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Dear Parents,

St. John Vianney is proud to share its eighth grade EXPLORE® test results. Overall, St. John Vianney did **exceptionally well**, particularly in English. As pleased as we are with this year's results, St. John Vianney administration and teachers are actively seeking ways to extend our success next year.

More than 5,300 eighth grade students attending Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago took the EXPLORE® test during the Fall of 2012. This is the first year EXPLORE® test was administered on an Archdiocesan-wide level. St. John Vianney is in the second year of administering EXPLORE. EXPLORE® test results are used by the Archdiocese and its schools to not only to recognize current student performance but to further strengthen student achievement and school improvement.

The EXPLORE® test is administered to eighth and ninth grade students to assess college and career readiness. The EXPLORE® test measures academic performance in terms of college and career readiness standards as well as student interests. EXPLORE® results help students with planning high school course selections and post-high school choices. Published by ACT, Inc., the EXPLORE® is one of three in a series of tests (EXPLORE®, PLAN®, and ACT®) used to help inform college and career decisions.

Fall 2012 EXPLORE® AVERAGES*

Test	National	St. John Vianney
English	14.7	16.4
Mathematics	15.5	16.4
Reading	14.6	16.4
Science	16.6	17.5
Composite	15.5	16.6

Note: Scores earned on the EXPLORE® test are between 1 and 25. The national median for the EXPLORE® composite score is 15.

PERCENT OF COLLEGE-READINESS

Test	EXPLORE® College Readiness Standard (CRS)	Percent at/above College Readiness Standard (CRS)	
		National	St. John Vianney
English	13	68%	82%
Mathematics	17	36%	47%
Reading	15	46%	53%
Science	20	16%	24%

Note: Eighth students attaining the EXPLORE® CRS scores listed above are considered "on-track" by ACT, Inc. to be college ready when they graduate from high school.