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Dear Parents,

This letter is regarding the Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests scheduled in January, 2020. Your child will be writing two Provincial Achievement Tests – one per core subject enrolled in this semester. The Language Arts and Math PAT's both consist of a Part A and Part B exam and will be written on separate days. The Math Part B will be written on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Part A on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Language Arts Part A will be written on January 16<sup>th</sup> and Part B on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Included with this letter is a schedule for all PAT exams, which details for you the dates and start times, materials needed for each exam, as well as attendance expectations for each exam day.

In order to encourage all students to put forth their best effort on the exams, our school has a policy that all students must remain in the exam room each day until 10:33 a.m. Because the Math Part A exam (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>) is a shorter exam, the students must remain in the exam room until 9:45 am. Please remind your child to bring something to occupy themselves quietly at their writing station, such as a book or magazine if they complete the test early. Personal devices will not be permitted in the exam room.

**Please note that Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a regular school day with regular scheduled classes.** Also note that the last PAT exam is Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and therefore marks the completion of the grade 9 core classes for the first semester. As a result, the grade 9 students will not have school on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first school day of the second semester and regular classes will resume.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Teske'.

Brad Teske  
Associate Principal

## Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Schedule – January 2020

Date/ Time	PAT Exam/ Rm #	Materials to Bring for Exam	Notes
Thurs., Jan. 16  8:40 am	LA Part A  Comp. Labs 1,2,3	HB pencil(s), print version of a commercially published dictionary and thesaurus, book or magazine to read if done exam early. <b><u>Personal devices and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students in LA 9 for first semester write this exam. Students return to regular class when completed the exam. Regular classes for the remainder of the day.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students who have Math and Social in the first semester <b>do not</b> have a PAT on this day. <b>Regular school day for these students.</b></li> </ul>
Thurs., Jan. 23  8:40 am	Math Part B  Rm. 234/235	HB pencil(s), <b>Scientific calculator – (Note: <u>Graphing calculators are not permitted</u>)</b> , book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students may not use a dictionary, a thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students in Math 9 for first semester write this exam. Students are dismissed from school for remainder of the day upon completion. Earliest dismissal time is 10:30 am.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students who have LA and Science in the first semester <b>do not</b> have a PAT on this day and therefore <b>do not</b> come to school on this day.</li> </ul>
Fri., Jan 24  8:40 am	LA Part B  Rm. 234/235	HB pencil(s), book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not</b> use a dictionary, a thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students in LA 9 for first semester write this exam. Students are dismissed from school for remainder of the day upon completion. Earliest dismissal time is 10:30 am.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students who have Math and Social in the first semester <b>do not</b> have a PAT on this day and therefore <b>do not</b> come to school on this day.</li> </ul>
Mon., Jan. 27  8:40 am	Science  Rm. 234/235	HB pencil(s), calculator, book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not</b> use a dictionary, a thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students in Science 9 for first semester write this exam. Students are dismissed from school for remainder of the day upon completion. Earliest dismissal time is 10:30 am.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students who have Math and Social in the first semester <b>do not</b> have a PAT on this day and therefore <b>do not</b> come to school on this day.</li> </ul>

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Tues., Jan. 28  8:40 am	Social Studies  Rm. 234/235	HB pencil(s), book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not</b> use a dictionary, a thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students in Social 9 for first semester write this exam. Students are dismissed from school for remainder of the day upon completion. Earliest dismissal time is 10:30 am.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students who have LA and Science in the first semester <b>do not</b> have a PAT on this day and therefore <b>do not</b> come to school on this day.</li> </ul>
Wed., Jan. 29  8:40 am	Math Part A  Rm. 234/235	HB pencil(s), book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students may not use a calculator, dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students in Math 9 for first semester write this exam. Students are dismissed from school for remainder of the day upon completion. Earliest dismissal time is 10:30 am.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students who have LA and Science in the first semester <b>do not</b> have a PAT on this day and therefore <b>do not</b> come to school on this day.</li> </ul>
Thurs., Jan. 30	No PAT		- No PAT for gr. 9's and therefore do not come to school on this day.
Fri. Jan. 31	No PAT		- PD Day: No school for gr. 7 to 12 students and therefore do not come to school on this day.