



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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2008-09 EQAO GRADE 9 MATH TEST PARENT INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 2009

In 2008-09, the students of St. Anne's and St. Michael Catholic Secondary Schools participated in the Provincial EQAO Grade 9 Math Test. All grade 9 students in Ontario were assessed in either the *applied* or *academic* level of study in mathematics.

This provincial assessment provides parents, schools and boards with a snapshot of information about students' math skills near the end of their semester of study in grade 9 mathematics. This information is very valuable because it gives parents a measure of the student's progress in relation to the provincial standard (level 3). And it gives educators some data to analyze in order to make any necessary programming changes.

Provincial, Board, and School Results*

* Percentages of students scoring at or above the provincial standard.

<i>Applied</i>		<i>Academic</i>	
Provincial Rate:	36%	Provincial Rate:	77%
Board Rate	42%	Board Rate	80%
St. Anne's	53%	St. Anne's	75%
St. Michael	34%	St. Michael	84%

We are pleased that our Board success rate exceeds the provincial rate. However, we are committed to improved performance. To achieve this, our math teachers, secondary administrators, and curriculum support team have analyzed the results. Strategies for improved performance include:

- Greater effort to ensure that our grade 8 students choose the most appropriate type of grade 9 math course;
- Increased opportunity for all students to receive "test-readiness" strategies;
- Increased teacher-collaboration on the development of effective learning and assessment strategies for math that reinforce appropriate mathematical process skills;
- Increased use of computer technology and manipulatives in our math classrooms, to facilitate improved teaching and learning;
- Increased programming for students to engage in relevant applications of mathematics that reinforce critical thinking and problem solving skills.

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- *Nurture a Christ-centred environment;*
- *Provide student-focused learning opportunities;*
- *Support the growth of the whole person.*