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Dear Parent,

As confirmed by a variety of data, students at Saint Patrick School achieve academic success. School-wide Terra Nova standardized testing results are **above average** in **reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies, with the exception of the 2nd grade in science (75)**. (When percentages are involved, the 76th to 99th quartile is above average.)

The Terra Nova Standardized Test was **administered** to the students in the second through seventh grades **during the week of March 7, 2011 with 2 ½ teaching months still left** in the school year. This test is based on national norms, and the median national percentiles for each grade are as follows:

Second grade is Reading 83.2; Language Arts, 91; Math, 83; Science, 75; Social Studies, 84.

Third grade is Reading 89; Language Arts, 83; Math, 87.2; Science, 84; Social Studies, 90.8.

Fourth grade is Reading 87; Language Arts, 83; Math, 84; Science, 79.7; Social Studies, 86.5.

Fifth grade is Reading 86.5; Language Arts, 86; Math, 77.5; Science, 81.8; Social Studies, 82.5.

Sixth grade is Reading 91; Language Arts, 89; Math, 79; Science, 83; Social Studies, 90.7.

Seventh grade is Reading 83; Language Arts, 86; Math, 85; Science, 76.8; Social Studies, 82.

In performance on **reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies mastery of objectives, every grade was at or well above the national norms in every subject with two exceptions**. The second grade was 1 point below in sentences, phrases, and clauses and the fifth grade was 2 points below in multiplication and 5 points below in division. (The 5th grade scored from 5 to 12 points above in the 7 areas of math concepts.)

Our students' **grades** are also **above average**, A's and B's. The **assessments** that form the basis of these grades are **comprised of factual knowledge, problem solving, and critical reading and writing**. In addition, each of the **pre-school, kindergarten, and first grade** teachers **added more advanced curriculum** to their programs than ever before. These grade levels achieved the reading benchmarks as measured by CTB's Fox in a Box reading assessment.

Another assessment occurred in the rigorous process of declaring Saint Patrick school a **Star School of Excellence**. This **evaluation** was **conducted by** a educators from **Caldwell College** and **College of St. Elizabeth**, as well as a **diocesan school principal** and the **diocesan deputy superintendent**. (Twelve additional schools in the Paterson Diocese have been named Star Schools with nine maintaining continued recognition.) The team stated the following, "We recognize and commend the Parish Community of Saint Patrick for their **commitment to the pursuit of excellence through ongoing professional research and teaching applications** that reflect current brain research and cognitive psychology."

The diocese chose Saint Patrick School to be one of five schools piloting **Study Island in math** for grades 4 to 8. Our teachers received training in the on-line program, and our students are demonstrating their mathematical skill as they use the program. Our school was also selected by the diocese as one of eight to

pilot the *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program (STEM)* in the middle school. Mrs. Tadros, Mrs. Curran, and I will receive training from Stevens Institute of Technology, and Picatinny Arsenal during the summer. The STEM program is based on the science and math state standards.

The final assessment occurred with the *achievement of our school-wide goal of integrating technology* into the curriculum as confirmed by the diocese. This achievement was obvious to me in the on-going use of technology and my observation of its benefit to student engagement and learning in every classroom.

All of these achievements should be expected in a Blue Ribbon School but should NEVER be taken for granted. Our success is due to the combined efforts of the administration, faculty, and staff and commitment to our own professional development. The education of your children is in the hands of the skilled professional Catholic educators at Saint Patrick School.

Every student, parent, teacher, and I can *take pride in the accomplishments of St. Pat's.*

At St. Patrick School, we never rest on our laurels, because there is always room for improvement every year. I am instituting or collaborating on the following improvements for next year.

- A new religion program centered on discipleship
- Implementation of the 2011-2012 School Goal, developing critical thinking skills in reading and writing throughout the subject areas
- Ongoing implementation of the 2010 Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects
- Ongoing implementation of the 2010 Common Core State Standards in Mathematics
- Vertical articulation of the science and social studies curriculums in grades 2 to 7
- Complete implementation of Study Island for math in grades 4 to 8
- Extension of the STEM program in our middle school
- A test-taking skills program
- School-wide guidelines and consequences for peer relationships
- A social skills program for students in grades 3 to 8
- Involvement of the Middle School Leadership Teams in the developing a strategic plan based on the data gathered by the teams during their last few meetings
- Purchase and use of additional technology in the middle school
- Enhancement of the After Care Program
- Participation in the final stage of the AdvancED diocesan accreditation protocol
- A retention and recruitment program
- The development and implementation of a strategic plan for our school

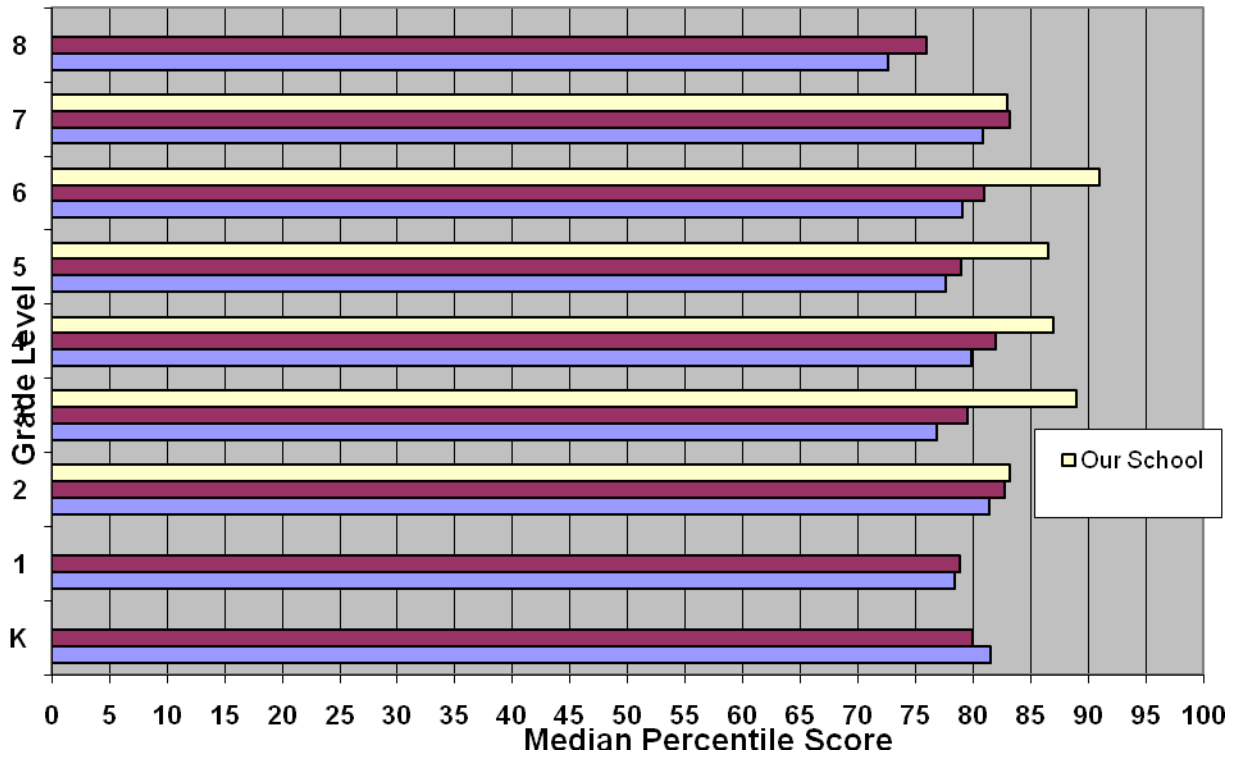
I'm looking forward to the new school year and working with the faculty, staff, parents, and students. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

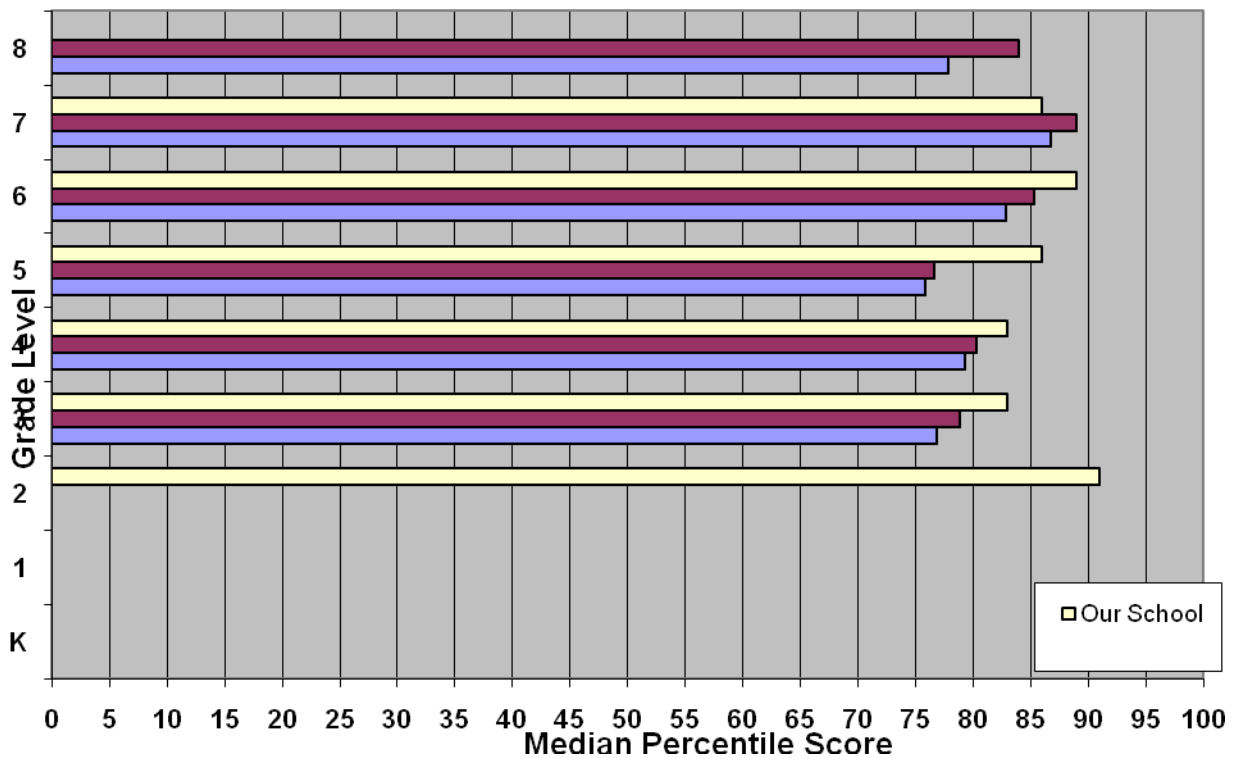
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Principal

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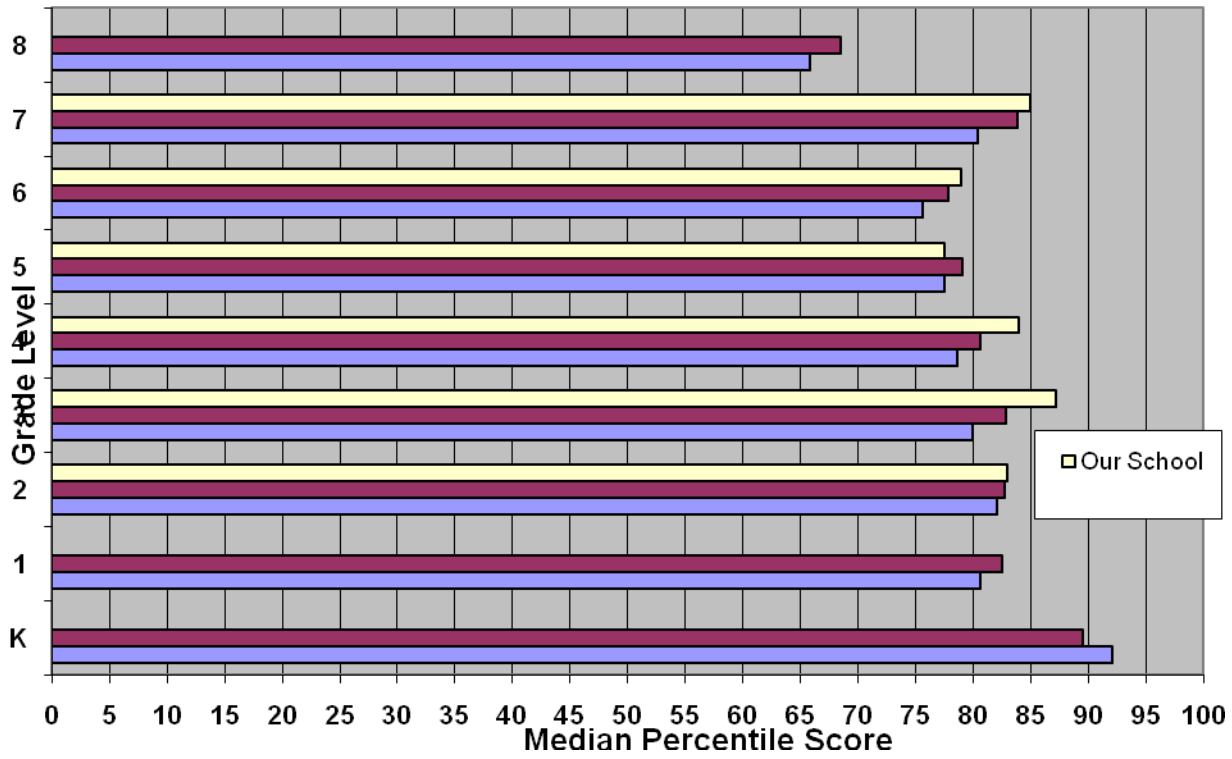
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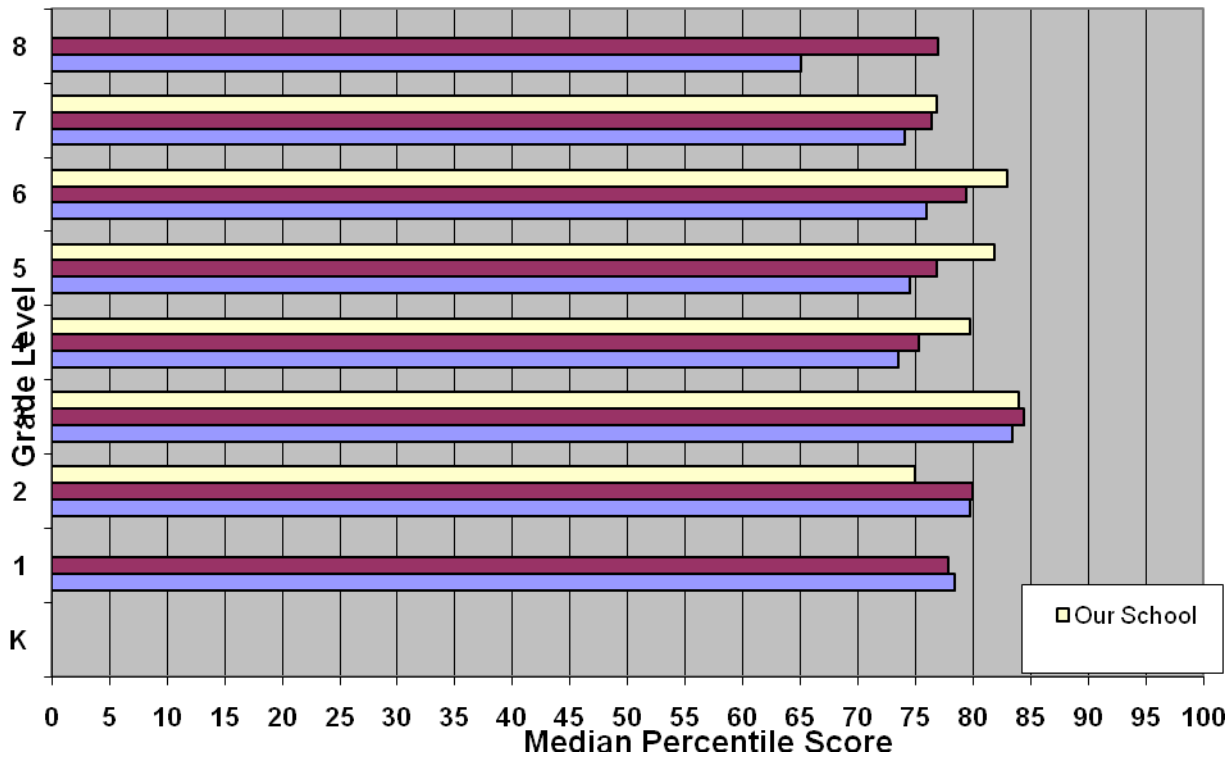
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