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Dear parents and guardians:

Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessments

Our Grade 9 students, currently taking Grade 9 Mathematics, will be taking part in **the provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics** created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario. This assessment is administered to all students in Grade 9 applied or academic Mathematics courses in Ontario's publicly funded school system.

The assessment consists of two test booklets and students are given 60 minutes to complete each booklet.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers follow 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.

Both Grade 9 Academic and Applied Math classes will be taking part in the Assessment on Wednesday, January 17th and Thursday January 18th, 2018.

Please note that this test will be evaluated as their final exam. It will also be graded by your child's math teacher and count for 15% of the course mark.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

Maria McLellan
Principal