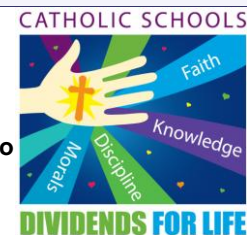


**ST. FERDINAND SCHOOL STUDENTS  
EXCEED NATIONAL STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TEST NORMS**



**"Our Catholic schools constitute the best school system in Cook and Lake Counties." - Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago**

The results of standardized achievement tests administered in 2009 to third, fifth and seventh grade students in Catholic elementary schools in Cook and Lake counties indicate that St. Ferdinand School children achieved scores above the national average for all subtests. St. Ferdinand students obtained an overall combined test score of reading, language and mathematics performances at the 69th percentile in the 3rd grade, the 70% in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the 78% in the seventh grade. Archdiocese scores (including suburbs) were 68% at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 71% at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 78% at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Notably, our third grade students reached the 83<sup>rd</sup> percentile in Science and the 91<sup>st</sup> percentile in Social Studies; seventh grade students reached the 80% in language.

Saint Ferdinand School plays a critical role in the life of the Belmont-Cragin community by instilling faith, teaching discipline and achieving strong, consistent academic quality education. We have a highly qualified and certified staff. Polish and Spanish programs are offered along with our Math and Reading resource program. A safe and secure, faith-based, and technology rich program ensures today's students are ready for the future. With an average classrooms size of 24. Our school enjoys a 14 to 1 student-teacher ratio. The attendance rate of our students in the elementary school is 98%. One hundred percent of our eighth graders who attend St. Ferdinand graduate. We, like all Catholic elementary schools, use TerraNova III as the testing/assessment program because of its focus on National Standards.

*TerraNova, Third Edition Test Results 2009 - National Percentile (NP) Scores*

Elementary School Grades	Archdiocese of Chicago Elementary Schools (includes Cook & Lake counties)			Catholic Schools in the city of Chicago			Big Shoulder Fund Catholic School			St. Ferdinand School		
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Reading</b>	65	68	73	59	62	68	47	53	61	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Language</b>	66	70	80	60	64	74	45	54	66	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Math</b>	67	67	73	61	60	65	48	50	56	<b>75</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Science</b>	68	71	78	67	61	58	54	49	49	<b>83</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	68	71	78	69	62	69	58	52	61	<b>91</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>