

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WAPPINGERS FALLS

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I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about some of the amazing accomplishments of our students.

In 2009, 100% of our students in grade 4 scored at Levels 3 and 4 in the NYS Math test (with 64% at Level 4), and 100% of our students in grade 8 scored at Levels 3 & 4 in the NYS Math test (with 55% at Level 4). To give you a basis for comparison, 88% of 4th graders and 82% of 8th graders in the entire Archdiocese scored at Levels 3 and 4 in the Math test.

On the NYS ELA tests, 92% of our students in grade 4 scored at Levels 3 and 4 (with 23% at Level 4), and 91% of our students in grade 8 scored at Levels 3 & 4 (with 9% at Level 4). To give you a basis for comparison, 85% of 4th graders and 78% of 8th graders in the entire Archdiocese scored at Levels 3 and 4 in the Math test. We are not only doing better than our counterparts in the public schools, but we are also surpassing the results from our own Archdiocese!

In Science, 100% of our 4th graders scored at Levels 3 & 4 with 93% at Level 4! 95% of our 8th graders scored at Levels 3 & 4 with 64% at Level 4.

NYS Social Studies test results are equally impressive. In Grade 5, 100% of the class scored at Levels 3 & 4 with 92% at Level 4. In Grade 8, 95% of the class scored at Levels 3 & 4 with 36% at Level 4. What impressive accomplishments!

Our nine Honors Algebra students took the NYS Integrated Algebra Regents Exam at Our Lady of Lourdes High School on June 19. Their scores ranged from 89% to 99%. I am so proud to say that the 99% score from one of our students was the highest score among the 8th graders from *all* area Catholic schools and the 9th graders from Lourdes who took the test!

Congratulations go out to three of our graduates who were awarded scholarships to Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Christopher Roberts received the Knights of Columbus #1646 Fourth Degree Monsignor Brennan Memorial Scholarship. Kateri Sternberg was named a Lourdean Scholar and was awarded one of only three Lourdes Presidential Scholarships. Ethan Alwaise was a recipient of the Monsignor Kane Scholarship Grant. I am so proud of these and all of our graduates for their accomplishments, and I am confident that they leave us with an excellent foundation for the challenges that lie ahead of them.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your support of and generosity toward St. Mary's School. Have a wonderful summer!