

Halton Catholic students score above provincial average

The Halton Catholic District School Board says its students continue to achieve well above provincial expectations in standard

testing. The board has released the 2012-13 assessments for reading, writing, and mathematics

in the Primary (Grades 1-3) and Junior (Grades 4-6) divisions.

Grades 3 and 6 student assessments were conducted this past spring under the auspices of the provincial Education, Quality, Accountability Office (EQAO).

Students were assessed in reading, writing and math based on expectations contained in the provincial curriculum. The assessments were evaluated on a four-level system of achievement, with Level 1 the lowest and Level 4 the highest.

The ministry has defined Level 3 as the provincial standard.

In all six categories — looking at the two grades and the three academic disciplines — the percentage of Halton Catholic board pupils achieving at Level 3 or 4 far exceeded the provincial average.

"Our teachers, school leaders, support staff and parents are all to be commended for their collective efforts in support of our students," Paula Dawson, the board's new director of education, said in a press release.

The Halton Catholic District School Board says it uses a variety of data, including the EQAO

results, to plan for instructional strategies to be implemented in the classroom.

"As we continue along our journey from great to excellent, an analysis of the data will provide an opportunity for us to review, reaffirm and revise our initiatives to respond to our student learning needs and to continue to build upon our success," added Jacqueline Herman, superintendent of education, curriculum services.

The EQAO says it is misleading to rank schools or to make individual school comparisons without taking into account a variety of factors.

To see the 2013 results for Halton Catholic board students in reading, writing and math in the Primary Division, go to http://www.hcdsb.org/News/Attachment%20Library/20122013_Primary%20chart.pdf.

To view the overall 2013 achievement results in the three academic disciplines in the Junior Division, go to http://www.hcdsb.org/News/Attachment%20Library/20122013_Junior%20chart.pdf.

Individual school results can be viewed at www.eqao.com.



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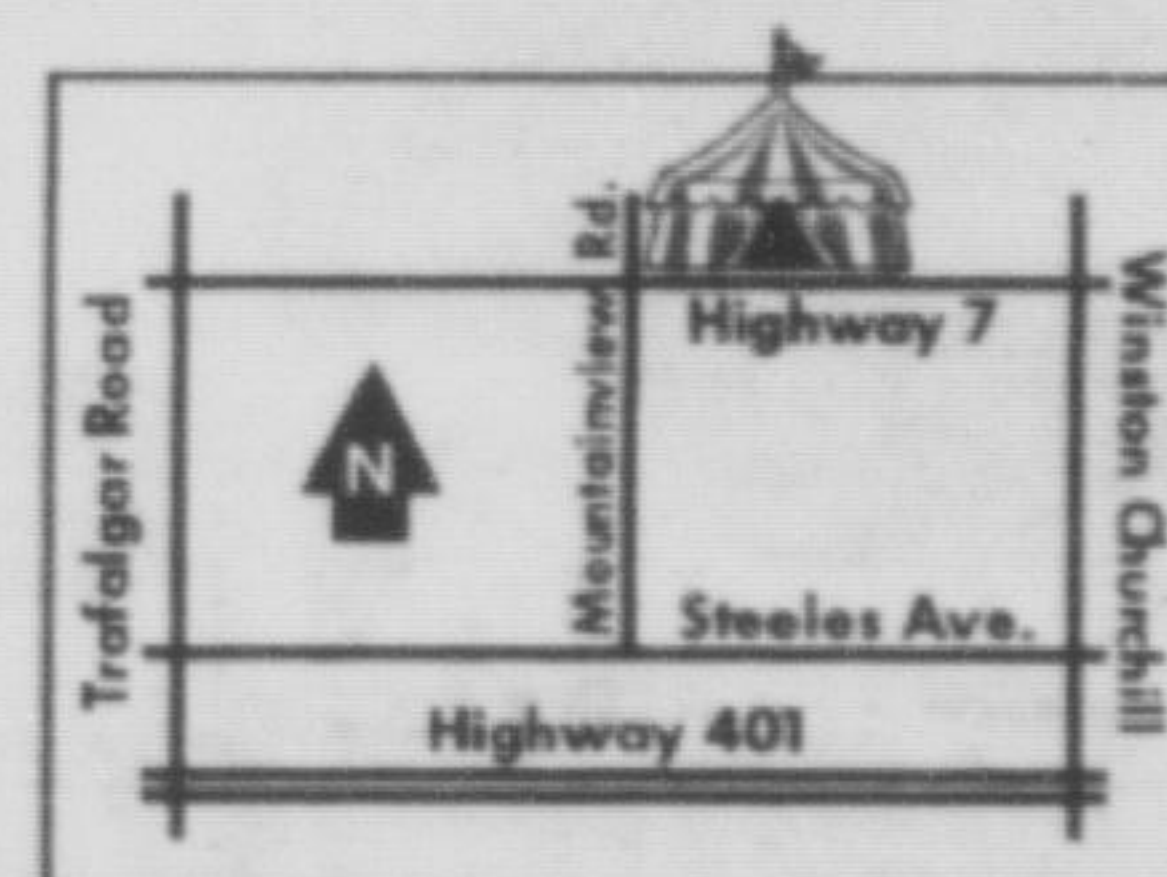
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