

2012 Standardized Testing Results for St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary School

We recently received the results of the Terra Nova Assessment that our students took in March. The Terra Nova Assessment is a nationally recognized test used by both public and parochial schools. The main purpose of using a standardized testing program is to provide our school with information which will strengthen programs to help our students learn. The Terra Nova results indicate student performance and mastery of specific content objectives as compared to students of their own age and grade level across the nation.

Our students' performance on this test was exemplary! Not only did they meet and exceed national averages, they posted strong gains over last year's scores. A summary of their results follows:

- Our median national percentile scores were above the 50th national percentile, which means our scores were higher than the national average in *every* content area measured by *TerraNova, Third Edition*.
- Our median national percentile scores for the **Reading and Language** sections of the test show the majority of students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 scored above the 70th national percentile, 20 points higher than the national average.
- When compared with 2011 *TerraNova* scores, the 2012 Reading and Language scores in Grades K through 5 increased over 20 points!
- Our median scores in **Mathematics** were at least 11 points above the national average in Grades 6, 7, and 8.
- Our median national percentile scores in **Science** at most grade levels were at least 16 points higher than the national average. A comparison of 2012 *TerraNova* Science scores with 2011 *TerraNova* Science scores shows an increase in the median score at all grade levels.

Congratulations to our students, our teachers, and our parents for these outstanding results!!