

Dear Students,

I hope you are well and managing these challenging times. I wanted to share a short update with you about a few school related items.

As you know, all schools remain closed until April 5th, 2020. There are many questions about what happens after that date. We will continue to keep you updated on this as more information becomes available.

EQAO Assessments

All EQAO Assessments have been cancelled for this school year. This includes students in grades 3, 6 and grade 9, along with the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

If you are graduating this year, the Government of Ontario has announced that you do not need to complete your OSSLT requirement to graduate.

If you are not graduating this year, you can write your OSSLT next school year.

Learning Resources

Many students may want to find ways to learn while at home. We will be working to put together some online resources you can use to continue to learn. Stay tuned for more.

Get Active

Don't forget to exercise! Go outside, get active, dance, go for a walk or hike with your family and explore nature.

Kids Help Phone

You probably have more questions. We are working to get information for you as soon as possible.

This can be a stressful time. The Kids Help Phone is available if you need to speak to someone 24/7 from anywhere in Canada, via [phone](#), [text](#) or [online chat](#).

The service is available to youth across Canada dealing with any issue, big or small. All conversations are confidential. You can visit their page on COVID-19 here: <https://kidshelpphone.ca/get-info/were-here-for-you-during-covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

Follow official sources for information

If you have questions about COVID-19, it's important to look to official sources for the latest updates and health guidance, visit:

- [Ottawa Public Health](#)
- [Ontario Ministry of Health](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

We will continue to provide updates. Please stay well and don't forget to wash your hands, cough into a tissue or elbow, avoid touching your face, and stay home and practice social distancing so we all can do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Kindest regards,

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