

# CHIS School News

## Special Dates:

TNREADY TESTING	2/8 3/4
Principal Appreciation Day	10
Valentine's Dance	12
NO SCHOOL President's Day	15
Parent Engagement Night—Reading	18
NO SCHOOL Staff Development	3/1
SPRING BREAK	3/21 3/25

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR TNREADY:

- Be at school every day. Test schedules may vary due to weather, so it is important to be prepared every day.
- Always eat a good breakfast (remember that ALL students get free breakfast at CHIS EVERY DAY...so there's no excuse to be hungry!)
- Get a good night's sleep every night.

## TNREADY (TCAP) TESTING FEBRUARY 8-March 4

CHIS students are ready to show off their skills in writing and problem solving as we approach Part I of the TNREADY testing next week. This year all students will take the TNREADY test online. Each student will complete the following over the month of February:

In reading and writing – students will read from texts and provide written responses to support their answers. There are 2 subtests in RLA, each one being 90 minutes for 6th graders and 75 minutes for 5th graders. CHIS students will take each of these tests on different days.

In math – students will solve multi-step problems to show what they know. The math test is 55 minutes for 5th graders and 60 minutes for

6th graders.

In social studies – students will respond to extended response items and both grades will complete a 45 minute essay on a given topic.

While it will take the entire month of February to get all 400+ students tested in our computer labs, each student will actually only participate in testing on 4 different days spread throughout the month for the times listed for each test. Students have been preparing all year for the new testing formats by



TNREADY TESTING—ALL ONLINE IN 2016

writing more in their classes, as well as learning better typing skills in ICT. Part II of TNREADY will be given in April. You may get more information at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/tnready>

## CHIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR - ELIZABETH TURNER (SAXENA)

Congratulations to Elizabeth Turner Saxena for being chosen as Church Hill Intermediate School's Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Saxena has taught at CHIS for 5 1/2 years. She is the only teacher at CHIS re-

sponsible for teaching 4 subjects: 5th and 6th grade science, and 5th and 6th grade social studies. Mrs. Saxena's love for education is evident, not only through the hours she devotes to research and plan-

ning, but also in the positive attitude she brings to her students and peers at CHIS. We are very proud to have Elizabeth Turner Saxena represent CHIS as Teacher of the Year!