

# Principal's Report Jan 2024

## Final Evaluations / Exams

Final Evaluation / Exam Days began today, Wednesday, January 24th and end on Tuesday, January 30th. Expectations for students will vary by course and grade level.

On these mornings, students may have an exam (Grade 11 and 12 only), a task/interview, or other optional opportunities for all students to improve their achievement.

Should final evaluations/exams be postponed because of inclement weather, the "bump and slide" principle will apply; each day's exam/task will be written one day later than originally scheduled. Should this occur, students must be available to write all of their exams. Official inclement weather days occur when all school buses are cancelled in the OCDSB.

- interviews
- performance tasks
- collaborative learning tasks (e.g., Thinking Classroom tasks, curated gallery walks, group interviews, etc.)
- practical demonstrations, technical projects, and/or laboratory investigations
- individualized non permanent surface work with observations and conversations with direct instruction

## Sem 2 Start up

Jan 31st is a PA, so there is no school for any students.  
The first day of semester 2 is on Thursday, Feb 1st.

## Sem 2 Timetables and Course Changes

- Students have received a paper copy of their Semester 2 timetable (last week on Friday)
- If you require a timetable change, please sign up to be seen by your Guidance Counsellor [using this link](#) OR sign up on a chromebook in Guidance before school, at lunch and after school.
- Not all timetable change requests will be possible. We will be prioritising students who are missing prerequisite or compulsory courses, and courses impacting student pathways.
- Students are to attend the classes on their schedule until they are called and can be seen by a guidance counsellor.

## **Cafeteria Update**

- We are hopeful that the cafeteria will be open within the first 2 weeks of Semester 2.
- The delay was caused by a staffing issue with Chartwell's who are the organization that provides cafeteria services throughout the board. This has now been resolved.

## **Black Excellence Day**

- While Black Excellence is 365 days a year , this day is an additional opportunity to celebrate the joy, resilience, contributions, and achievements of Black people in our communities and around the world.
- The Black Excellence club created a video shown in all classes, had music, interactive activities, and a display celebrating works of literature and media by Black creators set up in the lobby during lunch. There were free Black Excellence pins given out.

## **Course Selection**

- Course selection will begin in mid- February. Guidance will be providing an information session to students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 on February 13th. The information/slideshow will be posted on our school website afterwards.
- Neerja Malhotra, VP, will provide more information about the process now and answer questions.