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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 2017-2018 Grade 3 and 6 assessments for reading, writing and mathematics.

“From our classroom educators and support staff to our system literacy and numeracy specialists, I want to say a special ‘thank you’ to everyone in our system who supports student learning and achievement,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education.

“It is important to remember that EQAO data is just one statistical indicator of student achievement and that the assessments must be viewed in correlation to other student achievement data,” says Mrs. Crawford.

“Math continues to be our focus, as we continue to support our schools through our math facilitators,” says Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education for elementary curriculum.

Professional Development Days in October and November will have a math focus. In addition, the Board’s recent summer *Refresh* conference for educators offered multiple sessions on math and was well-attended.

“We will be incorporating the new Ministry Teachers’ Guide into learning opportunities this year, which aligns well with the work we have supported across our system in the past two years,” says Mrs. Callaghan.

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)	75	75	72	72	61	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)	84	82	81	80	44	49

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

***First-Time Eligible***

	<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>Province</b>
2018	76%	79%

“As a system, we continue to seek innovative ways to improve adolescent literacy, with support from our student success, special education and regular classroom teachers,” says Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Education for secondary curriculum.

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

<b>Grade 9 Mathematics</b>	<b>Applied</b>		<b>Academic</b>	
	<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>Prov.</b>	<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>Prov.</b>
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	53	45	85	84

“We are putting considerable effort into changing the classroom learning environment for math to one that involves increased expectations for every student,” says Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Education for secondary curriculum. “As a result of these changes in teaching strategy, we are seeing increased engagement and improved student achievement.”

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

School principals and the K-12 Catholic Learning Services Team will analyze the data generated by EQAO assessments to develop school and Board improvement plans.