

Local students best regional and provincial EQAO test results

Both public and Catholic school board students in Halton outperformed the province in Grade nine math and Grade 10 literacy according to just-released results of mandatory EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) testing done last spring.

The Grade nine mathematics assessment measures the math skills the Ontario curriculum expects students to have learned by the end of Grade nine, with different versions of the test written by Applied and Academic math students.

At Acton District High School there were 38 students enrolled in Applied math at the time of the testing last April, and 58 per cent achieved at the provincial standard of Level three, a B grade, or above. Forty-seven per cent of students Board-wide achieved at Level; three or better, ahead of the province at 44 per cent.

For the 85 students in the Academic math course, 92 per cent achieved Level three or better, equal to the Board,

and 12 points ahead of the province. The Academic math results are up seven per cent over five years ago, and the Applied math results jumped 36 per cent over 2008-2009.

The literacy skills of 33 Acton Grade 10 students lag six percentage points behind the Board, unchanged from last year at 89 per cent. Eighty-three per cent achieved Level three or better, one per cent higher than province-wide results for the literacy test, which is required for graduation.

In a press release, David Euale, the Halton Director of Education said the 89 per cent of students successful on their first attempt and success of students who write the test a second time or take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course has "virtually eliminated literacy as a barrier to graduation," Euale said, adding "we are pleased to see that 84 per cent of our students have reached a B or better standing in a test of a very vigorous math curriculum."

At press time, Acton District High School

Percentage of students who achieved a Level three, or a B, or better

Halton District School Board			
	Applied math	Academic math	Grade 10 Literacy
Acton High	58	92	83
Board	47	92	89
Province	44	84	82

Halton District Catholic School Board			
	Applied math	Academic math	Grade 10 Literacy
Christ the King	77	91	54
Board	58	90	61
Province	44	84	49

Principal Darlene White had not responded to a request for comments on her school's EQAO results.

HALTON CATHOLIC BOARD

Halton District Catholic School Board officials said its overall results indicate the Board continues to lead student achievement, and are just one indication of student

achievement and system efficiency.

At Christ the King Secondary School, the high school for many Acton Catholics, the 90 students who wrote the Applied math test achieved a Level three or better, up four points over last year and better than the Board by 19

points and better than the province by 33 per cent.

Of the 264 Academic math students at Christ the King, 91 per cent achieved at Level three or above compared with 90 per cent Board-wide, and 84 per cent across the province. The school's Academic math scores

jumped eight points over five years ago.

Fifty-four per cent of the students who wrote the Grade 10 literacy test last spring achieved a Level three or better. The Board average is 61.1, and 12 points better than province-wide achievement results.

HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES ACTON



By Julie Conroy

Members of the Acton Seniors Centre (including board members) attended the September 23 Halton Hills Council meeting. Councillor Jon Hurst talked briefly in support of the proposed expansion to the Centre, and happily, Council passed the expansion budget. It will be constructed as the same time as the second ice pad at the Acton Arena, and plans are to start in March 2014.

The Flu Clinic will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Alia Fashion show is on Wednesday, October 16 at 1:30 p.m. This is your chance to see all the lovely Fall designs and colours to give you

a head start into the winter season. As usual, our own Acton Seniors Centre members will model the clothing, so you know it will be very wearable and there will be something suitable for every age and size.

Wednesday, September 25 was the monthly trip to Rama. In the lucky seats were June Chard, Gerry Chafee and Ivan Kilby and the 50/50 was won by Wilda Tressel. The next trip will be Wednesday, October 30.

On November 1, we will have a Halloween dance at the Acton Legion. Once again Elio Anselmini will be the DJ. Everyone enjoys his selection of music and he usually has us all up dancing. There will be a light lunch. If you are interested, tickets

are available at the Centre.

Thinking of having fun, the next social dinner at the Centre is Thursday, October 17. The music will be classic jukebox with Bill Eckenswiller. On the menu are ham and scalloped potatoes, and a surprise desert. Of course, there will be the usual 50/50 and lots of door prizes.

Barb Newell was busy playing Bingo on Friday afternoon when she got the good news she had won the 50/50. She won \$119.



GREAT GOLF: Members of the Acton and Georgetown Seniors Centres recently enjoyed their annual lunch and golf date at Acton's Blue Springs course. - Julie Conroy photo

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In a world of change, come and worship the unchanging God.

- Sunday, Oct. 6 - World Communion 10:30 a.m. - Kim Petty Banks and guest from Camp "Ooch"
- Sunday, Oct. 13 - Thanksgiving Service 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 20 - Rev. R. Neil
- Sunday, Oct. 27 - Rev. R. Neil

COME JOIN US FOR

Jenny Trevail's

"Surprise" Birthday Party

SAT. OCTOBER 12th

7:00 pm

ACTON LEGION GAMES ROOM