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

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The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the school, board and provincial results for the 2018-2019 Grade 3 and 6 assessments for reading, writing and mathematics.

Primary and junior literacy scores continue to be strong at St. Clair Catholic, with students in Grades 3 and 6 achieving above the provincial average in reading and writing. Primary math remained quite consistent across the province and Board with a decrease of three percentage points provincially and a one percentage point drop for St. Clair Catholic. Grade 3 math remains above the provincial average, with twelve schools across the system demonstrating growth this year in the Grade 3 EQAO assessments. In Grade 6, 10 St. Clair Catholic schools demonstrated growth in math scores; however, despite those improvements the Board average fell and is below the provincial average.

“Junior math will be a system focus for St. Clair Catholic in 2019-2020,” says Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education. “We have developed an action plan that outlines our strategies to improve student performance and also student attitudes towards math.”

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)	79	74	71	69	59	58

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	81	83	82	38	48

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
2019	78	80

Previously Eligible

	St. Clair	Province
2019	66	50

“Our Board continues to support adolescent literacy to prepare students for pathways to apprenticeships, college, university or the workplace following graduation from high school,” says Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Education.

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)	50	44	80	84

Grade 9 Mathematics	Applied		Academic	
	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.
Percentage of students with an IEP who exceeded or met the provincial standard, <i>excluding gifted</i> (Levels 4 and 3)	48	37	78	70

“Our focus on mathematics has been to help students be successful in both the applied and academic streams, and we are pleased that students in the applied stream are exceeding the provincial average.”

The Board’s action plan will include measures to intersect numeracy across all secondary subjects and to create a culture of resiliency and high expectations in all mathematics classrooms.

“We are particularly pleased with the assessment results for students with Individual Education Plans (IEP) in the academic and applied streams, both of which exceeded the provincial average,” 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 2018-2019 assessments.