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Dear Parents:

The table below is a summary of the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills administered to students in grades three, five, and seven this past March. If you have younger children and are not familiar with the standardized tests administered at St. Monica, this test is mandated by the Archdiocese. *This year we received a new 2005 normed test.*

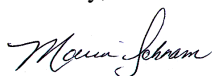
Comparisons are provided by grade level for a seven year period. Please keep in mind that **composition of classes varies from year to year so some variance in achievement should be expected.** Also, standardized testing is only one measurement of student achievement and should not be considered in isolation. The table provides the percentile rank of students at St. Monica compared to national school norms. Please do not compare your child's scores with the national school norms; as you would not be comparing similar score types.

| Grade | Year | Reading | Language | Math | Social Studies | Science | Composite |
|-------|------|---------|----------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| 3 | 2003 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2004 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2005 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2006 | 99 | 99 | 95 | 99 | 97 | 99 |
| | 2007 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2008 | 99 | 99 | 93 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2009 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| 5 | 2003 | 98 | 98 | 96 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2004 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2005 | 97 | 99 | 98 | 97 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2006 | 98 | 99 | 96 | 99 | 98 | 99 |
| | 2007 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2008 | 93 | 96 | 84 | 90 | 95 | 93 |
| | 2009 | 94 | 99 | 96 | 93 | 92 | 98 |
| 7 | 2003 | 80 | 93 | 81 | 86 | 78 | 87 |
| | 2004 | 98 | 99 | 96 | 97 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2005 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2006 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2007 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 96 | 98 | 99 |
| | 2008 | 98 | 99 | 99 | 95 | 99 | 99 |
| | 2009 | 95 | 99 | 94 | 95 | 99 | 99 |

Some additional generalizations can be made. In all three grades tested, St. Monica School has more high achieving students and fewer average and low achieving students than do most other schools in the nation. The average composite grade equivalent for St. Monica School in grade 3 is 5.8, grade 5 is 8.3, and grade 7 is 12.7. As you can see, all three grades scored well above grade level. This success can be attributed to the diligence of our students, the strong parental involvement and support of the school, and our dedicated and competent staff. We all should be very proud of our St. Monica School students!

Our newly formed standardized test committee will examine this year's data and implement goals for the coming school year.

Sincerely,



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Principal