHS:



Mr. Corbett and students helped prepare a turkey lunch for our Life Skills classes and staff in late December.



Jen Cooper's GLE class went into the kitchen to wrap up a Health and Wellness unit. They had been talking about healthy eating and healthy snacks, so she thought, what better way to learn about those things than to make some healthy snacks themselves!

