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## NIAGARA CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES 2021-2022 EQAO, OSSLT RESULTS

The Education, Quality, and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the Board and provincial results of primary and junior assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics, as well as the Grade 9 mathematics assessment and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) written by Grade 10 students in 2021-2022.

Niagara Catholic exceeded the provincial average in primary reading, writing, and mathematics, as well as junior writing, Grade 9 mathematics and students writing the OSSLT for the first time.

Junior students met the provincial average in reading and were behind the provincial average in junior mathematics and students who were previously eligible to write the OSSLT.

A graphic showing Niagara Catholic's 2021-2022 results are attached.

"Niagara Catholic recognizes EQAO assessments as one of many tools used to measure student achievement," said Larry Huibers, Chair of the Board. "We also recognize that student achievement is about more than score on a test. School staff work together, and with students and parents, to reinforce important concepts for students. There are always ways to improve, but I am proud of the good work we are doing to support students become strong, confident learners.

"We recognize that there have been significant challenges for students and school staff in the past three years, including learning loss throughout the pandemic, the introduction of a new math curriculum in September 2020-2021, and de-streaming Grade 9 math last year," he said. "Last year's format change in the EQAO test to an all-digital format presented some additional issues for students, particularly in the virtual school."

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano described the test results as a "new baseline" after two years of disruptions and cancelled EQAO testing.

"These results represent a new baseline for us to build upon this year and beyond, and we are committed to turning these challenges into opportunities," said Director Cipriano.

"We are moving forward and finding creative ways to support our classroom teachers. By deploying our elementary chaplains into schools, teachers have more time to work with our literacy and numeracy coaches on our Program and Innovation team to design programs for students.

"We have invested heavily in new literacy and numeracy resources and are putting them in place in our schools. And we are seeing results. Niagara Catholic's progress in bringing the Ontario Human Rights Commissions Right to Read recommendations to life was recently highlighted in an update on the progress of the Inquiry. We are confident that we will continue to move in the right direction to ensure students have the skills they need to succeed in school and in life."

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## EQAO Preliminary Assessment Results for 2021-22 (as of November 2, 2022)

percentages indicate at or above provincial standard (except for OSSLT - % successful)

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Niagara Catholic</b>	<b>Province</b>
Primary Reading	75.2	73.2
Primary Writing	70.3	64.9
Primary Math	59.2	59
Junior Reading	84.9	84.9
Junior Writing	84.5	84.1
Junior Math	43.6	47.2
Grade 9 Math	58.1	52.3
First-Time Eligible OSSLT	83.7	82.1
Previously-Eligible OSSLT	81.9	85.2

	outperforming province
	performing same as province
	underperforming compared to province