

January 10, 2018

Dear parents and guardians:

Re: EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

On January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Grade 9 students at Canterbury HS will take part in the province-wide Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. This assessment is administered to all students in Grade 9 applied or academic mathematics courses in Ontario's publicly funded school system.

The assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will write the test in their regular classrooms with their regular teachers and can prepare as they would for any other secondary school test.

The assessment consists of two test booklets, and students are given 60 minutes to complete each booklet. ***This test, or part of it, will also be graded by your child's math teacher and will count for a 10% of the final mark.***

In September 2018, EQAO will send our school a report on your child's achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time. Your child's results will give you an indication of his or her achievement in relation to Ontario's grade 9 mathematics curriculum. The report will indicate whether your child has met the provincial standard, or Level 3. This standard indicates your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, and he or she will be ready for math work in Grade 10.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

Sincerely,

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