



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

Catholic Schools Earn High Marks on Nation's Report Card

National Catholic Educational Association



Arlington, VA -- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as the Nation's Report Card, is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in subjects such as mathematics, reading, science and writing. The assessment results for grades four, eight and twelve show that Catholic schools consistently outperform public schools in science.

"Academic excellence in Catholic schools is proven time and again through tests such as the SAT and AP exams, as well as through assessments such as NAEP," said National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) President/CEO Dr. Thomas W. Burnford. "Catholic schools are sacred places of faith formation, and where 1.9 million Catholic school students receive an outstanding education."

There are four achievement levels for this assessment: below basic; basic; proficient and advanced. An overall scale score of 0 - 300 is derived from the testing results of all four levels. Catholic schools have a scale score of 167 for the fourth, eighth and twelfth grade levels compared to the public school scale scores of 153 for grades four and eight and 149 for grade twelve.

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Tolentino Recognized as One of Nation's Top Readers



Mount Carmel School 5th grade student, Leyonne Tolentino (second from left), was recently recognized by Achieve3000 for being one of the nation's top readers two years in a row. Achieve3000 consultant, Troy Akiyama (left) presented a certificate of achievement to Tolentino, his teacher, Mila Calibo (right), and school principal, Frances Taimanao (second from right).

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Achieve3000 is a nationally recognized program that offers online literacy instructional and assessment services across disciplines to improve student reading. Mount Carmel School has been using the program for two years as a way to boost student literacy as well as encourage reading in various subjects.

Achieve3000's CEO, Saki Dodelson, reach out to personally congratulate

Tolentino. "I was so excited to hear about Leyonne Tolentino's accomplishment." Dodelson emphasized how important this accomplishment is, saying, "Being recognized as worldwide winner twice is no small feat and can only be a result of a lot of hard work. We are excited to play a part in helping Leyonne achieve literacy success."

School president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, echoed Dodelson's excitement. He said, "We are very proud of Leyonne and his teacher, Mrs. Calibo, for demonstrating the great benefits of Achieve3000." He added, "We also thank Achieve3000 for reaching out to our school community every year to ensure that all our students benefit."

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Announcements

MVA 5K FUN RUN

Help MVA celebrate 40 years of promoting our island's cleanest industry. Join them for the Marianas Sunset 5K FUN RUN TONIGHT at 6:00 pm at Garapan Fishing Base. Registration is \$5.00. Four-legged Friends are welcomed! All proceeds to benefit the Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Control Program.

Middle School Girls Soccer

iOpen to any player who is "13 years or younger; however, if a student turned 14 on the day of, or AFTER the 1st day of school, she is still eligible to play." If you are interested, kindly join the MCS LADY KNIGHTS girls basketball team for practices. For more information, you may call Coach Toves at 285-1828.

In the Future

Freshmen Game Night

TONIGHT, Friday, January 20

Sophomore Cupcake Gram

Monday, January 23

JSA Bake Sale

Wednesday, January 25

Junior Hot Lunch

Thursday, January 26

NHS Hot Lunch

Saturday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week

January 29–February 4

ESLR of the Week

#5. Appreciate traditions, customs and beliefs of diverse world-wide community.

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According to its website, "Achieve3000 is the leader in online differentiated instruction, serving millions of students worldwide. For nearly 15 years, the company has been reaching students at their precise Lexile® reading levels to deliver significant reading gains—often double-to-triple the expected gains. Based on decades of scientific research, Achieve3000 patented online methodology for differentiated instruction provides engaging, nonfiction content that supports core curriculum, Response to Intervention, English language learning, special education, adult

learning, workforce readiness, and other instructional models. Featuring comprehensive English and Spanish language support and extra scaffolding for struggling readers, these are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for English language arts as well as state standards for literacy and the content areas. Achieve3000 supports 21st century education initiatives across content areas and is helping to put all students on the road to College and Career Readiness."

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Using only basic, proficient and advanced level results for fourth grade, 38 percent of Catholic school fourth graders are at a basic level compared to 39 percent of public school students; 50 percent of Catholic school students perform at a proficient level compared to 36 percent of public school students; and two percent of Catholic school students are advanced compared to one percent of public school students.

The eighth grade science assessment results show 36 percent of Catholic school students performing at basic levels and 34 percent of public school students. Forty six percent of Catholic school eighth graders are at a proficient level contrasted by

31 percent of public school students. Advanced level results are two percent for both Catholic school and public school students.

Grade twelve results for Catholic school students performing at basic achievement levels are 41 percent and for public school students it is 38 percent. At the proficient level, Catholic school students are at 32 percent compared to 19 percent of public school seniors. And for Catholic schools four percent of students are at an advanced level compared to two percent of public school students.

Promoting Citizenship



Tina Sablan, 1999 AlumKnight, AlumKnight of the Year, and Outreach Coordinator/Deputy Communications Director for the Office of the Hon. Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, recently visited her alma mater to meet with students in Advanced Placement American Politics and Government to discuss citizenship and public service.