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## **ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC RELEASES RESULTS FOR GRADE 3 AND 6 EQAO; GRADE 9 MATH; AND GRADE 10 OSSLT ASSESSMENTS**

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the school, board and provincial results for the 2016-2017 Grade 3 and 6 assessments for reading, writing and mathematics.

“Our students continue to demonstrate strong performance on these assessments for reading and writing, which is at or above the provincial average in both Grade 3 and 6,” says Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education for elementary curriculum.

Although the Board’s results for math have moved above the province in Grade 3, there is still clearly work to do to help bring more of our Grade 6 students to the provincial standard.

“Our teachers, principals and support staff continue to make math a priority and are working to ensure progress in this area,” says Mr. Callaghan. “We appreciate their ongoing efforts.”

The tables below summarize the St. Clair results.

Grade 3	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	77	74	78	73	64	62

Grade 6	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	79	81	79	79	39	50

EQAO has also released results for the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), which are summarized in the charts below.

### *First-Time Eligible*

	St. Clair	Province
2017	83%	81%

### *Previously Eligible*

	St. Clair	Province
2017	73%	49%

“We are pleased with the results of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, where St. Clair Catholic student performance remains solid, with both first-time eligible and previously eligible students scoring above the provincial average,” says Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Education for secondary curriculum. “Our previously eligible results are especially strong at a full 24 percentage points above the provincial average.”

EQAO Results for Grade 9 math are summarized in the chart below.

Grade 9 Mathematics	Applied		Academic	
	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	57	44	76	84

“There was a concerted focus at the secondary level to increase the achievement of students studying in the applied stream,” says Mr. Johnson. “These efforts have yielded results, with students scoring 13 percentage points above the provincial average – an improvement of 17 percentage points over the previous year.”

“The data shows that we are having some success in moving our students towards the provincial standard in Grade 9 math,” says Mr. Johnson.

EQAO report summarizes achievement in four levels:

- Level 4 – exceeding the provincial standard
- Level 3 – meeting the provincial standard
- Level 2 – approaching the provincial standard
- Level 1 – performing significantly below the provincial standard

Data from all EQAO assessments is analyzed annually and used to develop improvement plans, under the direction of the K-12 Catholic Learning Services team. School principals and staff will also be required to report their improvement plans to the Board, based on the results of the 2016-2017 assessments.