



# St. Mary School News Bulletin

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## Terra Nova Results - Fall 2009

The table below presents the results of the Terra Nova Achievement Tests taken by our students this fall in grades 2, 4, 6, and 8. The results of the Archdiocese are also given. The tests are standardized, *meaning that the same items were given and scored in the same way to a national sample of students*. The scores give an indication of how the students are doing relative to students throughout the country.

There are many types of scores that can be given. One of the common and familiar is percentiles. As an individual student a percentile score tells you what percentage of students you did as well as or better than. So that if you obtained a score at the 82<sup>nd</sup> percentile that means you did as well or better than 82 percent of the students who took the test (notice this has nothing to do with the percentage of the items you got correct, a common misconception). Because we are now dealing with group data (each grade), the scores below are a type of percentile called a **median national percentile**. Each score in the table below is the score at which half of our students' scored above and half scored below so that an 82<sup>nd</sup> median percentile score at the second grade in reading means that half of our students got a score above the 82<sup>nd</sup> percentile level and half got a score below the 82<sup>nd</sup> percentile level. For perspective, a median percentile score of 50 would mean that half of the students' scores fell above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and half fell below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. **The median national percentile is 50** (think of the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile as sort of an "average" score though it really means the middle score).

A word needs to be said about the "TOTAL" scores. That score is based on the Reading, Language, and Math performance. Please note that it is not an average of those specific tests but rather is calculated using an overall cumulative score which is then compared to a separate scale. As a result of this process these scores can actually be higher than each of the specific tests.

*"As can be seen by the table our students did extremely well at each grade in each subject."* said school psychologist Dr. Joe Vesper.

### Comparison of St Mary School and Archdiocese of Cincinnati In Percentiles (Median National Percentile is 50)

	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	TOTAL
<b>Grade 2</b>						
<b>SMS</b>	<b>82</b>	Not given	<b>88</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>91.4</b>
Archdiocese	71.8	Not given	73.4	64.2	72.1	80.6
<b>Grade 4</b>						
<b>SMS</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>87.3</b>
Archdiocese	71.6	68.3	66.5	71.9	78.4	70.5
<b>Grade 6</b>						
<b>SMS</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89.4</b>
Archdiocese	76.6	73.6	71.9	71.9	75.2	76.4
<b>Grade 8</b>						
<b>SMS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>92.8</b>
Archdiocese	79.6	78.9	77.5	78	78.1	82.2

# St Mary Sports Teams Win Titles

St Mary School Office has been informed of the following sports teams accomplishments:

- \*Grade 3 Boys Basketball (Team DeCurtins) won their tournament
- \*Grade 4 Boys Basketball (Team Sweeney) are CYO League Champions
- \*Grade 5 Girls Volleyball (Team Golan) are CYO League Champions
- \*Grade 7 Girls Volleyball (Team Nickol) are CYO Division II City Champions
- \*Grade 7 Boys Basketball (Team Coyne) are League Champions and won the Division I City Championship
- \*Grade 8 Girls Basketball (Team Frey) are CYO Fall League Champions
- \*Grade 8 Boys Basketball (Team Semona) are League Champions

Congratulations to all our student athletes. The discipline involved in doing your very best is an inspirational message **on and off** the sports field.

## Almsgiving During Lent

SMS Student Council organized a “Change for Haiti” competition between the homerooms. Thank you to our students for bringing in your change! We are able to provide **\$914.50** to the earthquake victims in Haiti. (Congratulations to 1D for the honor of first place in the “Change for Haiti” competition!)

Grade 8 Spanish class sold homemade Churros (a Spanish doughnut) during lunch periods for earthquake victims in Chile. “Churros for Chile” raised **\$188**.

Thank you to our families for supporting the recent food drive for St John’s Food Pantry. Pictured here are our Student Council representatives loading the St. John Pantry truck.



## March

- 19 Stations of the Cross Grade 6—1:30 PM in church  
Photo Re-take Day/ Fish Fry
- 22 Confirmation Retreat - Grade 7
- 26 Grade 4&5 Living Stations - 2:45 PM in Church  
St. Mary Choir to Choir Fest/Seton High School/9:00-1:15
- 30 Grades 4-5 Harriet Tubman performance by Children’s Theater  
10:00 in Robisch Hall
- 31 Spanish Field Trip - Spanish Performance at Mayerson Academy

## April

- 1 All School Holy Thursday Prayer Service in Church 9:00 AM
- 2 **Good Friday- No School- See you April 12!**
- 13 Grade 5 to Art Museum
- 15 Grade 1 to HP Library 9:50-10:45
- 16 All School Mass 9:00 AM—Farewell Blessing for ISSE delegates  
immediately following Mass
- 17 Ecuador Delegates depart
- 19 SCIENCE WEEK
- 20 K-3 and Grade 6 to Children’s Theatre 9:15-11:45
- 28 Catholic Schools Banquet at Cintas for Faculty
- 29 Communion Preparation Day for Grade 2/Photos at 5PM