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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC RELEASES ANNUAL EQAO RESULTS

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the school, board and provincial results for the 2011-2012 Grade 3 and 6 assessments for reading, writing and mathematics; and for Grade 9 academic and applied mathematics.

"St. Clair Catholic students continue to be among the top achievers in the province," says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. "We believe that EQAO provides important statistical data; however, it is only one indicator of student success. As with any data, EQAO must always be viewed over time and in comparison with other statistical indicators of student success."

The 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

In May 2012, when the assessments were conducted, there were 648 students who participated in Grade 3 and 646 students from Grade 6, who completed the assessment.

The tables below summarize the St. Clair and provincial results.

	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
Grade 3		St.		St.		St.
	Prov.	Clair	Prov.	Clair	Prov.	Clair
Percentage of students who						
exceeded, or met the provincial	66	64	76	80	68	73
standard						
(Levels 4 and 3)						

	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
Grade 6	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair
Percentage of students who exceeded, or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	75	71	74	72	58	61

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The Grade 9 mathematics assessments were conducted at the end of each semester during the 2011-2012 school year. A total of 624 students were eligible to write the assessments, with 423 in the academic course and 201 in the applied.

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	Apj	olied	Academic		
Grade 9 Mathematics	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	44	53	84	85	

"Our results show that St. Clair Catholic is on the right track and that our programs and methods to help students learn are working," says Mr. Wubben. "We want to thank our teachers, school administrators, support staff and curriculum leaders for helping our students to achieve their best."

The data from the EQAO assessments will be analyzed and will be used to develop improvement plans, under the direction of the Curriculum Services and Learning Services teams. School principals and staff will also be required to report their improvement plans to the Board, based on the results of the 2011-2012 assessments.