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Season of Lent

Dear Parents of students in grades K-8,

I pray and hope the Lenten Season is bearing much fruit! We are well into the second half of Semester 2, and I encourage students to work extra hard and focus on their studies in order to finish the academic year well.

I am writing to you today about the upcoming standardized test, the Stanford 10 (a.k.a. SAT10). Since the fall of 2009, Saint Agnes students in grades K-8 have taken the SAT10. The SAT10 is a well-respected assessment which evaluates your student's performance on national norms of excellence in the following areas:

- Science
- English Language Arts
- Reading
- Mathematics
- History/Geography



The SAT10 is a test administered by many competitive primary and secondary private schools across the country. As SAT10 materials state, “your child’s scores provide a comparison of his or her performance to that of thousands of other children in the same grade... the results help show what your child has learned and what your child has not yet mastered.”

Once again, we have parent preview materials available so that you have the opportunity to review sample test questions with your student in advance of the exam; those are attached to the parent e-newsletter as PDFs. Please look at the back of this letter for tips on how to maximize your student's performance in advance of the test. As the Church teaches: “Parents are the primary educators of their children,” and so please look over this valuable SAT10 preview guide and review the back of this letter with your student to prepare. It is well known that a significant part of standardized test success is knowing the test format ahead of time.

K-6 teachers are scheduled to administer the SAT10 exam to elementary students during the last two weeks of April; homeroom teachers will spread out the exams during that time period.

Grades 7 and 8 will take the exam on two days: the afternoon of Tues., April 18 and the morning of Wed., April 19.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if you have any questions. May God abundantly bless you and yours during this most Holy Week of the liturgical year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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How to Prepare Your Child to Take the Stanford 10

Here are some things your child can do:

- REST** Get a good night's sleep before taking the Stanford 10.
- EAT** A good breakfast on the morning that you take the Stanford 10 is important. Activities such as those on the Stanford 10 use a lot of energy.
- LISTEN** Listen carefully to the directions the teacher gives and follow them exactly. If you don't understand what to do, ask the teacher to repeat the directions or to explain them again.
- TRY** Do your best. You are not expected to know the answer to every question. Some of the questions may seem hard, but keep trying and don't give up.

Here are some things you can do:

- DISCUSS** Help your child understand that the Stanford 10 provides a chance to show what a student knows about a subject and how the teacher can best help the student to learn. Make sure your child understands that the Stanford 10 scores simply give information. They will not be used to reward or punish students.
- SUPPORT** See that your child keeps up regular study habits, but don't ask for extra study time for the Stanford 10. It covers more schoolwork than can be learned in a few hours.
- RELAX** Reassure your child about the test-taking experience. Students who are calm and sure of themselves do better.