

Waterloo Independent Secondary School

April 9, 2020



UPDATES

1. From the Ministry of Education:
 - a. The graduation requirement to complete 40 hours of community involvement is suspended for this school year. This applies to all 2019-20 graduating students. Only the community hours that have been completed will be reported on the report cards of graduating students.
 - b. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) be waived as a graduation requirement for students who are otherwise able to graduate in the 2019-20 school year.
 - c. Teachers of graduating students will be expected to provide marks for graduating students in order to meet admission requirements for post-secondary education.
 - d. Final report cards with marks will be issued.
2. Linda is expected to continue her studies so that teachers will be able to provide her with final report card marks. Teachers will communicate with Linda about the work she is expected to do and have a scheduled timeline for her to complete and submit assignments.

SURVEY RESULTS: GOOGLE CLASSROOM

1. In taking the initiative to implement Google Classroom as the management system for all courses, the school must keep in mind that **not all teachers:**
 - a. Have the same level of expertise and experience with GC.

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- b. Are using GC as their management system now.
 - c. Are confident that GC will work for their classes.
 2. There is **general agreement** that:
 - a. The school should provide time for training in order to raise the level of expertise.
 - b. Teachers will need time to support students so that they can use the system well.
 3. To support implementation, the school has asked Royce to lead the way. The implementation plan will be put **into effect next week** with more details to follow early in the week

ONLINE LEARNING - QUIZ!

The school has decided to incorporate Google Classroom and some other online technologies into teaching. As someone who is familiar with online learning, what good advice would you give the teacher about how to get started?

Which 2 statements are incorrect?

- + Students are 'digital natives' and will already know how to use the technology well.
- + Seek out experienced colleagues for advice.
- + Make sure that you use all of the features of the technology as soon as possible.
- + Make sure that you understand how to use the technology properly before teaching.
- + Think carefully about why you want to use technology in the first place. It has to be relevant and improve (or at least not hinder) the student's learning experiences.
- + Be prepared to invest a lot of time in the beginning, but efficiencies will come with experience.

Greg is exempt from taking the quiz because he knows the answers.

ENJOY the EASTER WEEKEND

