

ORCHARD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

“Home of the PATRIOTS”

Student/Parent Handbook 2016 - 2017



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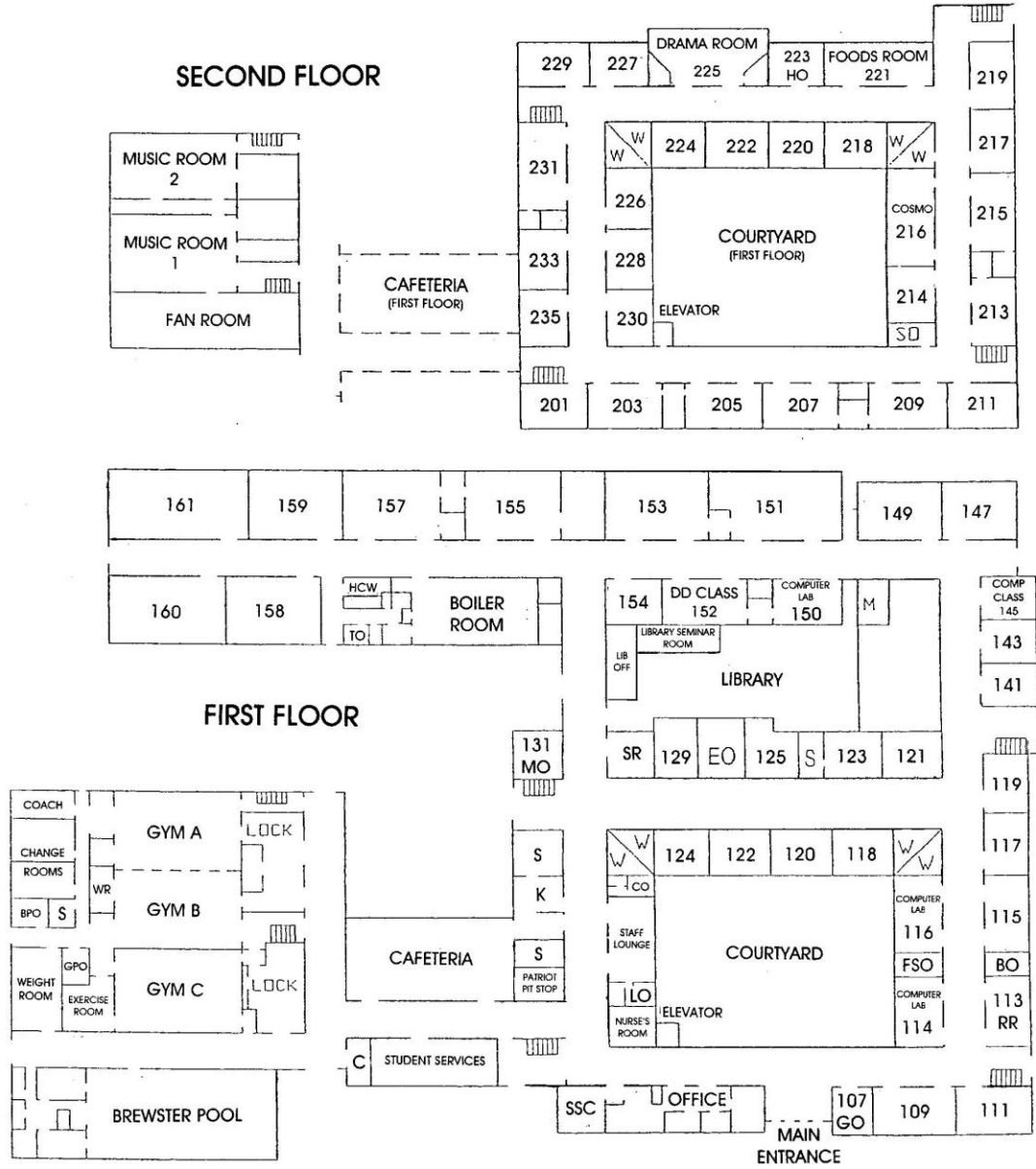
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Student Name _____

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SCHOOL MAP



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|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| BO | Business Office | LO | Languages Office |
| BPO | Boys Phys. Ed. Office | M | Maintenance |
| C | Conference Room | MO | Mathematics Office |
| CO | Co-op Office | RR | Resource Room |
| EO | English Office | S | Storage |
| FSO | Family Studies Office | SO | Science Office |
| GO | Geography Office | SR | Snoezelen Room |
| GPO | Girls Phys. Ed. Office | SSC | Student Success Centre |
| HCW | Handicap Washroom | TO | Technical Office |
| HO | History Office | W | Washrooms |
| K | Kitchen | WR | Weight Room |

SCHEDULE OF PERIODS

7:55am - Warning bell

Everyone is expected to remain quiet and still during the National Anthem and the morning announcements.

PERIOD	REGULAR DAY
Period 1	8:00 - 9:15
Break	9:15 - 9:30
Period 2	9:30 - 10:45
Period 3 (lunch)	10:45 - 11:30
Warning Bell	11:25
Period 4	11:30 - 12:45
Break	12:45 - 12:53
Period 5	12:53 - 2:08

ODD CALENDAR DAYS: Periods 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - DAY 1

EVEN CALENDAR DAYS: Periods 2 - 1 - 3 - 5 - 4 - DAY 2

PERSONAL TIMETABLE			
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ORCHARD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL STAFF

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. D. Merlino

VICE PRINCIPALS

Mr. D. Schroeder Mrs. S. Fox

Office Staff

CHURCHILL, Mrs. G.

FILICE, Mrs. D.

LAMBIE, Mrs. K.

LEEMING, Mrs. D

LEUZZI, Ms. J.



LATE & MISSED ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION POLICY

Assessment and evaluation are ongoing processes. At Orchard Park we focus on three areas for assessment: products, conversations, and observations. When dealing with products, we recognize that keeping up with work is vital for success, as descriptive feedback will instruct future learning.

All assignments **must be submitted by their due date as set by the classroom teacher, and all tests completed on the assigned test day.** If an assignment is not submitted on time or a test is missed, a mark penalty may be applied as outlined in Policy Directive 7.1 *Missing Evidence of Learning (Appendix 2)*, not to exceed 10%. Parents/guardians will then be contacted by the teacher and/or administration to negotiate a revised due date or test date, in consultation with the student and/or administration. Contact home will consist of a person to person conversation, email exchange, or letter home. A voicemail message will not suffice. **Students who do not meet the revised due date or who do not make up a missed test will receive a mark of 0 (zero).** In the event that sufficient contact is not made between the school and caregivers, student work will be accepted for evaluation, and students may negotiate a new test date up until the end of the semester. *In all cases, mitigating circumstances will be considered.*

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Education encompasses both in-class instruction and co-curricular activities. Orchard Park encourages **ALL** students to participate in sports and activities advancing their physical and personal growth and development. In representing Orchard Park, **ALL** participants subscribe to the highest standard of sportsmanship and personal conduct.

Clubs/Teams/Sports

Orchard Park provides an extensive co-curricular program with activities of interest to meet the diverse needs of the students.

Eligibility

- All students participating in athletics or any co-curricular activity must be a student in good standing.
- A student must have an “acceptable” attendance record and be punctual for all classes.
- A student may be asked to withdraw from a team or club if the above requirements are not met.

- Students transferring to Orchard Park from another school are ineligible to play sports until approved through the OFSAA transfer appeal process.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Orchard Park Code of Conduct establishes standards of behaviour that are consistent with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and the Provincial code of conduct and applies to all members of the school community. HWDSB board policy 6.3 – Code of Conduct - can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/board/policies/>

A summary of this policy is available at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/strathcona/files/2012/11/ConductPamphlet1.pdf>

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

Orchard Park administration and staff may work in several ways to try and change a student's misbehaviour while the student continues to go to school. The progressive discipline policy outlines steps that school staff will undertake when the behaviour of a student is harmful to himself or herself or harmful to others in the school.

HWDSB board policy 6.4 - Student Behaviour and Discipline can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/board/policies/>

A summary of this policy is available at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Progressive-Discipline-Pamphlet.pdf>

BULLYING

Bullying is typically a form of **repeated, persistent, and aggressive** behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause, (or should be known to cause), fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance. Orchard Park staff follows HWDSB board policy 6.2 – Bullying Prevention and Intervention, when incidents of bullying occur.

This policy can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/board/policies/>

A summary of this policy is available at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Safe-Caring-Pamphlet-What-is-Bullying.pdf>

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

Every student deserves to feel and be safe in school, on the school grounds, on the school bus and at school events and activities. At Orchard Park we know safety is essential to good learning. If a student misbehaves, the Principal decides on what steps to take to help the student improve his or her behaviour. These steps may include suspension or expulsion. HWDSB board policy 6.4 - Student Behaviour and Discipline outlines the process that is followed when a student is suspension can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/board/policies/>

A summary of the school and board's suspension and expulsion process along with information about the Gateway program for students on long-term suspension or expulsion can be found at:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Safe-Schools-Suspension.pdf>

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Expulsion-Pamphlet.pdf>

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Expulsion-Gateway-Program.pdf>

ACCESS TO SCHOOL PREMISES

Students and staff are permitted access any day or time during regularly scheduled school hours. All others should report to the office upon arrival.

Prohibition from Access

- anyone whose presence, in the Principal's judgement, is detrimental to the safety or well being of a person on the premises;
- person who fails to report presence in a specified manner

The Principal may direct a person to leave the school premises if he believes that the person is prohibited by regulation or under a Board policy from being there.

Visitors to Orchard Park Secondary School

Students are **NOT** to invite non-Orchard Park students to visit them on school property during the school day. Any visitor to the school must be pre-arranged through the office. All visitors to Orchard Park should **immediately** report to the MAIN OFFICE upon entering the building.

DRESS CODE

Appropriate dress is attire that is neat, clean, suited to the learning task, and in keeping with a safe, respectful learning environment. Safe and respectful learning environments allow both teaching and learning to occur. Orchard Park encourages students to take pride in their physical appearance and to dress in the interest of safety, health, suited to the learning requirements and the location of the learning and be consistent with the Charter of Rights and the Human Rights Code. No clothing, hats, or jewellery will be worn that bears any of the following: sexual or racial comments, suggestive, offensive or objectionable messages, any representation or an advertisement for alcohol, drugs or tobacco, any representation of violence.

Clothing that reveals underwear, navels or the midriff is not appropriate dress for the learning environment. Skirts and shorts should be an appropriate length for a workplace/learning environment.

A summary of the school and board's dress expectations can be found at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/safe-caring-appropriate-dress.pdf>

RESPECT FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY

As responsible citizens, students must show proper care and respect for the school property, and the property of other members of the Orchard Park community including fellow students and staff members.

Textbooks and other school material are the responsibility of the student

Student Lockers - Students are assigned **individual** lockers. **Lockers, and lock combinations are not to be switched or shared for any reason.** Students must register their **locker number, and combination lock with the school office**; failure to do so by the end of September could result in a loss of locker privileges. **Lockers are the property of the school but are the responsibility of the registered student. Valuables (phones, computers, cash, jewellery, etc.) are not to be left in lockers.** Lockers must be kept clean and free of objectionable materials, objects, pictures, etc. Students wishing to relinquish responsibility of an assigned locker **MUST NOTIFY** the office.

School Environment, including classrooms, the cafeteria, hallways, stairwells, and external properties of the school - The physical environment of the school directly reflects the Orchard Park community and special attention should be made to keep these areas free from litter. Students are expected to place garbage in the proper containers that are located throughout the school.

Lunch Hour – Students should exhibit pride for our school and our environment by placing all garbage in the containers provided both inside and outside school.

Note: **Second Floor of the school, stairwells and gyms are out-of-bounds during the lunch period.**

Student Parking - **Students are limited to parking on the NORTH side of the school near the football field.** Under no circumstances, should students park in front of the school or in assigned parking spots.

National Anthem - All movement and talking must stop during the National Anthem.

Food and Drink - No food or drink may be consumed in classes. Exceptions are permitted for special events and in Family Studies classes.

Skateboards, Bikes and Roller Blades - Skateboards, roller blades or bikes are not to be used in the school.

No Smoking Policy - No one will smoke or use a vaporizer device anywhere on school property. At all times, students will adhere to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act – Bill 199 bans smoking and the use of vaporizers on school property anywhere, by anyone, at any time. By-law officers may ticket students smoking on school property.

HWDSB PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY AND POLICY DIRECTIVE (PEDs Policy)

Personal Electronic Devices - The Teaching and Learning Everywhere document outlines Orchard Park's and HWDSB's current strategic directions with reference to using computers and electronic devices to create a personalized, collaborative inquiry based learning environment for each student. We believe these learning conditions support student achievement and well-being and prepare our students to participate effectively in our physical and digital world. **Students are responsible for the security of their devices. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen personal electronics.**

The Teaching and Learning Everywhere document can be found at:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/tle.pdf>

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend all classes indicated on their timetable, all assemblies and all special functions organized for the students during the school day.

In order to achieve academic success, attendance and punctuality are essential. The Ministry of Education's Policy on attendance states that:

Where attendance has been identified as an essential component of a course and where a student, with his/her parents, have been appropriately counselled and provided with support and direction to promote regular attendance in the course, and where the student is still unwilling to attend regularly, such a student will normally fail to achieve credit for the course.

Unavoidable Absences - Parents or guardians (or students 18 years of age or older with a signed permission form on record at the main office) are to contact the school each day the student is absent. Telephone calls should be made to the school **PRIOR to 8:00am** at **905-662-3838 ext. 300** to inform us of the absence. If you access our 24 hour Automated Phone System, press 1 and leave the student's name and reason for absence.

If a phone-call is not possible, then the student must bring a note signed by a parent or guardian to the main office BEFORE the start of the school day.

Students who do not have a Period 1 class must bring their note to the Attendance Secretary upon their return to school.

After an absence a student will not be admitted without a note from home or a telephone call from a parent or guardian and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Students, who are absent, are responsible for any work, including tests and assignments, and must make arrangements with their teachers to catch up.

Unexplained Absences/Truancy

- Progressive Discipline Steps:
1. Teacher/Student conference
 2. Teacher/Parent conference
 3. Detentions
 4. Vice-Principal/Student conference
 5. Vice-Principal/Parent conference
 6. Suspensions

Signing Out - Students who must leave school for an appointment **must bring a signed note to the attendance secretary in the office prior to the start of the school day.** They will receive an "Excuse Slip". This slip is to be shown to the teacher at the beginning of the lesson in order to be excused from class.

Dismissal from Class - Dismissal from class is a serious problem and indicates that one's behaviour has had a negative effect on classroom instruction. **STUDENTS DISMISSED FROM CLASS FOR ANY REASON ARE TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN OFFICE AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL SEEN BY A VICE-PRINCIPAL.** Teachers are to contact the office when dismissing a student from class. This regulation also applies to other disciplinary situations that occur within the school.

Automated Truant Calls/Unexplained Absences

The school will automatically deliver a voice message every evening to the residence of a student who has an unexplained absence from a class and/or for the entire school day. An automated system will be used from 5:00pm to 10:00pm every evening to contact the homes of students who have been absent for unexplained reasons.

With any computer system, the chances of error, though low, are still possible. Orchard Park will make every effort through its computer attendance system and automated truant calls to correct any errors that are detected so that each student's attendance record will be as accurate as possible.

Attendance for Students of Legal Age - Students who reach the age of 18 are considered adults. They may write their own notes. Information can only be shared between adult students and parents with the adult student's permission. Notes signed by students do not absolve them from

consequences. At the discretion of the administration, notes signed by students of legal age may be deemed “inappropriate.”

Lates to Class - As a sign of respect for others in the school, every student is expected to arrive on time for each class. Students who come late to class will be dealt with by the classroom teacher. Persistent lateness will be dealt with through progressive discipline.

Signing In Late for School - Opening exercises begin at 8:00am. Students arriving after 8:00am will be **marked late** by the teacher.

Signing Out - **Students who must leave school early for an appointment must bring a signed note from their parents to the attendance secretary before school starts.** They will receive an “Excuse Slip”. This slip is to be shown to the teacher at the beginning of the period that the student is leaving in order to be excused from class.

Signing Out Due to Illness - Students who are ill must report to the main office to sign out. The washrooms are not intended for use as health rooms. A phone call home will be made to ensure the ill student can be picked up. **FAILURE TO SIGN OUT WILL BE TREATED AS A TRUANCY.**

Students Sent to the Office - Dismissal from class is a serious problem and indicates that one’s behaviour has had a negative effect on classroom instruction. Students dismissed from class for any reason are to go directly to the main office and remain there until seen by a Vice-Principal. **Teachers are to contact the office (ext. 100) when dismissing a student from class.** Students will be refused admittance to that class until the problem is investigated and a commitment is made on their part to rectify the problem. This regulation also applies to other disciplinary situations that occur within the school. When teachers call the office to inform them that they are sending a student down, a “Student Referral Form” will be filled out by the office staff which is then passed on to the appropriate Vice-Principal.

Truancy - A student is excused from attendance at school only if the student is unable to attend school by reason of sickness or other unavoidable causes.

Students with unexplained absences will be considered truant. Truancy will result in disciplinary action. A student is truant if he/she:

- a) does not sign in or out with the attendance secretary
- b) returns to school without signing in
- c) is absent from school without prior permission of a parent/guardian
- d) becomes ill and stays in any room of the school instead of reporting to the attendance secretary
- e) does not attend a scheduled class, school function, and/or assembly
- f) receives permission to go to a certain place and does not report there

SCHOOL RESOURCES

Police Liaison Officer/Crime Stoppers - Orchard Park works in conjunction with our community police liaison officer for the safety of all students. Our liaison officers are part of the problem solving process and provide counselling to students. If needed, they will be used for investigation purposes within our school community. Crime Prevention is everyone’s responsibility. If you become aware of a crime committed at Orchard Park, you may anonymously phone Crime Stoppers at (905) 522-TIPS. You may also text Tip Off at (905) 963-0066.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Public Health & Community Services Department

Ontario Works/Income Support..... 1.877.869.8452

Sexual Health Info Line.....	905.528.5894
Child & Adolescent Services.....	905.570.8888
Community Health Bus.....	289.260.4948

Crisis Line

Assaulted Women’s Hotline.....	1.866.863.0511
Kids Help Phone (for children & teens).....	1.800.668.6868
Sexual Assault Centre.....	905.525.4162
Suicide Prevention Crisis Line.....	905.522.1477
COAST.....	905.972.8338

Counselling Services

Children’s Aid Society.....	905.522.1121
Family Services of Hamilton-Wentworth.....	905.523.5640
Alternatives for Youth.....	905.527.4469
CONTACT Hamilton.....	905.570.8888

Immigration

Immigration Inquiries.....	905.572.2787
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Shelters, Crisis Lines

Inasmuch House Crisis.....	905.529.8600	905.529.8149
Interval House Crisis.....	905.387.8881	905.387.9959
Martha House Crisis.....	905.523.6277	905.523.8895
Notre Dame Youth Hostel.....		905.308.8090

Other Services

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.....	905.525.1250
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Legal Services

Legal Aid.....	905.528.0134
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Community Information in and Around Hamilton

Hamilton-Wentworth Community Info.....	905.528.0104
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English as a Second Language Resources

Resources for members of our E.S.L. community may be found at:

<http://atwork.settlement.org/sys/atwork>

“The Newcomers” Guides to Education in Ontario is a series of handouts in 18 languages on key school topics. The guides provide information and suggestions to help parents support their son and daughter in school.

MENTAL HEALTH

Orchard Park and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is committed to creating and supporting healthy schools and workplaces. We aim to create healthy living, learning and working conditions in schools and workplaces through a broad approach that includes healthy environments, activities, programs, policies and practices. Policy 4.0 – Healthy School and Workplace Pillar –can be found at:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Healthy-School-and-Workplace-Pillar.pdf>

The board’s mental health strategy is outlined in the following document:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Mental-Health-Pre-Summit.pdf>

Where to Get Help in Hamilton

- Contact Hamilton – access to children and youth mental health services - 905-570-8888
- If in crisis, call the youth COAST (Crisis Outreach and Support Team) program - 905-972-8338

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE?

Students must earn 18 compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English
- 3 credits in Mathematics
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in History
- 1 credit in Geography
- 1 credit in the Arts
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 0.5 credit Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

- 1 additional credit in English, **or French as a Second Language, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language**, or Social Sciences and the Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies, **or Guidance and Career Education, or Cooperative Education****
- 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or the Arts, or Business Studies, **or Cooperative Education****
- 1 additional credit in Science, or technological education, **or cooperative education****

In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

- 12 optional credits***
- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- the provincial literacy requirement

A maximum of 3 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a grade 12 compulsory English course.

**A maximum of 2 credits in Cooperative Education can count as compulsory credits.

***May include up to four credits achieved through approved Dual Credit courses.

ONTARIO SCHOOL SECONDARY CERTIFICATE – 14 credits

(for students who leave secondary school without achieving diploma requirements)

- 7 Compulsory Credits -
- * 2 English
 - * 1 Canadian Geography or History
 - * 1 Mathematics
 - * 1 Science
 - * 1 Health and Physical Education
 - * 1 Arts or Technological Education

Plus 7 Optional Credits

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Student does not meet OSSD or OSSC requirements
- Recognizes achievement of student
- Accompanied by Ontario Student Transcript
- May be issued only once

Deadline for students to submit completed applications for:

- OUAC (University), **January 13, 2017**
- OCAS (College), **February 1, 2017**

Orchard Park strongly recommends that all applications be submitted by mid December.

University and College Presentations Students should check the announcement monitors for in-school University and College dates and times.

Community Service Program - All students at Orchard Park must complete **40 hours of community service** as mandated by the Ministry of Education. Students must complete their “Community Involvement” forms and submit them to Student Services to demonstrate completion of this graduation requirement. This service can be started/completed in the summer before a student enters grade 9.

Student Transcript (OST) - The Student Transcript is part of the Ontario Student Record which is kept in the Guidance Office.

The OST will include:

- full disclosure for grade 11 and 12. The full disclosure date for all courses is 5 school days after mid semester point.
- highest achievement in successfully completed grade 9 & 10 courses;
- all courses taken or attempted, and credits earned for Grade 11 & 12 courses.

Check out Ontario School Counsellors Association website - www.osca.ca - Student resources for lots of useful information.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

See Orchard Park course outlines for details.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Honesty is one of the keys to personal success; it demonstrates respect for self and others and promotes a positive school atmosphere. Honesty is both a virtue and an expectation of our society and school environment. Our school’s academic policies are designed on the premise of “academic honesty”. Refer to course of study outlines for course expectations and consequences for submitting plagiarized material. If students are unclear about what might be considered plagiarism, they should discuss their questions with their classroom teacher. Only original student work will be considered for evaluation.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is theft.

Plagiarism is the wrongful use of someone else’s work, copied during a test or an exam, or copied from textbooks, newspapers, periodicals, Internet sources, other students’ work, etc., and passed off as one’s own work. In all assignments, students must acknowledge the following using the accepted documentation and citation format:

- a) someone else’s ideas or theories
- b) facts, statistics, etc. which the reader may not know or may want to check
- c) opinions which may not be generally known or accepted
- d) brief quotations using the exact words of another
- e) self plagiarism - the use of one’s own work that has previously been submitted for assessment or evaluation.

Remember, students who allow their work to be copied by fellow students are as guilty of academic dishonesty as the students who copied.

Students who are found to have plagiarized during an assessment (in full or part) will be required to meet with an administrator and a teacher to determine progressive discipline. Parents will be notified.

FINAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

1. (a) It is your responsibility to be at the examination area for the proper examination at the proper time.
(b) If you are late for an exam you will only be given the scheduled time remaining.
(c) If you are absent for an exam you will need documentation.
2. In the event of a weather/structural damage event which cancels bussing/school, all exams will be moved forward one day. Students will write the missed exam the next school day. **For example**, if Tuesday, January 26 is a cancelled school day the Period One exam will be written on Wednesday, January 27, the Period Two will be written Thursday, January 28 and so on.
3. Students will be given the opportunity to leave the exam room at the 60, 90 or 120 minute mark.
4. Bring appropriate materials and resources to the exam.
5. Academic dishonesty will be taken very seriously during the exam period.
6. School bus transportation will be running on its' regular schedule during exams.
7. All exam information and schedules will be posted in the school and on the school website.
8. Remove all items and clean-out your locker at the end of your last exam.

THE OP LEARNING COMMONS

The Learning Commons is a classroom like any other at Orchard Park. Therefore, students who visit the Learning Commons before school, during instructional periods, at lunch, during study/spare periods or after school are expected to work quietly on school related activities. Participating in any behaviour that impedes the learning of others may result in the loss of Learning Commons privileges.

A Student Card is issued to every student and it must be presented each time items are borrowed. Allowing another student to use one's Student Card is prohibited and the borrowing of items for another student is strongly discouraged, since the cardholder is responsible for all materials borrowed under his/her name. Most Learning Commons materials may be borrowed for up to three weeks and in most circumstances students may renew the items.

Students are encouraged to use the Learning Commons computers for research, for class work and for the completion of homework. Once students are issued computer user I.D.s and passwords they must use only their own user I.D. and password to gain entry to the Board's computer system. Allowing other students to use one's user I.D. and password or using the user I.D. and password of another student may result in the loss of computer privileges for both students. Also, using the lab's computers for activities not related to course curriculum is prohibited and may result in the suspension of computer passwords.

Printing and photocopying are also available to students in the Learning Commons.

For more information on Orchard Park's Learning Commons visit the Learning Commons web page at: <http://schools.hwdsb.on.ca/orchardpark/student-services/library/>

Textbooks, Learning Commons Materials and other School Items

Students who borrow Learning Commons materials, textbooks and other school items are responsible for those items and must return them by the designated due dates and/or before the end of each semester.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 8	First day of School - Welcome Back!
September 16 - 7:00pm	School Council Meeting in Library
September 18	Grade 9 Fun Day
September 22	School Pictures
October 12	Thanksgiving Day
October 16	Preliminary Reports Sent Home
October 16	Picture Retakes
October 22 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 23	Jr. Formal at Liuna Gardens
November 4	“Take Our Kids to Work” Day
November 4 - 8:30am	Academic Awards Assembly
November 17	Online OSSLT
November 20	Mid-Semester Reports Sent Home
November 20	Sr. Formal at Liuna Gardens
November 24	Online OSSLT
November 24 – 6:30pm-8:30pm	OP Grade 8 Information Night
December 14-17 (by appointment only)	Graduation Pictures
December 17 - 7:30pm	Holiday Music Concert
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break
January 12 – 6:30pm - 8:30pm	OP Grade 9 Option Sheet Information Night
January 15	Due Date for All Assignments
January 22	Closure Date for All Assignments
January 26-29.....	Examinations
February 1	Exam “Make-Up” Day
February 2, 3	P.A. Days
February 4	Semester 2 Begins
February 12	Semester 1 Report Cards Sent Home
February 15	Family Day
February 16-18 (by appointment only)	Graduation Picture Retakes
February 19	Pictures Taken for New Students
February 24 – 9:45am	Grad Information Meeting in Cafeteria
March 11	Preliminary Reports Sent Home
March 14-18	March Break
March 23 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 25	Good Friday
March 28	Easter Monday
March 31.....	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)
April 15	OP Inside Ride for Cancer
April 29	Mid-Semester Marks Sent Home
May 23.....	Victoria Day
May 27.....	Graduation Prom at Grand Olympia
June 2 - 7:30pm.....	Spring Music Concert
June 3, 4.....	OP 50 th Reunion Celebrations
June 10	Due Date for All Assignments
June 17	Closure Date for All Assignments
June 20-28.....	Examinations
June 29 – 7:00pm.....	Commencement at Grand Olympia
June 29, 30.....	P.A. Days