

Halton Catholic District School Board

	GRADE 3			GRADE 6		
	Reading	Writing	Math	Reading	Writing	Math
St. Joseph	67	67	69	84	70	74
HCDSB	74	82	83	82	82	83
Province	62	70	71	72	70	61

Percentage of students achieving at Level Three or higher (Equal to a "B" or higher)

	GRADE 9	
	Academic Math	Applied Math
Christ the King	87	50
HCDSB	86	48
Province	82	41

Concerns with Catholic Grade 3 EQAO results

Administrators and teachers at St. Joseph Catholic School are "disheartened" by the decline in test results of the reading, writing and math skills of its Grade three students last spring.

Figures released by the Education, Quality, and

Accountability Office (EQAO) show Acton Catholic Primary students lagged behind their provincial and Board counterparts in reading, writing and math.

Grade three and Grade six students wrote the mandatory tests in April

and the results were released last week. Although the Grade threes at St. Joseph did not do well, the Grade six test results exceeded both the Board and provincial levels in reading, met the provincial writing results and exceeded the prov-

incial results for math, meeting the provincial standard since 2005.

St. Joseph's Vice-principal Claire Lanois, who splits her time with Holy Cross in Georgetown, said they remain "steadfast in our commitment to learning" that has helped them "maintain the provincial benchmark" for Grade six students for the past five years.

"This year in particular, we know that we need to focus on specific strategies to increase our writing scores, and overall, we're pleased with our progress," Lanois on Friday, adding they are "disheartened by the Primary (Grade three) results, and will continue to strive to improve

student learning," by looking for best practices and aligning the school improvement plan.

"In the coming weeks we are working with staff to evaluate strengths and weaknesses in our performance, and to focus upon next steps for improvement," Lanois said, adding they expected better Grade three reading results after putting in a lot of team planning and effort, including bringing in parent volunteers, to provide a lot of opportunities for reading.

In the coming weeks, Lanois said they would share the EQAO information with the parent council and the school community.

At the high school

level, 2,393 Catholic Grade nine students took one of two versions of the EQAO math test in the spring, including Acton area students who attend Christ the King in Georgetown where results for both the Academic and Applied students exceeded Board and provincial results.

Eighty-seven percent of Grade nine Academic students achieved a Level three - equal to a "B" or better - result, compared with 86 per cent at the Board and 82 per cent across the province. Fifty per cent of CTK Applied math students performed at Level three or better, compared with 48 per cent at the Board and 41 per cent across Ontario.

Letters

To All the Caring People of Acton

Thank you for your on going support of the Annual Terry Fox Run. Terry Fox is the face of cancer research. His marathon of hope, now a 30 - year legacy, continues to inspire people here at home and around the world.

The people of Acton are especially generous, as donors, organizers and volunteers. Our town's fund raising efforts quite frequently exceed communities of twice our size.

The Acton Prosperity One Credit Union team has been taking part in the run for the past sixteen years. When we started out sixteen years ago we really didn't have a specific goal in mind. Each year we tried to out do the year before. Ten years ago Mike Shepherd (CEO) brought forth a challenge. If we could

raise \$1,000 in sponsorship, the Credit Union would match that. We have been successful each and every year in meeting this challenge. This year we have raised \$1,555. This year in addition to collecting sponsors we also held a raffle, prizes were donated by: Pat Patterson - hand made blanket & knitted doll. Tim Horton - travel mugs and coffee. Gym membership - Staying Alive Gym. Jon Hurst - Terry Fox T-shirt and book. Halton Hills Furniture - wall clock and a Fall Fair Board - Family entrance pass.

"If you have given a dollar, you are part of the Marathon of Hope" - Terry Fox.

Thank you, for keeping Terry's dream alive.

Nancy Thompson

Dublin School Reunion organizers say thank you

Thank you to all the former students of Dublin School and friends of the Dublin community who came to the reunion on Saturday. Without all of you, it couldn't have happened! What a wonderful time of visiting and reminiscing and looking at pictures and memorabilia. There were students in their late 80's as well as students who attended the school the last year before it closed in June 1960. Over 50 former students as well as at least an equal number of friends and relatives attended, mostly from southern Ontario but also one student from Sylvan Lake, Alberta. It was special to have two former teachers, Marjorie (Steeper) Britton of Acton and Ina Belle (Gibson) Benjamin from London in attendance. Special thanks to those who helped to arrange the reunion, to The New Tanner for helping to publicize the reunion and printing class

pictures and to Holcim Canada (Dufferin Aggregates) who generously provided the funds to allow us to hold

this reunion. Marilyn (Kirkwood) Coxe, Dublin School 953 -1958

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