



St. Francis of Assisi Middle School

May 8, 2024

Dear Grade 6 & 9 Parents;

We hope that this letter finds you and your family well. In May & June, students here at St. Francis of Assisi Middle School will write year-end final exams and provincial achievement tests in four subject areas: English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

In English Language Arts (ELA), exams consist of two parts, typically written in May. However, for Grade 6 ELA, the PAT has been discontinued due to the new curriculum. Instead, students will participate in Field Tests, providing valuable feedback to the government while experiencing exam conditions without risk. Grade 6 teachers will administer these Field Tests this month to help students prepare for their final exam, fostering increased confidence. Two weeks later, Grade 6 students will undertake an in-class final writing assessment.

Similar Field Tests will be conducted for Grade 6 Math, with the Part A Field Test also scheduled for May. The grade 9 ELA Part A exam will continue as usual. Further details about assessments in June will be provided closer to the date.

Monday, May 13	Grade 9 ELA Part A Exam (written response)
Wednesday, May 15	Grade 6 ELA Part A Field Test (written response)
Wednesday, May 22	Grade 6 ELA Part B Field Test (comprehension)
Wednesday, May 29	Grade 6 ELA Part A Exam (written response)
Thursday, May 30	Grade 6 Math Part A Field Test (operations)

We recognize that any test can cause anxiety for students. As a result, we work hard to ensure that the Provincial Achievement Tests are low-risk exams for students. Their classroom teachers have worked hard over the past few months to ensure that students have had many opportunities to practice and that these exams have minimal impact on their overall efforts for the entire year. [Grade 6 Parent Guide](#) [Grade 9 Parent Guide](#)

We ask that you help out at home by ensuring that your child has had a good breakfast that morning, a good sleep the night before and arrives at school on time these days. Reiterating that their BEST job is more important than obtaining a certain mark also helps to ease the stress that students can feel.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours In Christ,

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