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Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude families -

As we approach the week of April 14-18th, I would like to inform you about the upcoming Terra Nova Standardized Test that students in 3rd-8th grade will be taking. The Terra Nova test is an important assessment tool that helps us gauge your child's academic progress and identify areas where they may need additional support or enrichment.

The test schedule is as follows:

April 15th: Math (Part 1 and 2); **April 16th:** Reading (Part 1 and 2); **April 17th:** Language

Testing on these days will begin promptly at 8:00 am

Additionally, we wanted to inform you that standardized test scores for students in 5th-8th grade will be included in the high school application process. These scores will serve as part of the comprehensive evaluation to ensure the best fit for your child's academic journey.

To ensure that your child is well-prepared for the Terra Nova test, here are some important test preparation ideas:

- **Encourage Adequate Rest:** It is crucial that your child gets plenty of rest leading up to and during the testing week. A good night's sleep can significantly improve cognitive function and concentration, which are essential for performing well on the test.
- **Healthy Eating Habits:** A balanced diet plays a significant role in your child's overall well-being and cognitive function. Encourage your child to eat nutritious meals, especially on the days of the test, to ensure they have the energy they need to perform their best.
- **Stay Positive and Relaxed:** It's natural for students to feel some level of anxiety before taking a standardized test. However, it's essential to remind your child to stay positive and relaxed during the testing period. Encourage them to take deep breaths and stay focused on each question without getting overwhelmed by the overall test.
- **Provide Emotional Support:** Offer your child emotional support and encouragement throughout the testing process. Let them know that you believe in their abilities and that their worth is not solely determined by their test scores.
- **Maintain a Consistent Routine:** Stick to a consistent routine in the days leading up to the test to help your child feel grounded and prepared. This includes regular study sessions, mealtimes, and bedtime routines.

By following these test preparation ideas and providing your child with the necessary support, you can help them approach the Terra Nova test with confidence and readiness. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

April 10, 2025

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Important Upcoming Dates

- April 11:** Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m.
April 13: Living Stations of the Cross - St. Jude Parish Performance at 6:30 p.m.
April 14: All School Mass (Volunteer Recognition Mass) – Mass Uniform Required
April 14: Giveback Day at Smalls Sliders on Bluebonnet
April 15-17: Terra Nova Testing for 3rd-8th grades
April 18-25: Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
April 29: 3rd and 4th Grade Taste Fair
April 30: 7th and 8th Grade Athletic Banquet
May 2: Shakespearience
May 3: 7th and 8th Grade Dance
May 6: Kindergarten May Crowning
May 7: 8th Grade Fun In The Sun Day - Hats Off to the Graduates
May 8, 9, and 12: 8th Grade Exams - Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.
May 14, 15 and 19: 7th Grade Exams - Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.
May 15: 8th Grade Graduation
May 19: PK Field Day
May 20: PK Closing Ceremony and Kindergarten's Last Day of School
May 21: 2nd Grade Living Rosary and School Talent Shows
May 22: 1st through 7th Grade Field Days/End of the Year Class Parties
May 23: 1st through 7th Grade Last Day of School

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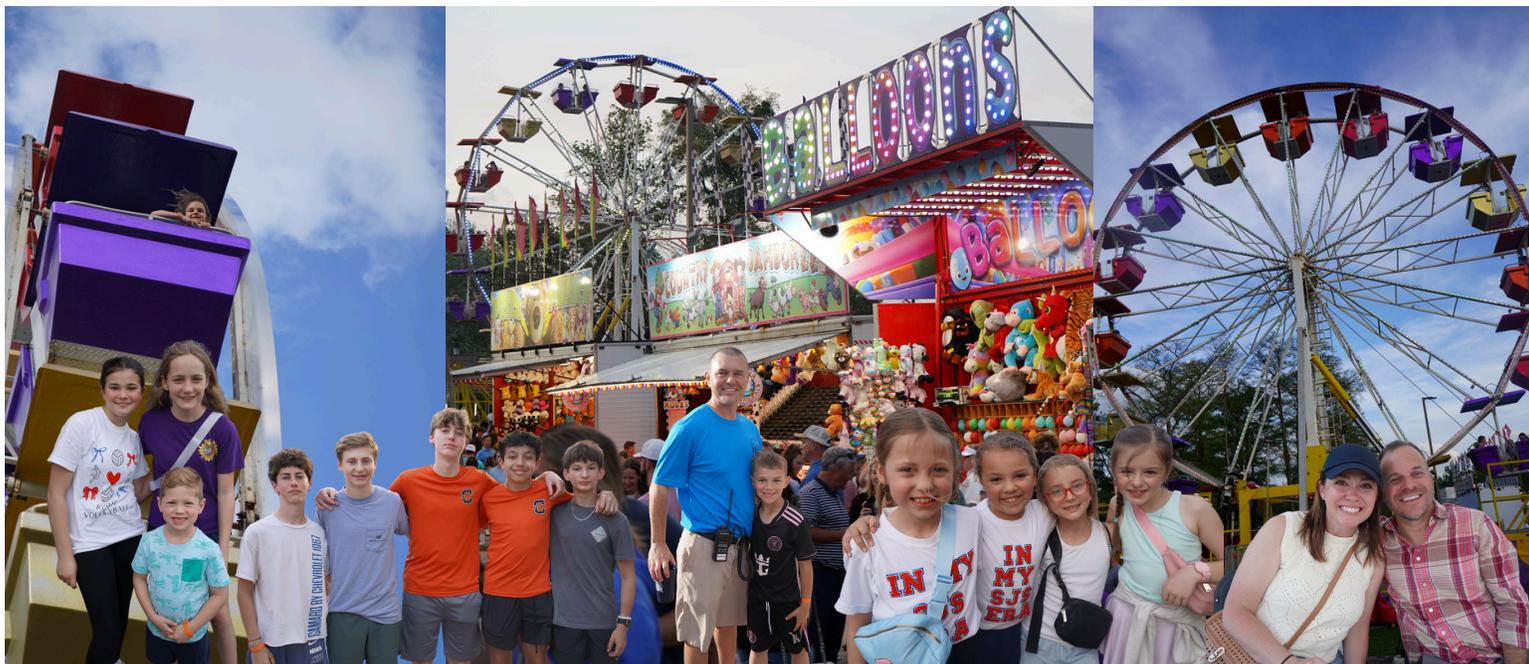
- **3rd Grade:** Eloise Girouard
- **5th Grade:** Samuel Mixson
- **6th Grade:** Brynn Territo
- **7th Grade:** Luke Pennington
- **8th Grade:** Eliza Brouillette



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St. Jude Parish Fair



We hope you all enjoyed the St. Jude Parish Fair this past weekend! This weekend could not have been a success without all of our volunteers who worked tirelessly on this event. We enjoyed seeing so many of our alumni, too! We can't wait to do it again **April 17-19, 2026!**

Home and School Association



Santaland: Who has Christmas spirit just like Buddy the Elf? Then you should join our **Santaland committee!** If you are able to work the first week in December to help run Santaland and are interested in doing so, please email Kate Cook at kcook@stjudebr.org!

Class Photos: Class proofs are here! You have until **April 17** to purchase your student's homeroom photo. Purchase them [here!](#)

Field Day: Field Day 2025 for students in grades 1st through 7th is on **May 22nd!** Field Day isn't possible without our parent volunteers. Please click [here](#) to volunteer for field day. Lunch will be provided for our volunteers. Please note that some of the games are outside. If you volunteer for an outside game, come prepared with sunscreen, hat, water, etc. All volunteers will need to sign in at the volunteer check in table located in the foyer of the cafeteria. We appreciate your help in making this day fun for our students.



7th and 8th grade

ATHLETIC BANQUET

On April 30th at 6:30pm

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