

WATERLOO REGION HIGH SCHOOL SOS

For the 2008-2009 school year, a new chapter of Students Offering Support was created to support the high school students in the Waterloo Region prepare for final exams in January and June, called Waterloo High School SOS.

By leveraging the existing volunteer network of Laurier SOS and the support of Wilfrid Laurier University, a team of 50 student volunteers was put together to run SOS's Exam-AID group review sessions for 16 High School courses primarily in Math and Science from grades 9 through 12.

Over the course of our January pilot of 6 courses, and the June launch of 16 courses, we tutored over 173 different students (see breakdown to the right), raised over \$4,500 for the community centers we are building in Costa Rica and Honduras (by asking for a \$25 donation to attend).

The student's loved how relatable the student instructors were and found the package / materials that were provided at the session and in our take-home workbook packages very useful.

"Extremely helpful in trying to understand the ecology unit, able to explain concepts again and again until i finally understood" - Biology, 12

"Eric was very pleased with the course and enjoyed the small group and personal attention. Adam spoke in a way they understood." - Math, 9

"Awesome communication and gave good examples (ie Katy Perry) that made each chapter a lot easier to understand." - Data Management, 12

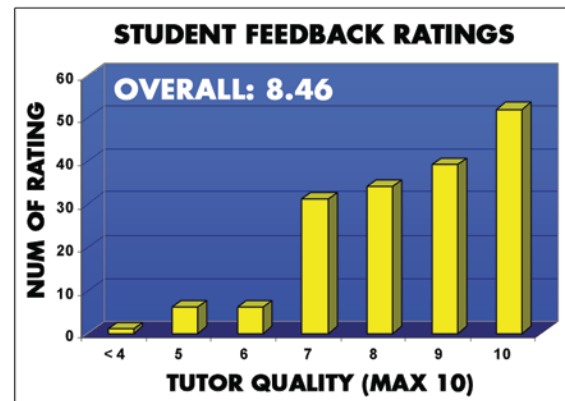
Having gained the support of the Catholic School Board, been placed on the Public School Board's internal system, and featured on various local media (CTV News, ProvinceWide, Rogers 'Daytime', The Record), we are looking forward to continuing to support more students in the region for the upcoming year.

If you are interested in helping out as an academic course advisor, on our Waterloo High School advisory board, or as a sponsor of the initiative, feel free to contact us @ highschool@lauriersos.com



ABOVE: Grade 11 Functions Session

SCHOOL	STUDENTS
Bluevale C.I.	43
St. Benedict Catholic School	29
Forest Heights C.I.	28
St. Marys High School	24
St. David Catholic School	19
Waterloo C.I.	16
Monsignor Doyle Catholic School	13
Resurrection Catholic School	13
Sir John A. Macdonald S.S.	12
Cameron Heights C.I.	10
Elmira District S.S.	9
OTHER SCHOOL	8
Eastwood C.I.	4
Huron Heights S.S.	2
Jacob Hespeler S.S.	2
Grand River C.I.	1
Kitchener-Waterloo C.&V.S.	1
Southwood S.S.	1



BELOW: Grade 12 Chemistry Session

