

Dear Parents,

Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School will be testing first through eighth graders **Monday, September 12– Friday, September 16, 2016** with the IOWA Assessment. The IOWA is a comprehensive testing program for students designed to measure the extent a child has learned, understood, and is able to apply important concepts and skills. In addition, the test can provide valuable feedback to students, parents, and schools about student progress from grade to grade. Students will be tested with a battery of tests in the fields of mathematics, reading comprehension, grammar, science, and social studies.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered **Monday, September 12 – Friday, September 16** to all grades. The CogAT is a group administered standardized test that appraises each students' verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal cognitive development. The development of these abilities, which starts at birth continues through early adulthood, is influenced by experiences both in and out of school.

The IOWA and CogAT are both set by the Fort Worth Diocese and we are expected to have all tests completed by the dates stated above. The testing time each day will be determined by the grade level team. Please ensure your child is present and on time for these test dates. Testing will begin in all classrooms at 9:00 a.m. A student entering the school building after 8:50 a.m. will not be admitted into classrooms and will have to wait until the class is finished testing, resulting in scheduling a make-up test later in the week. Make-up tests may be given the day the child returns, later in the week, or on the following Monday, September 19th. It is important that your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast throughout the week of testing.

IOWA Testing:	1-8 th grades Monday, September 12 -Friday, September 16, 2014
COGAT:	1-8 th grades Monday, September 12 -Friday, September 16, 2014
Make-up tests:	1 st -8 th grades Afternoons during the week or Monday, September 19 th .

More information about the IOWA & CogAT can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.riverpub.com/products/cogAt/details.html>

<http://docushare.lps.org/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-97823>

If you have any further questions, please contact Leah Rios or Deborah Schump.