



S T . F R A N C I S D E S A L E S

*Making Disciples and Disciple Makers*

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> St. Francis de Sales School will be administering the Terra Nova assessments to students in Grades 2 through 8. The Terra Nova assessment is a national norm-referenced test published by CTB/McGraw-Hill.

Students in Grade 2 will take the Terra Nova Third Edition Complete Battery Plus. All items in the Grade 2 test are in multiple-choice format and require students to select the best answer from among the response choices presented.

Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be taking the Terra Nova, Third Edition known as Terra Nova Common Core. This version features more contemporary and relevant content, with test items that deliver an authentic measure of students' higher-order thinking skills as well as basic and applied combination of multiple-choice items, constructed response items and extended response items. The constructed response and extended response test items require students to demonstrate their understanding through writing, producing work, and explaining how they arrived at the answer.

Students generally do their best in class and on standardized tests when they have adequate rest and nutrition. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and has a nutritious breakfast each morning. Please be aware that due to the sensitive nature of testing if your child is late they will not be allowed entry into their classroom until after a section has been completed.

Students should take the test seriously but not become anxious or overwhelmed about it. Students are not expected to know the answers to all the questions on the assessment, but they should be reminded to simply do their best and show what they know.

Mrs. Sally Mummey  
Principal

Mr. Ed Watson  
Vice Principal

*To lead all souls to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy  
forever with him in heaven.*

PARISH | 740.345.9874  
40 Granville St. Newark, OH 43055

SCHOOL | 740.345.4049  
38 Granville St. Newark, OH 43055

PRE-SCHOOL | 740.345.4040  
38 Granville St. Newark, OH 43055

*[www.stfrancisparish.net](http://www.stfrancisparish.net)*