

# Nourishing the Flame



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**23 March 2023**



## **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test: April 24-25, 2023**

Successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is one of the requirements to earn the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects, up to the end of Grade 9. This year, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) will be offering a computer-based online OSSLT to eligible students across Ontario.

**On April 24th and April 25th, during Block B,  
all eligible Grade 10 students will take part in the OSSLT.**

Students will complete the assessment in two sessions. Each session is designed to be completed in 60 minutes, and students will complete each session in one sitting. Additional time is provided for any students who require it. After completing both sessions, students will be presented with a questionnaire that asks them about their experiences, attitudes and perceptions with respect to literacy. Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's [online practice test](#).

Results of the OSSLT will be released after the open-response questions have been scored. An individual student report will be generated for each student after scoring.

If you have any questions about this year's administration of the OSSLT, please contact **Mr. Ghiri**, Vice-Principal.

## **Family Travel in June**

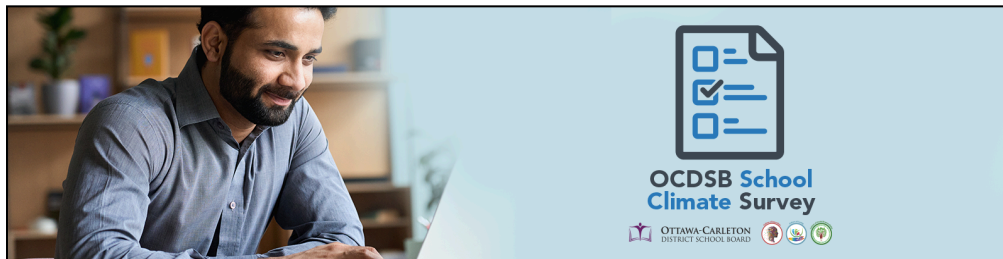
Students and families are reminded that the last day of instruction for the 2022-2023 school year is **June 20, 2023**. This will be followed by a five-day Final Evaluation period, **June 21-27, 2023**, during which students may be scheduled for exams, exit interviews, performance tasks, or other formal evaluations. Absences during this time may affect a student's ability to demonstrate curriculum expectations and their ability to earn a credit. Families should not plan travel or absences until after students have completed all of their final evaluations. Should there be urgent, exceptional circumstances that require a student to be absent before the end of the school year, please contact the Vice-Principal for guidance.

## Interdisciplinary Research SHSM

Lisgar's interdisciplinary Research SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) program provides students with the unique opportunity to dip their toes into the world of academic research prior to beginning their post-secondary studies. Students will be given the opportunity to conduct real-world research on a topic of their choosing under the mentorship of a faculty member from one of our partner institutions. To learn more about what Lisgar's Research SHSM students have been up to this year, [click here](#). If you'd like to learn more, speak with **Mr. Middleton** or your Guidance Counsellor.

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## Parent/Caregiver School Climate Survey



The OCDSB Parent/Caregiver School Climate Survey is a voluntary and anonymous online survey for parents, guardians, and caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. The purpose of the survey is to give parents, guardians and caregivers an opportunity to provide feedback about their family's and their child's experiences with the school.

You can complete the survey online using [this link](#) from March 1st to March 24th or by using the QR code above. If you wish to complete a paper version of the survey, PDF copies are available on the [school climate webpage](#) for printing or you may contact the Main Office for a copy. Please return the completed surveys to your school by the deadline above.

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## Did you know...

In 1973, Lisgar's Senior Boys' Basketball team won the provincial championships. The team, coached by **Larry Hale** and **Hugh Reid**, finished the season with a stunning 44-0 record! Many of the players remain close friends today and are currently planning a celebration to recognize 50 years since their provincial victory, and 50 years of friendship.



## Celebrating Student Success

### Lisgar is off to the Canadian Improv Games!



The Lisgar Senior Improv team is competing in the Canadian Improv Games Tournament on **Friday, March 24th** at Elmwood School (261 Buena Vista Rd). Tickets are 10\$ at the door and the show starts at 7:30pm! The team wants to thank the School Council again for funding them this year. This night of play will determine if the team makes it to the regional finals which will be held the next night at **Canterbury High School** (900 Canterbury Ave). After that, teams who qualify will compete in the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament at the National Arts Centre, April 5th-8th. Lisgar has a

long-standing tradition of strong improv teams, and they're finally ready to compete again after COVID restrictions! Please come out and cheer for them. Go Lisgar!



The next School Council meeting is April 4 @ 7:00pm. You can join us in person at the School Library or online via [Google Meet](#). If you join virtually, please ensure your profile states your name so we can capture your participation in the subsequent minutes. You can sign up for more detailed monthly updates from the School Council by contacting [sc-lisgar@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-lisgar@ocdsb.ca) - Phillip Rennison, School Council Chair 2022/23

#### Attendance Reporting

If a student must be home from school with parent permission, we ask that you email the school at: [lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca) In your message, please provide student name, grade, reason for absence.