

Iowa Tests Coming Up! Grades 1-7

Iowa Tests, which are given in all Archdiocesan schools, will be administered between **March 1-March 23** to students in grades 1-7. These tests help us measure student performance in Reading, Written Expression, Math, Science and Social Studies and our scores are compared to national norms. In grades 2 and 5, students will be taking an additional assessment, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This assessment helps us measure verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal thinking skills. Results typically arrive no later than early May; a parent copy of the test results will be sent home. [A meeting explaining how to read the results and support your child’s learning will be offered later this spring.](#)

Testing Schedule

Depending on the age of the child and the number of Iowa subtests required, teachers may need as many as 10 separate sessions, more with the CogAT. We will publish testing schedules; specific dates by grade level will be sent by me or your child’s teacher. Most testing periods last 30 minutes for younger students and up to 65 minutes for older students.

Preparing for the Tests

There is no way to “study” for the tests, but children test best when they come **to school on time, are rested, and have some protein in their system.** We allow children to have **peppermints** (not chocolate, not some other mint or other hard candy) and water during the testing. Peppermint helps stimulate the brain, and water helps oxygenate it. Your child will also need two #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils).

Did I Give You Too Much Time? Deadline: March 1 ☺

Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year are due next Wednesday, but so far, they are only trickling in. Please submit your registration ASAP. Many of you have said you are, but just haven’t gotten around to it.




If you’re still deciding, or need to transfer schools, please let me know.



- **Ashton Wolfe** joined our seventh grade class this week from Amelia Middle School. Welcome, Ashton! Ashton’s parents are Jessica Hardy and Rodney Wolfe.
- **Gage Rascon** joins us on Monday, August 27, in Mrs. Muhlenkamp’s class. Gage is moving from Tuscon, AZ, and his parents are John and Ronda Rascon.

\$\$ EdChoice Scholarship Application Window is open. Grades K-4 \$\$

The EdChoice Expansion program makes it possible for low-income families to attend private schools. The application process is fairly simple. See our link under the Admissions tab on our website or click [HERE](#) for more information.

Parish Ministry	Boosters	Social Committee
Server Training: Tues., Feb. 28th 7-8 p.m. All students in grades 3 and above who have received their first communion are invited! Questions? Mrs. Roesel: 797-8366	Fish Fries on March 3, 10, 17 & 24 Desserts needed by grade levels , please! Check out the menu . 	Father-Daughter Dance March 25 Come out for a spin with your favorite gal! The 50’s theme will be fun!!

For the week ahead...

Breaking news: Uniform shorts permitted tomorrow, w/ spiritwear.

- **Friday, February 24** Spirit Day! Saber-wear tops, green or gold tops, or class t-shirt with uniform skirts/slacks.
- **Saturday, February 25** **Mardi Gras Dance 7-midnight.** Click [HERE](#) for more info
- **Sunday, February 26** Last HOME GAME for the 8th grade girls. 7 p.m. ***Special fan section!***
- **Tuesday, February 28** Server Training from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Questions? Call Mrs. Roesel at 797-8366.
- **Wednesday, March 1** *Ash Wednesday Mass – All school – Please join us!* 8:15 a.m.
- **Friday, March 3** **Fill the pantry!** Students who bring in canned goods or non-perishables food items for **St. Vincent DePaul** may wear jeans and a spirit wear top. Cash donations are also welcome.

Blessings,

Mrs. Wood will have some bunnies ready for adoption in six weeks. Please contact her at mwood@stbernadetteamelia.org if interested!

