

+Good Afternoon, QOA Families,

Thank you so much for completing the Middle States surveys promptly. During our faculty meeting yesterday we used your information, together with faculty/staff and students' responses, to complete some of our Middle States work. We are blessed with a great team here, faculty/staff, parents, and students. ***I am most grateful!!!***

Parents, as you may recall, Terra Nova testing begins on Thursday, March 11. Parents, please make every effort to be sure your child is present each day of testing. It is extremely important that seventh grade be present for this test because the Terra Nova scores are used for high school placement and for qualification for the Neumann High School Scholarship. QOA also uses Terra Nova results in planning for the following school year as you will notice in Dr. McLaughlin's letter which was sent out in a previous Option C. I have included it for your reference.

QOA will follow the required diocesan schedule and administer only one test per day. Therefore, students in grades 3 through 7 will take the test at the same time so that the school is quiet, and students have the greatest possibility of doing well. The testing will take place each morning from 8:15 - 10:15. This two-hour period includes the break times as indicated in the testing manual.

Here are some tips to prepare your child for the *Terra Nova* standardized test. Again - *Please and thank you for making sure your child is present for testing.*

1. Have your child prepared with several #2 pencils with erasers.
2. Be positive about the test. Acknowledge that tests can be hard and that they are designed so that no one will know all the answers. Stress that they should not rush through the test, but that doing their best is what counts.
3. Encourage your child to listen carefully to all test-taking directions given by the teacher and to ask questions about any directions that are unclear.
4. Make sure your child has a good night sleep. Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast but not a heavy one. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests. Doing both things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity.
5. Plan to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test; have everything ready the night before to avoid rushing and stress. Be sure to have your child at school on time. The important thing is to make your child comfortable and confident about the test, not anxious. ***As we always tell the children, "Do your best and God will do the rest."***

Thanks and God bless.

S. Mary

### Terra Nova Testing Schedule:

March 11	InView testing	March 12	Reading	March 15	Language
March 16	Math	March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day. No testing. Wearing of the Green			
March 18	Science	March 19	Social Studies		



### MARCH 19 – Feast of Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary

#### Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph

St. Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you. You are powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. I humbly invoke you and commend myself with all who are dear to me to your intercession. By the love you have for Jesus and Mary, do not abandon me during life and assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious St. Joseph, be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I am confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Holy Guardian of our Lord, help us to know God's will and to carry it out faithfully.***