



## CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This year, we at *Christ the King Catholic Secondary School* will be administering the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. All students enrolled in Grade 9 applied or academic mathematics courses must participate. For students enrolled in semester two, the assessment will be administered on **June 10, 2009 during period one and two in the cafeteria.**

If your son or daughter has special needs, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) accommodation policy outlines the support that our school may provide. If your son or daughter is enrolled in an English as a Second Language (ESL) credit course or an English Literacy Development (ELD) credit course, EQAO's policy, *Special Provisions for Students Enrolled in ESL/ELD Programs* will apply.

In rare instances and under certain specified conditions, a student may be exempted from participation. Both parental consent and the approval of the principal are necessary.

Prior to submission of the assessment materials to EQAO, the classroom teachers will evaluate a portion of the students' work for inclusion in their final mathematics mark. This will count as 15% of their final assessment mark. In the fall, participating students will receive an *Individual Student Report* from EQAO, which will provide information on their level of achievement.

Your support will help your child in the assessment. Please reschedule any appointments that conflict with the assessment schedule. Encourage your child to do his or her best work, to come to school on time, and to be well rested.

To help students prepare for the test and reduce any stress or anxiety, *Support Materials* with sample test questions were given to your child. Teachers will be using these questions to help the students understand what they will be asked to do. In this way, the students will have a chance to become familiar with the assessment format and practice the kinds of tasks on the assessment. We encourage your child to try some of the questions over the next few days in order to prepare for the class review of these materials. **We will also be administering a mock EQAO test on Tuesday June 2, 2009 during period 1.**

The *Support Materials* are also posted on the EQAO Web site at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). You are invited to review these materials and to encourage your son or daughter to respond to some or all of the questions.

Your partnership is appreciated in supporting our efforts in creating positive attitudes and promoting student success on the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. DeSantis  
Principal