

Why Choose St. Brigid School?

From a spiritual perspective, it is easy to want an education for your children that includes daily prayer, instruction in religion, extensive sacramental preparation, and living the Gospel values. St. Brigid School affords us the opportunity to work together in passing on our faith at school and at home.

What about academics, though? Is there another great benefit to a St. Brigid education? National statistics have for many years indicated that Catholic school students perform better on standardized tests than their public school counterparts. If you want to study the data check out the following website: <http://www.ncea.org/news/CatholicSchoolData.asp#ps%20results>.

Perhaps some data a little closer to home is more important in making decisions about your children's education. How do St. Brigid students perform on standardized tests? Since 2001 St. Brigid students in grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 have taken the Terra Nova Standardized Test. While looking primarily at 6th and 8th grade scores in 2007, the results have been similar in other years and in other grades. One important statistic shows that all classes improve their scores as they go from grade to grade. While all scores are excellent, 8th grade scores are exceptional when compared to the nation and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Students benefit by staying through 8th grade and are truly prepared for the rigors of high school and beyond.

National Comparisons

- **All** of our 6th and 8th grade national percentile median scores for the class are in the above average range (75th percentile or higher).
- The median score for the 8th grade in **Math** was at the **90th percentile**.
- The **total median score** (Reading, Language, and Math) for the 8th grade was at the **88th percentile** and for the 6th grade it was at the **77th percentile**.

A national percentile score means that percentage of students in the country scored lower than our students. If we scored at the 88th percentile, 88% of students in the country scored lower than we did.

Regional Comparisons - Archdiocese of Cincinnati

- In 16 of 20 testing areas in three years (80%), **all classes at St. Brigid averaged a better score than the Archdiocese of Cincinnati** schools averaged.
- 8th grade average scores in **all tested areas** (Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies) were above the Archdiocese average by more than the **statistically significant** 7 points.

Actual Results vs. Anticipated Performance Results

- Students take a cognitive abilities test called *In View* to determine their anticipated scores. From the *In View* scores, it can be determined what score each individual student might be expected to attain based on their ability. St. Brigid students typically score higher than would be anticipated based on the *In View* test. St. Brigid brings out the best in its students.
- In 2007, 6th and 8th grade students **scored above** what was anticipated in **every** test. In **8 out of 10** of those tests the difference was **statistically significant**.
- The 6th graders scored **statistically significant** above their anticipated scores on **every** test.

How do our students perform at Carroll High School?

- Carroll High School is primarily a college preparatory high school with 97% to 98% of its graduates going on to further study at colleges and universities. The Carroll Class of 2008 received 402 scholarships worth in excess of 13.4 million dollars.
- Of the **St. Brigid Class of 2004**, 20 students enrolled at Carroll and all 20 graduated in 2008.
- Sixteen of those students took the **ACT test** for entrance to college. Their **average score was 26.47** with 14 of them scoring between 25 and 34. National avg. - 21.1, state avg. - 21.7.
- Twelve of those students had a cumulative GPA above a weighted 3.5.
- 8 students were in **National Honor Society**.
- **All 20 students were on the Honor Roll** at some time with 10 students receiving the Honor Roll Medallion for being on the Honor Roll for all eight semesters.
- All students passed the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test) in 10th grade. **All were proficient or above** on every test. On 90% of the tests taken (Reading, Math, Writing, Science, and Social Studies) all students were Accelerated or Advanced.