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Dear Parents,

This letter is regarding the Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests scheduled in January 2024. Your child will be writing Provincial Achievement Tests for each core subject enrolled in this semester. The Language Arts and Math PATs both consist of a Part A and Part B exam and will be written on separate days. The Language Arts Part A will be written on January 17<sup>th</sup> and Part B on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Math Part A will be written on January 24<sup>th</sup> and Part B on January 25<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 a specified time, which is listed in the “Notes” for each exam. Please remind your child to bring something to occupy themselves quietly at their writing station, such as a book, if they complete the test early. **Personal devices and smartwatches will not be permitted in the exam.** We ask that students leave these items locked up in their lockers.

**Please note that Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day of regular classes for our grade 9 students, and will be a regular school day with regular scheduled classes for the entire day.** Also note that the last PAT exam is Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and therefore marks the completion of the grade 9 core classes for the first semester. The grade 9 students will not have school on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is the first school day of the second semester and regular classes will resume. For the exams scheduled from January 24<sup>th</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup>, the students will be excused from school for the remainder of the day upon completion of their exam as per the earliest dismissal time. Please ensure to make arrangements for any necessary transportation home from school. School buses will be running their regular scheduled times up to and including Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Sincerely,

Brad Teske  
Associate Principal

## Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Schedule – January 2023

| Date/<br>Time  | PAT<br>Exam/<br>Rm #  | Materials to Bring for Exam   | Notes  |
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| <b>Wed.,<br/>Jan. 17</b><br><br><b>8:40 am</b><br>(Please plan to arrive at least 10 min. early) | LA Part A<br><br>Comp.<br>Labs 1,2,3                        | HB pencil(s), print version of a commercially published dictionary (English and/or bilingual) and thesaurus, book or magazine to read if done exam early. <b><u>Personal devices, smartwatches and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>  | - Students in LA 9 for <b>first semester</b> write this exam. <b><u>Students return to regular class when completed the exam.</u></b> <b>Earliest dismissal from exam room is 10:33.</b> <b>Regular classes for the remainder of the day.</b><br>- 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> |
| <b>Tues.,<br/>Jan. 23</b>  | Last day of regular scheduled classes for grade 9 students. |   |  |
| <b>Wed.,<br/>Jan. 24</b><br><br><b>8:40 am</b><br>(Please plan to arrive at least 10 min. early) | Math<br>Part A<br><br>Rm.<br>234/235                        | HB pencil(s), book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not use</b> a calculator, dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices, smartwatches and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b>  | - 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 9:20 am.<br>- 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 come to school on this day.</b>   |
| <b>Thurs.,<br/>Jan. 25</b>   | Math<br>Part B<br><br>Rm.<br>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 <b>may not use</b> a protractor, dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices, smartwatches and bags/backpacks are not allowed – please leave these in lockers during the exam.</u></b> | - 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 10:00 am.<br>- 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 come to school on this day.</b>  |

| Date/<br>Time   | PAT<br>Exam/<br>Rm #  | Materials to Bring for Exam  | Notes   |
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| <b>Fri.,<br/>Jan 26</b><br><br><b>8:40 am</b><br>(Please plan to arrive at least 10 min. early)   | LA Part B<br><br>Rm.<br>234/235                                     | HB pencil(s), book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not use</b> a dictionary, a thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices, smartwatches 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 10:00 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 come to school on this day.</b></li> </ul>      |
| <b>Mon.,<br/>Jan. 29</b><br><br><b>8:40 am</b><br>(Please plan to arrive at least 10 min. early)  | Science<br><br>Rm.<br>234/235                                       | HB pencil(s), calculator, book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not use</b> a dictionary, a thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices, smartwatches 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 10:00 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 come to school on this day.</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Tues.,<br/>Jan. 30</b><br><br><b>8:40 am</b><br>(Please plan to arrive at least 10 min. early) | Social Studies<br><br>Rm.<br>234/235                                | HB pencil(s), book or magazine to read if done exam early. Students <b>may not use</b> a dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference materials. <b><u>Personal devices, smartwatches 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 10:00 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 come to school on this day.</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wed.,<br/>Jan. 31</b>  | <b>No School - PD Day</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Thurs.,<br/>Feb. 1</b>   | <b>All students return to school. First day of second semester.</b> |  |   |