



Saint Mary School

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Dear Families,

This month, students in Grades 3-7 will participate in the Terra Nova standardized testing program, which tests in both Math and Reading.

The results of these tests give information on student progress relative to a norm group. As well, the results can be used as an indication of a student's strengths and weaknesses.

Unlike the tests that your child takes during the school year from their teachers, there are no passing or failing scores on the Terra Nova tests. These tests are designed to identify differences in achievement among students.

Parents and students can use the test results to objectively measure progress in learning skills and concepts. *Teachers* use the results, along with other information and data, to help them understand their students' strengths and weaknesses. In turn, this helps to steer the class lessons more effectively. *Administrators* use the results to help understand and monitor the overall student program and to better meet students' needs.

The Terra Nova tests will take place between March 7 and March 17. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school.

Sincerely,

Greg Viceroy
Principal