



St. Charles School

Achieving Excellence Together

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Dear Parents,

As a way to promote transparent communication, I have posted the results from the 2014 State Tests. The results show how we have scored in comparison to the other twenty-one Staten Island Catholic Elementary Schools.

I am pleased to say that in comparison to prior years' results, we have made tremendous strides, however; I do identify that there is still plenty of work to be done.

Technology is used on a consistent basis here at St. Charles. The computer lab is an instructional resource that allows teachers to differentiate learning. It allows the teachers to vary instruction, ensuring that all students of different abilities are successful. This year, to continue improving on learning and instruction, we will again use *Mathletics* as an academic tool to strengthen students' math skills. I encourage parents to use this program with their children; this program has a tutorial that will give step-by-step instructions on solving math problems. Each student has their log-in information.

Also, this year we will once again be holding free Enrichment courses for the seventh grade students with Mrs. Mazella, as well as holding free after- school Math classes with Mrs. Joyce. More information will follow pertaining to these two great courses.

Along with after-school math courses, I am presently researching the possibility of holding after school reading and writing classes which will provide supplemental ELA instruction. I encourage parents to read age-appropriate non-fiction passages with the children each night; this routine will be an effective way to strengthen your child's reading skills.

I must thank and commend the teachers for working tirelessly to ensure that the often confusing Common Core Learning Standards are being implemented into the classroom efficiently and effectively.

I look forward to our continued partnership in "Achieving Excellence Together."

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Mr. Kiernan