

# *Most Holy Redeemer Inter-Parochial School*

Tampa, Florida

To: MHR Parents/Guardians  
From: Jo Ann Quinn, Assistant Principal  
Date: September, 2009  
Subject: Standardized Testing, Fall: October 5-15; Spring: March 8-18

Every year the teachers in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Petersburg administer standardized tests to their students. This year in the elementary schools beginning on Monday, October 5, the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be given to all students in grades 3-8, and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be given to students in grades 3, 5, and 7. The province of Florida schools will use the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, Form C, and the Cognitive Abilities Test, Form 6. Form C will replace the ITBS Form A tests that have been in use for the past several years.

The following indicates which tests are given at each grade level:

Grade 3	ITBS, Form C, Level 9 Core Battery CogAT, Form 6, Level A (this year only)
Grade 4	ITBS, Form C, Level 10 Complete Battery
Grade 5	ITBS, Form C, Level 11 Core Battery CogAT, Form 6, Level C
Grade 6	ITBS, Form C, Level 12 Complete Battery
Grade 7	ITBS, Form C, Level 13 Core Battery CogAT, Form 6, Level E (this year only)
Grade 8	ITBS, Form C, Level 14 Complete Battery

The ITBS measures achievement and consists of the following Batteries:

The Complete Battery consists of Reading, Language, and Math subtests; Social Studies; Science; Maps and Diagrams, and Reference Materials.

The Core Battery consists of the same subtests in Reading, Language, and Math as given in the Complete Battery.

The CogAT measures cognitive functioning and problem solving and consists of three areas: Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal.

**It is very important that each student is in school on the test days in order to take the tests in the most positive testing environment possible. These tests are to be given in a group setting. Also, it is important that students have a good night's rest and a good breakfast to start off each testing day. Students should be aware that they cannot fail these tests, but they should strive to do their best in order to achieve valid scores that are a true reflection of their achievement and ability.**

Each testing day, students need two (2) #2 pencils and reading materials such as AR. A report to parents/guardians should be available by January.

Please note: In the Spring of 2010 (during the weeks of March 8 and March 15), the following test will be administered: Grade 2, CogAT, Form 6, Level 2.

Information regarding the Writing Tests for middle school will be forthcoming.