



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
*Lighting the Way – Rejoicing in Our Journey*

# MEDIA RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

**Catholic Education Centre**  
420 Creek Street  
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4C4  
Telephone: 519-627-6762  
Facsimile: 519-627-8230  
Website: [www.st-clair.net](http://www.st-clair.net)

**Director of Education**  
Dan Parr  
519-627-6762, ext. 10241  
E-mail: [media@st-clair.net](mailto:media@st-clair.net)

**Chair of the Board**  
John Van Heck  
519-627-2908

For further information regarding  
this release, please contact:

**Superintendents of  
Education**  
Laura Callaghan – Elementary  
519-627-6762, ext. 10282  
[laura.callaghan@st-clair.net](mailto:laura.callaghan@st-clair.net)

Scott Johnson – Secondary  
519-627-6762, ext. 10282  
[scott.johnson@st-clair.net](mailto:scott.johnson@st-clair.net)

**Supervisor –  
Communications and  
Community Relations**  
Todd Lozon  
519-627-6762 Ext. 10243  
[todd.lozon@st-clair.net](mailto:todd.lozon@st-clair.net)

## **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 2015-2016 Grade 3 and 6 assessments for reading, writing and mathematics.

“These results demonstrate strong performance 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.

Results for math however, as is the case with math scores across the province, need work.

“The Ontario Ministry of Education recognizes that math scores across the province are not where they should be,” says Mrs. Callaghan. “Like all boards in Ontario, we are aiming for improved achievement in math by implementing the ministry’s new provincial math initiative.”

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)	74	72	75	74	59	63

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)	82	81	80	80	40	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*

	Province	St. Clair
2016	81%	79%

### *Previously Eligible*

	Province	St. Clair
2016	49%	93%

“St. Clair’s results for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test remain solid,” says Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Education for secondary curriculum. “We are especially pleased with the performance of our previously eligible students, who scored a full 44 percentage points above the provincial average.”

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

Grade 9 Mathematics	Applied		Academic	
	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	45	40	83	79

“These results themselves do not tell the whole story,” says Mr. Johnson. “By digging deeper into the data, we have uncovered some important success stories.”

For example, in the academic assessment 12 percent of the students who did not meet the provincial standard in Grade 6 math, did achieve the standard in Grade 9; and in the applied stream, 26 percent of students who didn’t achieve the provincial standard in Grade 6 rose to meet the standard in Grade 9.

“This data shows that we continue to close gaps in student achievement and to move our students towards meeting the provincial standard in mathematics,” says Mr. Johnson. “Clearly our work is not finished, but we are on the right track.”

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 2015-2016 assessments.