



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee will be administering the standardized achievement test beginning March 1st to grades 1st-8th, as a part of their comprehensive assessment program. The new TerraNova-Complete Battery achievement tests, created by Data Recognition Corporation (DRC), includes norms developed in the year 2018 and measure student progress toward National Standards.

The information received from a norm-referenced test, such as the TerraNova, will provide St. John Catholic Academy with data that will help confirm the progress of students toward nationally recognized content standards. Analysis of the performance outcomes, together with information collected in classrooms throughout the academic year, will allow us to more effectively meet the needs of individual students and instructional groups. Additionally, this information will also help teachers assess the need for use of differentiated instructional strategies that will increase the probability that all students will be successful.

Teachers strive to utilize the best educational programs and assessments in efforts to enhance student learning. Please talk with your child about testing as one way for teachers to obtain information that will be used to improve instruction of the educational skills important to all learning. We have included in this communication, some suggestions for preparing students for the testing week.

FDOE requires that all students (including virtual) must participate in Norm Referenced testing in order for the school to meet compliance requirements. Scholarship students could be in jeopardy of having eligibility revoked if the student does not test.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Virginia Heidler, the school Testing Coordinator at: (virginia.heidler@sjseagles.org)

Sincerely,

St. John Catholic Academy Administration

St. John Catholic Academy prepares and educates students for academic success and forms disciples of Christ for life.