



Our Lady of Destiny Catholic School
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Happy January! Winter is finally here!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday between 11 and 1:00. Our students have worked diligently on their projects and are anxious to show-off!. I know you are excited to see your child's work; please visit the other classes as well. 1st grade has completed a unit on map skills - one of the new Common Core Inquiry Based Units - be sure to check it out! *Please bring a friend with you*; a family who might be interested in enrolling their children in OLD. Unfortunately, the 2012-13 tuition scale is not ready yet. The School Board is revising the way you support the school; the documentation establishes greater accountability.

Just a reminder:

Sunday - Please attend the church of your choice. Students are to wear their uniforms to Mass and to the Academic Fair.

Monday - Spirit Day - Dress down - jeans with OLD top or Dragonwear

Tuesday - Spelling Bees (uniform day)

Grades 3-4-5 8:30

Grades 1-2 10:00

Grades 6-7-8 1:00

Wednesday - School Mass (uniform day)

Appreciation Day

Thursday - Sports Day - Students may dress in their favorite sports team jersey - OLD teams definitely acceptable!

Activities sponsored by Student Council

Friday - Dress down - Talent Show 1:15

Please feel free to join us whenever you can!

We have been requested by the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools to ask parents/parishioners to participate in a survey. The survey will address enrollment in Catholic schools. The effort dovetails with the Fiscal Advancement Stabilization Team (FAST) initiative started in November to help Catholic schools create plans to increase enrollment and improve financial situations, academic excellence and Catholic identity.

To take the survey online, please go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchoolSurveyEnglish> or if you prefer to take it in Spanish, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchoolSurveySpanish>. If you

do not work online, I can get a hard copy for you, just let me know.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Please look at the 2011-12 Terra Nova test scores to see how Our lady of Destiny compares with the rest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

OLD scores are highlighted in green. The scores are not percentages; they are percentiles - out of 100 students, grade 3 scored better than 80 in Reading.

Catholic school scores by grade in the Archdiocese of Chicago

Terra Nova Scores for Our Lady of Destiny	3rd	5th	7th
Reading	68 80	70 77	75 74
Language	70 76	72 83	82 76
Math	72 79	70 81	76 72
Science	74 77	72 69	69 70
Social Studies	76 88	70 76	76 78

Keep in mind that Archdiocesan averages are well above public school averages and since our classes are small, one low score brings down the class averages. With that being noted, we scored very well.

Again congratulations to our 6th grade BB team who won the Immanuel Lutheran Tournament...especially Donny Johnson - sorry Donny, your name was inadvertently omitted.

If you have not placed the school sign in your front lawn, please do so asap. We need to make sure everyone knows who we are, where we are, and that we have an Open House on Sunday! Thanks for helping us spread the Good News.

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal - Monday 1/30 - with costumes during the school day (not after school)

Enjoy a wonderful week. We are looking forward to seeing everyone (and your friends!) on Sunday. God bless you!

Linda Chorazy