

June 4, 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This year, Halton Catholic District School Board is running Grade 9 EQAO where **all students enrolled at Assumption Catholic Secondary School in the Semester 2 Grade 9 De-streamed (MTH 1W) and Grade 9 AP Preparation (MTH 1WA) Mathematics courses will write the EQAO *Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics* during their math class exam period with their math teacher.** Please note, this assessment is not an exam, but will be used to inform your child's final grade based on their teacher's professional judgement. The result will count towards 10% of a student's final course mark.

Rationale for this trial includes the following considerations:

- Opportunity to focus exclusively on the assessment that day.
- Increased time for students to prepare for the assessment.
- Students who require extra time will not have to miss class to access additional time on the assessment.
- Students who are absent, or those who require a significant amount of extra time, can write on the exam contingency day (June 26<sup>th</sup>).

Please note that accommodations, including extra time, will be provided for Multilingual Learners and for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

The 2023–2024 EQAO *Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics*:

- is designed to allow students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to mathematics as described in *The Ontario Curriculum, Grade 9: Mathematics (2021)*.
- uses a multi-stage computer adaptive testing model that adapts to the individual student's performance as the student progresses through each session.
- will be completed online using a school device to access the platform.
- will be completed in **ONE day over the exam period** (Sessions A and B) each consisting of 27 multiple choice questions (with extra time allowances for those who have accommodation needs).
- includes a short student questionnaire following the last session.

Students will be given a practice opportunity on June 14<sup>th</sup> to become familiar with the types of questions on the online assessment and its platform through EQAO's online sample test. In addition, students will have access to other board-supported resources. After completing the assessment, results will be shared through an Individual Student Report on exam review day (June 27<sup>th</sup>).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or vice principal. Thank you for your support as we work together to support your child's educational journey.

Sincerely,



Gary Laurin  
Vice Principal