

Parent Message - Friday, October 29, 2021

Re: Math EQAO & Culminating Assessments

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Halloween

- Thank you so much to our student council for organizing an amazing week of games, activities, and trivia
- We hope everyone had lots of fun!

Math EQAO

- Our students who are currently enrolled in the MTH1W1 math course this quadmester will be writing the Math EQAO assessment on Monday, November 8th and Tuesday, November 9th
- This assessment is similar to what would have been written when your child was in grade 3 or grade 6
- Feel free to contact your child's math teacher should you have any questions
- <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/grade-9-math/>

Culminating Assessments

- Traditionally in secondary schools, the final 30% of a course is broken down into a culminating assessment and a final exam.
- Given the context of our modified school system, all of our students will be doing culminating assessments with no exam to determine that final 30%
- Culminating assessments are open ended tasks or projects that highlight the concepts of the majority of the course and take place near the end of the course.
- Students will still practice test taking strategies like time management, keyword highlighting, chunking during the classroom setting in other ways to prepare them for the future for when exams do return
- If you have any questions about your child's culminating assessments, please reach out to the classroom teacher

Clubs and Activities

- We have many clubs and activities during our lunch block
- For those that are participating in physical activities in the gym, we're asking that you look at purchasing our school gym uniforms (even if your child's phys-ed class is not till quadmester 3 or 4) so that they have something to change into during the sport instead of playing in their uniform. There is minimal risk of wearing out your school uniform this way.

- School gym uniforms can be purchased via school cash online. When the receipt is brought in, we'll help the student with the appropriate sizing.

Turnaround Day

- Thursday, November 11th is a turnaround day as we transition from Quadmester 1 to Quadmester 2
- Students will not be attending school that day
- On Friday, November 12th, they will be starting with their new classes in Quadmester 2

Take Your Kid to Work Day

- Traditionally on Take Your Kid to Work Day, students have had the opportunity to visit a worksite and learn about careers and pathways
- This Wednesday, November 3rd, schools will be hosting activities throughout the day for students to learn about careers while in the classroom
- If students wish to and are able to find a placement at a work location, they are welcome to do so, but we ask that the parents contact the school so that we are aware of their absence from school
- In addition we also ask that this permission form also be completed and returned to the school

(<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/getmedia/5205c359-6445-481d-9836-eb2b143ebb9b/2021-Parent-Permission-Form.aspx>)

Please continue to check our school website (<https://secondary.hcdsb.org/stkateri>) as more updates become available.

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