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Special Points of Interest:

- “For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,” says the Lord.” - Jeremiah 30:17
- Health is better than wealth—Without health all people are poor.
- September 21-25
ITBS test for grades 3-8.
- September 28
NO SCHOOL Parent / Teacher Conferences

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:52

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ITBS TESTS STARTS MONDAY!

Greetings Sligo Parents,

Next Monday begins our standardized testing of Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS). It is extremely important that your child/ren get to bed early so they can have plenty of rest. In the mornings, please provide them with a healthy, nutritious breakfast and encourage your child/ren to do their best. These tests provide valuable feedback on their academic strengths and weaknesses. The ITBS helps classroom teachers know where to make adjustments within the curriculum.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS):

What type of test is the ITBS?

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) is a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test (NRT).

What is does “nationally standardized” mean?

A nationally standardized test is a test that each test-taker is administered in the same way across a specified reference population (e.g., age groups, grade groups, etc.). Therefore, the score interpretations are based on a comparison of the test taker’s performance to the performance of other students in the nation.

What is a norm-referenced test (NRT)?

It is a NRT because it compares students’ abilities rather than to a criteria. Thus, the ITBS allows educators to get a look at the performance of their students in relation to the rest of the nation. A NRT is designed to highlight achievement differences between and among students.

How valid and reliable is the ITBS?

The ITBS was developed at the University of Iowa, and is based on over seventy years of on-going research.

What does the ITBS measure?

The ITBS measures the skills and achievement of students from Kindergarten through grade eight and provides an in-depth measure of important educational objectives. It also yields reliable and comprehensive information both about the development of students’ skills and about their ability to think critically. It measures students against their peers. Test subjects in the ITBS are in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

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IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS (CONTINUED)

What types of results does the ITBS give on the student report?

The ITBS produces developmental standard scores (SS) (i.e., scaled scores), and percentile ranks.

What does the developmental standard score (SS) mean?

The developmental standard score (SS) is a number that describes a student's location on a scale. The table below shows the standard scores that correspond to average performance (mean) of grade groups on the ITBS in the autumn of the school year.

HE'S A MIGHTY GOD!

This week Mrs. Hayden led out in our morning worships and she focused on the theme of growing in God. She invited her family to teach the Sligo School family a great new song (see right) about the might and power of God to change us and help us grow in Him.

In Isaiah 9:6, the Bible describes the character of God for us: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." What a mighty God we serve!

*He's a mighty God
And He's mighty strong.
He can change the world,
He can beat King Kong!*

*And He cares for us
In so many ways.
If you trust in Him
You will grow and change.*

SLIGO'S COOKING IN MORE WAYS THAN

For those of you who don't know, Sligo has a new chef. I'm sure you have already heard but I wanted to formally introduce her to you. Her name is Tammie Conway. If that name sounds familiar it's because you might have talked with her when she used to work for Sligo in the front office a few years ago.

Mrs. Tammie is a member of Sligo Church and is the aunt of one of our fifth grade students. For the past six years she has worked at the Barry School as their Transportation Coordinator, Scheduler, Bus Driver Textbook Organizer... and the list goes on and on. It was Sligo's good fortune that her services became available in July.

Mrs. Tammie has done an exceptional job in creating tasty, colorful and well balanced meals. Her energy and enthusiasm has transformed our cafeteria into a friendlier, happier place for students and teachers alike. Welcome back Mrs. Tammie!



SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS

The weather is getting cooler and children are starting to bundle up. Please provide the proper outer wear for your child. Jackets that are lined are appropriate to wear to school and outside at recess.

However, if your child wants to wear a sweater or sweatshirt to school, it must be a Sligo School Logoed sweater or sweatshirt. All other sweatshirts will be confiscated. I have demonstrated what appropriate outer wear looks like to the student body during our morning worships so all students are aware of our expectations.

Please make sure that your child bring the appropriate outer ware to school. For more information on how to purchase a Sligo sweatshirt for your child, please contact Mrs. Peace.



6TH GRADE GOES OUTDOOR SCHOOL



This week the 6th grade class had a wonderful chance to bond together as a class and enjoy the beauties of nature in Outdoor School. Every year, the new 6th grade class spends a few days in outdoor education experiencing their world in a new way. This year's class visited Mt. Aetna Camp & Retreat Center from Sep. 14—16. Outdoor school is always fun time where students can learn more about the natural world around them and get to know themselves and their Heavenly Father even better.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRYOUTS FOR PRAISE TEAM

If you are a middle school student who loves music and loves to sing, we are currently holding auditions for the Praise Team. The Praise Team leads out with Praise & Worship Mondays through Thursdays for our morning worships at 8:15am. We will meet Monday through Thursday in the Music Room from 3:00—3:30pm.

The Praise Team is also looking for student musicians who would be interested in accompanying the Praise Team from time to time as well as dedicated individuals who would be willing to provide Audio Visual (AV) help. We are happy to help provide AV training for those who are willing to learn.

If you would like to work with the Praise Team or try out, contact Mrs. Follette or Mrs. Wanga.





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Be still and know
 that I am God...
 The LORD Almighty
 is with us;
 the God of Jacob
 is our fortress.
 Psalms 46:10, 11

Pictures of Our Spirit Week Program



Upcoming Lunch Menu:

MONDAY

Veggie Burgers & Fries

TUESDAY

Lasagna

WEDNESDAY

Burritos

THURSDAY

Grilled Cheese

FRIDAY

Pizza

Don't forget to purchase your lunch ticket before 10am.

K-2 Tickets: \$4.50

3-8 Tickets: \$5.00

THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- September 21-25 - ITBS Tests
- September 24 - Soccer SAS vs. BAS
- September 28 - NO SCHOOL Parent / Teacher Conferences
- October 1- 4 - Pathfinder Camporee at Camp Blue Ridge
- October 5-9 - Week of Spiritual Emphasis with Pastor Tapp
- October 20 - 21 - 8th Grade Trip to Williamsburg
- October 23 - End of 1st Quarter
- November 5 - Awards Assembly

Please do not allow your child to come to school if he or she is feeling sick or has a temperature.



All parents can view student grades by visiting Edline.net. For help setting up your account, contact Mrs. Wanga at kmclea2@hotmail.com.



Please remember that **Thursdays** all students should come in their **Dress Uniform** for Chapels, with the option to wear sneakers. For more information on what constitutes Dress Uniform, please see page 17 in the Sligo Family Handbook.