

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, all grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Students must be successful on the test in order to graduate and receive their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

In an effort to support your child's academic achievement, St. Thomas Aquinas CSS is offering an After School Literacy Program designed to prepare students for the upcoming OSSLT assessment. The After School Literacy Program aims to equip students with the necessary skills required to be successful for the test.

Your child could benefit from this skills program. This supervised program will supplement the preparation activities for the OSSLT that are occurring in the classroom during the regular school day.

The 11-session program will run as follows:

- Mondays and Wednesdays from February 21, 2018 to April 8, 2018.
- The classes will be held twice a week from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An extra 15 minutes (4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.) will be available for individual teacher-student conferencing.

Topics for study will include effective reading strategies, newspaper writing, how to write a series of opinion paragraphs, strategies for answering multiple choice questions, as well as how to read and interpret graphic, informational and narrative texts.

This program is **free of charge and a snack will be provided** to all students who attend.

We strongly encourage your child to enroll in this program. To assist us in ensuring that there is sufficient enrolment for the course, please have your son/daughter return the bottom portion of this page, *regardless of whether your son/daughter plans on attending*, to the main office marked "Attention: Mrs. S. Typer" by Tuesday, February 7, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact Mrs. S. Typer at your earliest convenience.

Please note that there is **no fee** for the course and **regular attendance** is an expectation. Please see a list of respective dates on the following page.

Sincerely,

Shari Typer
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After School Literacy Program Course Dates

Session 1: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Session 2: Monday, February 26, 2018

Session 3: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Session 4: Monday, March 5, 2018

Session 5: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Session 6: Monday, March 19, 2018

Session 7: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Session 8: Monday, March 26, 2018

Session 9: Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Session 10: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Session 11: Monday, April 9, 2018

OSSLT: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

The After School Literacy Program

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I **do** want my son/daughter enrolled in the After School Literacy Program.

I **do not** want my son/daughter enrolled in the After School Literacy Program.

Student Name (Please print):

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please return this slip to the main office marked “Attention: Ms. Typer” by
Tuesday, February 20, 2018.**
