

Academic Spotlight at Saint Albert

Saint Albert Catholic Schools is proud to report the academic achievement of our students on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED). The information provided here are results from 2008. The scores from tests taken last month will be reported in 2010. **We hope these test scores re-affirm for our families, alumni and friends that their support is well worth the investment in Catholic education at Saint Albert.**

(Test score source: www.edinfo.state.ia.us/data/aprchart)

World Mission Taco Run. The World Mission Project and Taco John's will once again be hosting a Taco Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m. The event includes a one-mile walk or a 3.5 miles run through the beautiful hills of Council Bluffs, starting at Taco John's on East Broadway. The entry fee is \$20 per person, which includes a T-shirt or goodie bag, medals in each age division, and tacos after the race. Contact Brenda Moran at (712) 328-2316 for more information or to sign up.

SA Ambassadors Meeting on Nov. 9. The SA Ambassadors will meet on Monday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. in the Intermediate Art Room. The guest speaker is School Nurse Kathleen Zajic.

Feast Day Mass on Nov. 12. On Thursday, Nov. 12, the Saint Albert community will celebrate the feast day of our patron, Saint Albert with an all-school Mass at 1:15 p.m. in the Main gym. Bishop Pates will preside at the Mass along with area priests. All are welcome to celebrate with us!

High School Book Fair on Nov. 28. The High School Library will once again host a book fair at Barnes and Noble at the Mall of the Bluffs on Saturday, Nov. 28. The school will receive a percentage of your purchases to buy books for our library. Last year's event raised more than \$1,100 for the school, so your participation is appreciated!

Dance Team Car Wash Certificates. The Saint Albert Dance Team is selling Gorilla Car Wash certificates. The certificates are \$8 each and can be used at any Gorilla Car Wash location in Council Bluffs or Omaha. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will help the Dance Team pay for expenses for the state dance competition. To purchase a car wash certificate, see a Dance Team member or email saintalbertdanceteam@hotmail.com

From IA Dept of Education Testing Scores	% Proficient		
	Math	Reading	Science
Grade 3			
Council Bluffs Public	71.23	71.47	75.58
Glenwood	70.37	73.13	78.03
Lewis Central	70.98	70.49	78.22
Tri-Center	71.15	69.23	65.38
Saint Albert	76.05	91.43	81.69
Grade 7			
Council Bluffs Public	69.97	64.98	76.81
Glenwood	85.63	78.75	84.07
Lewis Central	66.99	66.51	73.56
Tri-Center	67.24	51.73	79.31
Saint Albert	82.54	82.53	84.13
Grade 11			
Council Bluffs Public	61.12	65.74	69.77
Glenwood	72.44	75.32	68.83
Lewis Central	72.04	72.11	72.86
Tri-Center	85.24	75.41	90.17
Saint Albert	87.23	93.62	95.75

These strong foundational scores lead to higher results on the ACT college entrance exam. Shown here is a comparison of Saint Albert scores vs. other Midwestern states. It's important to note the **percentage** of students taking the ACT. Generally speaking, the more students who take the test, the greater the chance for a lower test average. If Saint Albert only reported its top 60%, our scores would be even higher!

Midwest States Offering ACT	% of 2009 Graduates Tested	Average ACT Composite Score
Minnesota	68	22.7
Saint Albert	95	22.6
Iowa	59	22.4
Wisconsin	67	22.3
Nebraska	72	22.1
South Dakota	74	22
Kansas	74	21.9
Missouri	67	21.6
North Dakota	78	21.5
National	45	21.1
Colorado	100	20.8
Illinois	97	20.8

Saint Albert on Facebook

Saint Albert has joined the world of social networking and now has a Facebook page.

To see our page, go to www.facebook.com and search for St. Albert. You must have a Facebook account to access the page.

The page includes information about upcoming events at the school, alumni updates and a virtual tour of our new facilities.

Nearly 200 people have signed on as "fans" of the page since launching it in late October. Updates are provided daily, so sign on often to stay in the know of what's happening at Saint Albert!

(Editor's Note: If you would like to sign up for a Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com. Follow the step-by-step instructions on the Facebook homepage to Create an Account. It's free and easy. All you need is an e-mail address and you will be asked to create a password.)

Film Preview Screening at Saint Albert



Saint Albert will host a pre-release screening of "The 13th Day" DVD. The film is a dramatic retelling of the Blessed Mother's appearances to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

The pre-screenings will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Saint Albert Auditorium.** Reserve your ticket by calling the Business Office at (712) 329-9000.

The viewing is FREE, but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of bringing the film to Saint Albert. Any money raised in excess of the pre-screening costs will be donated to Gabriel's Corner. The DVD of "The 13th Day" will be released to the public on Dec. 1 by Ignatius Press.

Thank you to the following sponsors of this pre-screening: Treynor State Bank Community Foundation; Don & Donna Conn, Ron & Shirley Graeve, Chris & Erika Hanson, Alan & Ruth Hardy, Jon & Debra Jacobsen, Jim & Tana Koch, Dan & Lisa LaMantia, Jon & Candy Narmi, Jean & Kathy Plourde, Dennis & Angela Shea, Kiely & Cheryl Sindelar, Dan & Francean Slavin, Dan & Eileen Smith, Roger & Christine Wilson.

For more information about the film, visit www.the13thdaymovie.com

Upcoming Saint Albert Alumni (and Friends) Events — Mark Your Calendars!

Holiday Happy Hour

Get your Thanksgiving holiday started off right with a trip to Tish's to see some old friends & make some new ones!

When: Wednesday, November 25 from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Where: Tish's - 1207 South 35th Street, Council Bluffs



Cash bar available. Appetizers provided.

RSVPs encouraged to Jen Brown at jbrown@myradiomail.com

Bowling Night

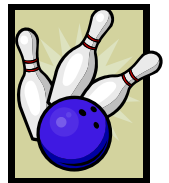
Strike up some fun at the 9th Annual Saint Albert Alumni Bowling Night.

When: Saturday, January 9, 2010 (Time TBA)

Where: Regal Lanes— 15 State Street, Council Bluffs

Cost: \$15 per bowler (includes 3 games, shoes and dinner)

This event will sell out this year, so RSVP with your team of 6 today to Amy Rallis at karallis@cox.net



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