



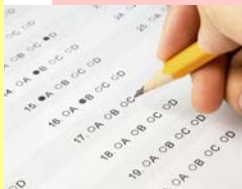
# Incarnation Information

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## Important Dates:

- 2/25/11** 3rd Quarter Progress Reports go home Grades 5-8
- 2/28/11 thru 3/11/11** "A Celebration of Knowledge" - Terra Nova Testing
- 2/28/11** Mandatory Confirmation Practice 6:30 pm in Church
- 3/5/11** Mothers' Club Gala at Orland Chateau
- 3/6/11** Confirmation 3:00 pm in Church
- 3/8/11** 1st Communion Parent Meeting 7:30 pm in B.C.
- 3/9/11** Ash Wednesday- 8:30 am All School Mass
- 3/18/11** NO SCHOOL—St. Patrick's & St. Joseph 's Day Observed
- 3/21/11** School Board Meeting in the Music Room
- 3/25/11** Paper Wars Begin
- 3/29/11** First Communion Banner Mass 7:00 pm in Church
- 4/8/11** 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home
- 4/15/11** Special Person's Day for PreK 4—Grade 4, 8:30—11:00 am
- 4/21/11** Holy Thursday - FULL DAY
- 4/22/11** Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
- 5/2/11—5/6/11** Teacher Appreciation Week

## Terra Nova—A Celebration of Knowledge!



Terra Nova Testing will take place the week of **February 28—March 4**. Makeup tests will be administered the following week. We will be testing students in Grades 2—7. We have added in Grade 2 this year to provide us with an internal benchmark of our students' progress, and to familiarize our younger students with the test taking process. If your child is in one of the grades being tested, he/she will be bringing home a practice test and letter at the end of this week. Please make sure you read the information on the letter and go over some test taking tips with your child (which are included in the practice test).

Also, make sure your child eats a hearty breakfast that week including foods that contain protein & vitamins and minerals—not just a sugary cereal—and that they get a good night's sleep. All students taking the test may bring in a small wrapped snack (granola or fruit bar) each day to eat during the breaks. Try to schedule all doctor/dentist appointments in the afternoon, if at all possible.

We consider this week to be a "Celebration of Knowledge" and a way for our students to demonstrate all that they have learned. Please make sure you project this positive approach with your child when talking about the test, and reassure them that as long as they do their best, there is nothing to worry about! If you have any questions, please contact the homeroom teacher or the office.



**PARENT'S GUIDE TO FACEBOOK:** One of our new School Board members, Dan Duran, has found a PDF version of "A Parent's Guide to Facebook." We will be emailing all parents on our email list a copy. We encourage you to refer to it and then actually check to see if your child has employed the appropriate safety and privacy settings. You might also want to check your own page as well! There will also be some hard copies available. Call the office if you would like one.

**FREE ADVERTISING:** Please visit <http://www.greatschools.org/> to post a positive parent comment on this website. This is a resource prospective parents use when comparing schools in the area and the testimony of satisfied parents is a powerful advertising tool. So far we have 5 positive comments and are maintaining the highest rating possible—5 Stars! If you feel that you cannot honestly post a positive comment, then we ask you to contact the office and set up an appointment to discuss your concerns. We are here to work for you and your child and will do anything necessary to regain your trust.



## CALENDAR CHANGES FOR EMERGENCY SNOW DAYS

After consulting with the School Board and Faculty, we have decided to make up our blizzard days the following way:

**Half Days** originally planned for **Holy Thursday, April 21** and the **School Picnic, June 2** will now be **FULL DAYS**.

**May 27**, which was planned as a **Staff Development Day** without students, will now be an **Instructional Day**.

If you have booked reservations/flights for the Memorial Day weekend and your child cannot attend on May 27, this is not a problem.



For the next several weeks we will be sharing some interesting facts on Religion from a book entitled: Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.

This book is considered the "gold standard" of research on youth and faith. The data for the book was compiled in three longitudinal studies from 2002-2008.

Here's a little Quiz for you:

When it comes to faith, most young people:

- A. Are rebellious against the faith of their parents.
- B. Consider their parents' religious practices to be old fashioned and not for them.
- C. Pretty much follow the faith of their parents.

Answer : C

Surprising as it may seem, most teenagers pretty much follow the faith life of their parents. Sorry to put any more pressure on our already overburdened parents, but your child is looking to you for the example of how to practice the faith. In the coming week, try to take a few minutes to reflect on this awesome responsibility !