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Re: End of Semester 1 Procedures

Good day Governor Simcoe families,

Final Culminating Activity (FCA) Days

The District School Board of Niagara is committed to creating conditions that support all students achieving their potential and celebrating success. Below you will find information about our Final Culminating Activity (FCA) Days - these days are designed to allow students the opportunity to consolidate their learning and work toward improving their achievement through final culminating activities which may include a written exam, performance, interviews, etc., or an opportunity for students to redo a major summative assessment. All FCAs are designed in a manner to suit the nature of the subject, grade level, and course.

The final in class instructional day for students will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The next four days are dedicated to Final Culminating Activity Days:

- Wednesday, January 24 will run period # 1 FCAs
- Thursday, January 25 will run period # 2 FCAs
- Friday, January 26 will run period # 3 FCAs
- Monday, January 29 will run period # 4 FCAs

Expectations for students will vary by course and grade level. Certain courses will have final evaluation tasks that students must attend. The chart below shows which courses (by grade and pathway) MUST attend on the FCA scheduled day.

Junior Courses - Grade 9 and 10

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are no scheduled exams for any grade 9 courses. ● Students will be notified by their teacher, on an individual basis if they are required to attend on the scheduled FCA day to complete work to improve their achievement/progress towards earning their credit. ● If a student is not required but wishes to attend to bump up their mark on major summative assessments (as determined by their teacher), they are permitted to do so.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only students taking grade 10, academic math (MPM 2D) are required to write an exam on the scheduled day. ● There are no scheduled exams for any other grade 10 courses. ● For courses where there is no exam scheduled, students will be notified by their teacher, on an individual basis if they are required to attend on the scheduled day to complete work to improve their achievement/progress towards earning their credit. ● If a student is not required but wishes to attend to bump up their mark on major summative assessments (as determined by their teacher), they are permitted to do so.

Senior Courses - Grade 11 and 12

Pathway	Open & Workplace	College, University, Mixed
11 & 12	<p>There are no scheduled exams for grade 11 or 12, Open and Workplace pathway courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will be notified by their teacher, on an individual basis if they are required to attend on the scheduled day to complete work to improve their achievement/progress towards earning their credit. ● If a student is not required but wishes to attend to bump up their mark on major summative assessments (as determined by their teacher), they are permitted to do so. 	<p>All grade 11 and 12, College, University, or Mixed pathway courses are required to have an exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students must attend on their scheduled FCA/exam day.

During these 4 FCA days, there are no instructional classes and students are able to go home after they have completed their FCA. Please note, buses continue to run on the normal schedule and there will be quiet, supervised study spaces available in the library and cafeteria.

We encourage students and parents/guardians to reach out to teachers if you have any questions about the student's progress or achievement or questions surrounding these FCA days.

As part of the DSBN's new Strategic Plan Redefining Excellence we value the uniqueness of each individual and believe everyone can excel and achieve excellence. These Final Culminating Activity Days are designed to do that for each student.

Sincerely,
T. Thompson