



Thursday, April 19, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians of Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School  
Grade 10 Students,

**Trustees:**

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(Student Trustees)*

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about a change coming to our Grade 11 English courses, effective September 2018.

As part of our school board's commitment to enhancing our students' experiences with Indigenous education, and in line with provincial and federal priorities, Grade 11 students at Thomas A. Stewart SS will access a new credit program to fulfill the mandatory Grade 11 English requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The new English courses will feature the works of a range of Indigenous authors and playwrights, be delivered in an innovative and modern mixed media format, and will include issues-based curriculum. For the first year of delivery, class sizes will be reduced (with the support of increased Ministry funding for this particular program).

The attached Questions and Answers document has more specific information about the new Grade 11 English courses.

We are excited to extend this innovative opportunity and know that our students will benefit from these courses by being equally prepared, if not more so, for future educational and life experiences.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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