



Dear Parent/Guardian:

From February 24 through March 4, the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine will be administering a standardized achievement test to students in grades 2-8 as a part of their comprehensive assessment program. The new *TerraNova-Complete Battery* achievement tests 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 schools 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 educators 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.

Catholic educators 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. Current educational literature confirms that last minute "cramming" has no noticeable effect on test scores. It is important to encourage your child to keep up with assignments throughout the school year.

For more information on the *TerraNova assessment*, you may visit the product website at terranova3.com or contact your child's teacher.

Thank you,

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