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Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic School Board students are in line with the Provincial average on the Ontario School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Results for the 2009 assessment show that 85% of the Board’s participating students passed the test on their first attempt.

On April 2, 2009, 1,304 first time eligible students and 244 previously eligible students in PVNC Catholic Secondary Schools participated in the eighth Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Provincial Assessment under the direction of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The purpose of the OSSLT is to determine whether or not students have acquired the reading and writing skills that they are expected to have learned by the end of grade 9, as outlined in The Ontario Curriculum. The test is initially written in the grade 10 year, however, unsuccessful students are expected to re-test in the following year. Successful completion of the OSSLT is one of the thirty-two requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Initially, the Literacy Test was written in the fall. Since the 2005/2006 school year, it has been written annually in the spring. We have included the results for the past five years of testing.

The following list outlines the results for each school in the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

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**OSSLT Results for April 2009**

The table shows the results for all eligible students. (Method 2)

	<b>% successful (Method 2)</b>
<b>First-Time Eligible Students</b>	
Province	85%
PVNC	85%
Holy Cross Catholic SS	84%
Holy Trinity Catholic SS	81%
St Mary's Catholic SS	86%
St Peter's Catholic SS	87%
St Stephen's Catholic SS	87%
St Thomas Aquinas Catholic SS	80%
<b>Previously Eligible Students</b>	
Province	54%
PVNC	53%
Holy Cross Catholic SS	47%
Holy Trinity Catholic SS	61%
St Mary's Catholic SS	50%
St Peter's Catholic SS	53%
St Stephen's Catholic SS	59%
St Thomas Aquinas Catholic SS	48%

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## OSSLT Results - 5 Year Trend

First-Time Eligible Students	October 2004	March 2006	March 2007	March 2008	April 2009
Province	82%	84%	84%	84%	85%
PVNC	84%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Holy Cross Catholic SS	80%	85%	88%	88%	84%
Holy Trinity Catholic SS	84%	88%	84%	83%	81%
St Mary's Catholic SS	84%	89%	81%	87%	86%
St Peter's Catholic SS	88%	92%	91%	90%	87%
St Stephen's Catholic SS	85%	85%	83%	79%	87%
St Thomas Aquinas Catholic SS	84%	64%	81%	78%	80%

Provincially, a total of 152,830 first time eligible students and 52,571 previously eligible students wrote the test.

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