

January 9, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

RE: UPCOMING EQAO ASSESSMENTS

On Thursday, January 17 and Tuesday, January 22, 2019 our Grade 9 students will be taking part in the provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This assessment is administered to all students in Grade 9 applied or academic mathematics courses in Ontario's publicly funded school system.

The assessment consists of two assessment booklets, and students are given 50 minutes to complete each booklet.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, so students do not need to prepare in any special way. Students will take the assessment with their regular teachers and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

Individual student results on this assessment are private and will give you and your child an indication of his or her achievement in relation to the provincial standard. This assessment will provide you with information about your child's learning to add to the overall picture of his or her progress. Later in the next school year, EQAO will send our school a report on your child's achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time. You should also be aware that your child's results on selected sections of this test will contribute 10% towards their final mark.

Student results on EQAO assessments are an important source of information about student strengths and areas needing improvement. We can use them as a school community, along with other information, to guide our school improvement initiatives for mathematics. This benefits not only your child but all the students in the school. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you may visit the Web site www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

Cathy McCann-Kyte
Principal