



Good day Collegiate students and families:

We wish to communicate about the end of semester 1 procedures. 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 & course.

The final in class instructional day for students will be Wednesday, January 21st, 2026. The next four days are dedicated to Final Culminating Activity Days.

- Thursday, January 22 will run **period 1** FCA / Exams starting time - 8:10
- Friday, January 23 will run **period 2** FCA / Exams starting time - 8:10
- Monday, January 26 will run **period 3** FCA / Exams starting time - 8:10
- Tuesday, January 27 will run **period 4** FCA / Exams starting time - 8:10
- Friday, January 30th will be the **start of SEMESTER 2**

Expectations for students will vary by course & grade level; certain courses will have final evaluation tasks such as final exams, interviews, portfolio presentations, etc. that students must attend. **This information will be shared with the students by their subject teacher & will be clearly indicated in the Final Culminating Activity Days schedule that can be found [here](#).**

If the student does not have a scheduled Final Culminating Activity on one of these 4 days (as outlined in the schedule distributed by the school), all students are able to come in to work with their teacher during that period to consolidate their learning, celebrate their success, and improve their achievement by either completing outstanding work or redoing a major summative assessment from throughout the course. Teachers will be available in the school on all FCA days, even if there is no scheduled final instructional activity for that class, to work with students.

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 cafeteria and library, where students can study and be supervised.

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 DSN'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,

Ms. C. Piovesana
Principal