



Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools

News about 2009-2010 Achievement Test Results

A Year for Celebration and Improvement for Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools.

- We celebrate the achievement of our students. We commend the work and contributions of the staff at all grade levels.
- We will continue to improve our results in the Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence and are committed to achieving this goal by the end of the year.

We Value Your Child's Participation:

We thank our parents for encouraging their children to write the exams because the data and information informs teacher practice and student learning.

Our students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **ACCEPTABLE** Standard in:

Our students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Standard of EXCELLENCE** in:

ACCEPTABLE

Grade 3
English Language Arts
French Language Arts
Math (English and French)
*All PAT's written were above province

Grade 6
English Language Arts
French Language Arts
Math
Social
Science
*All PAT's written were above province

Grade 9
English Language Arts
Social
Science
*Grade 9 Math pilot year—no results available

EXCELLENCE

Grade 3
English Language Arts
French Language Arts
Math (English and French)

Grade 6
English Language Arts
Math (French)
Social (French)
Science (French)

**NOTE: Acceptable Standard - achievement of a mark of 50% or greater, depending on the "cut score".
Standard of Excellence - achievement of a mark of 85% or greater, depending on the "cut score".**

Parents: Every Day and in Every Grade we ask Parents to

Show interest in your children's schoolwork - Make it a routine to talk about what your children have learned in school each day. Ask to see the assignments they are working on or the results of tests you helped them study for. At the primary and elementary levels, reading aloud together, after dinner or a bedtime, is a wonderful opportunity to show your children the importance of learning together.

Establish a homework routine - Find a quiet area, away from noise and distractions, for your children to complete their homework during a regular set time. Help your children to be organized and complete assignments on time by listing school project deadlines, extra-curricular activities, exams dates, special occasions and report card dates on a family calendar.

Support 100% attendance - Although some absences are unavoidable, taking your children out of school unnecessarily is disruptive to their learning process and demands that they spend additional time catching up with the rest of their class.

Be involved - Be sure to attend school activities such as open houses, parent/teacher interviews and School Council meetings. When your children see you involved, they will also see education as a high priority.

Our Commitment to Improve:

- Through grade level collaboration, teachers will work on building Study Guides for curriculum alignment and differentiation in K-6 Math, four core subjects Junior High and Issues and Concerns in Diploma courses
- Teachers K-9 will analyze and develop Action Plans based on Provincial Achievement Test results.
- Based on item analysis of Achievement Tests, teachers will identify areas of strength and areas for improvement and plan differentiation strategies to address these through work on Study Guides and in PLC work at School Based PD
- Math teachers K-8 will build a Mathematic framework based on the new Mathematic Curricular Outcomes.
- Students in Grade 7 and 8 Math will write a district final exam to standardize assessment of curricular outcomes.
- Students in Grade 7 and 8 will have 20 anchor questions that are common to all English Language Arts final exams in the district.

We know that our staff and students worked hard the past year to improve the results and are committed to making decisions based on data and student needs.

We thank our parent community for their continued support and encouragement of their children's learning. Together we excel!