

# Last-minute tips on writing exams

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If all is fair in love and war, and war is hell, is it therefore safe to assume all is fair in hell? And if so, why is hell called hell, if everything there is fair? Is this logical? Or is this just another example of typically tricky questions students must ponder as they prepare for a host of equally challenging exams?

Yes folks, this past week saw Stouffville's industrious youth fill their heads with factual, yet generally useless, information as they ready themselves for next week's annual set of exams.

Seeing this schoolwide unification towards a common aim, I thought it only fair (for a definition of fair and its place in today's society, see above,) to provide some last-minute pointers to SDSS students in preparation for the big week.

Tip 1) Studying: For those of you who are undergoing this difficult process, I highly recommend you have a large supply of calorie rich

foods close at hand, (ideally on top of your notebooks).

It's a proven medical fact eating approximately three bags of potato chips, (covered in dill pickle dip,) every hour while studying, will not only confirm whether you're pregnant or not, but will also increase your learning capacity by at least, oh, say 0.001 per cent.

Also, I recommend if you've already mastered the Stouffville Pen Trick, (which involves rolling a pen across all four fingers and then catching it with your thumb,) take up some other trick involving super human dexterity to keep your hands from being bored.

Like picking up M & Ms with chop-

sticks for example. I've actually become quite good at it, and this way, even if I fail my exams, I'll be able to impress my family and friends with my new found skills.

Tip 2) Pre-Exam Jitters: Once again, perpetual activity, which drives other people crazy to watch, is the key. If you smoke, I advise you stock up.

If not, take up some activity which is utterly mindless, but from which you derive immense satisfaction. Cartoon watching (Tom and Jerry, Batman and Thunder Cats are popular favorites,) pacing, speed-talking and co-ed ping-pong are all excellent past-times and are proven remedies.

Tip 3) Writing the Exam: Avoid sitting at the back of the gym. It's too cold back there. Avoid sitting at the front of the gym. Teachers will watch you as you write, occasionally calling for a second opinion. "Hey Joe, come here and get a look at this."

Avoid sitting in the middle of the gymnasium because that's where all people with January sniffles sit. Similar in theory to Chinese Water Torture, (the constant repetition of any annoying, not to mention, disgusting sound,) sitting near a victim of the January sniffles is guaranteed to either destroy your concentration or drive you legally insane. Also, avoid verbally invoking the

aid of a deity during the exam. Teachers are generally not impressed when a cry of "Help me God," splits the silence of the gym.

Tip 3) After the Exam: Depending on how you did, either (a) plan your migration to Upper Mongolia, or (b) call all relatives and remind them you just wrote your exams and will call them back with the results.

This subtle reminder will let them know you really worked hard and deserve a \$50 bonus — from each of them.

Enjoy the rest of your holidays and when you come back to school, I promise I'll be cured of my present lunacy and will write more sensible articles.

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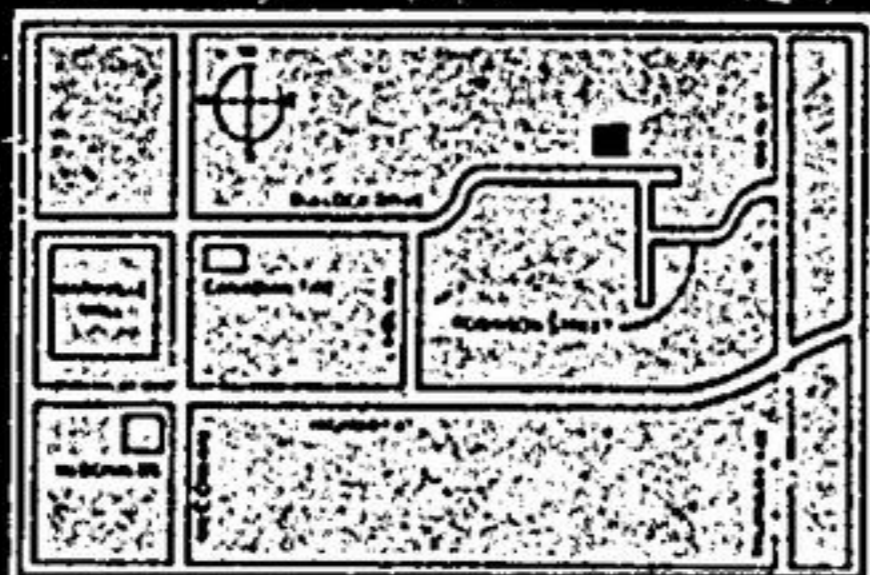
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