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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether or not students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students in grade 10 will have the opportunity to take this test on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Grade 11 students who are rewriting the test will also write on that day.

Last June, all grade 9 students participated in a practice literacy test. Specific feedback was given to students and parents regarding the reading and writing components of the practice test. Should you be concerned about your child's literacy skills based on those results, or based on your child's level of literacy as expressed by his/her teachers, we recommend the following program.

In February, we will be starting after school literacy classes for students who need extra instruction and support to develop their level of literacy and prepare for this test. These classes are free of charge and are available to students in grades 9 through 11. Classes will take place here at St. John Catholic High School on Wednesdays, beginning February 5th. Classes will run from 2:30 to 4:30. Late busses will leave the school at 5:10. Spaces are limited to fifteen students per night and pre-registration is required. Once students are registered, attendance is mandatory. All materials for the literacy program will be provided. Please see the attached schedule for further details.

Should you feel that your son/daughter would benefit from this program, please fill in the registration form attached and return it to the main office by February 3, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tammy Peckham or myself.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deanne Strong
Principal

After School Literacy Program: Additional Information

After School Program – Daily Procedures

2:10 – final school bell rings
2:10 – 2:30 break
2:30 – 4:30 instructional time
5:00 – late busses depart

After School Program – Schedule

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

In the event of a snow day, the after school literacy program will be cancelled.

If your son/daughter will be absent from the after school program, please notify the main office.

Please keep this form at home for parent reference.