



Office of the Director of Education

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Dear Grade 12 Students and Families:

We know that the current health crisis has been challenging for our students and families, and we recognize the added stress that these unusual circumstances may cause for our graduating students. We understand that you may be concerned about the progress of distant learning and the impact of the school closure on graduation and beyond.

As you may have seen in previous communications, the Ontario Ministry of Education has provided some information specifically for grade 12 students, and have made assurances that graduating students will not be unfairly disadvantaged by these unique circumstances. Below is information we hope will answer some of the questions you may have.

Mid-term marks and Report cards

- Grade 12 students will receive their mid-term marks via email on April 23 by 3 p.m. from their teacher.
- Teachers may be providing students with an opportunity to submit missed and/or additional assignments to ensure optimal marks.
- All graduating students that have applied to Universities or Colleges will have their marks uploaded by May 1st.
- On April 23, each classroom teacher will be providing students via email an electronic Course Withdrawal Form. Should students wish to drop a course prior to having marks uploaded to post-secondary application sites, parents/guardians and students will be required to complete the application by April 30 and send it via email to their school principal in order to have this request considered.
- Staff will continue to evaluate Grade 12 students throughout the remainder of the term and students are reminded to visit their virtual classrooms daily to complete assigned work.
- Final report cards with marks will be provided at the end of the school year. These marks will be based on the student's achievement for the entire semester.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that marks for courses taken in non-TCDSB schools ie. Night School are emailed to their school Guidance Counsellor.

Graduation requirements

- The completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) has been waived for this year.
- The completion of 40 hours of Community Service work has also been waived for this year. If students had previously completed community service hours, those hours will be noted on the final report card.
- Students who are already taking an Ontario Literacy Course (OLC) will continue with the course.

CO-OP & SHSM

- Students who are currently in cooperative education programs will receive specific instructions from their teachers about virtual opportunities in order to complete these courses and gain credits.
- For students enrolled in Specialist High Skills Major Programs (SHSM), any components that were scheduled post-March Break will be exempt so students can receive their accreditation.

Graduation ceremony

- We are awaiting further information from the Ministry about what the school closure order will mean for graduation ceremonies and proms. We will share more information once available.

Mental health supports

- We also want to call your attention to [mental health resources and information](#) that are available to help you navigate this time of uncertainty.

These are truly unprecedented times and we are working diligently to support our students and families. We are all in this together and collectively, we will come out of this experience with the same resilience and strength that has been the hallmark of our Catholic school system.

Please be assured that our staff are committed to supporting your success this year and beyond. Please reach out to your classroom teachers or the school principal if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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