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## **Holy Family Students Score at or Above National Average on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills**

*(Grand Junction, October 9, 2020)* - Holy Family Catholic School is proud to report that the average student in grades 3rd through 8th scored at or above grade level relative to the national sample on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) taken in September 2020.

The ITBS test has been in existence for 70 years and was developed at the University of Iowa. More research has been done on this set of tests than any other wide range achievement test. The test is given in all 50 states to over 2 million students, grades 3rd - 8th, each year. Both private and public schools use this test, and in some states, it is the required assessment. Among Catholic schools, more choose ITBS than any other achievement instrument. (ITBS)

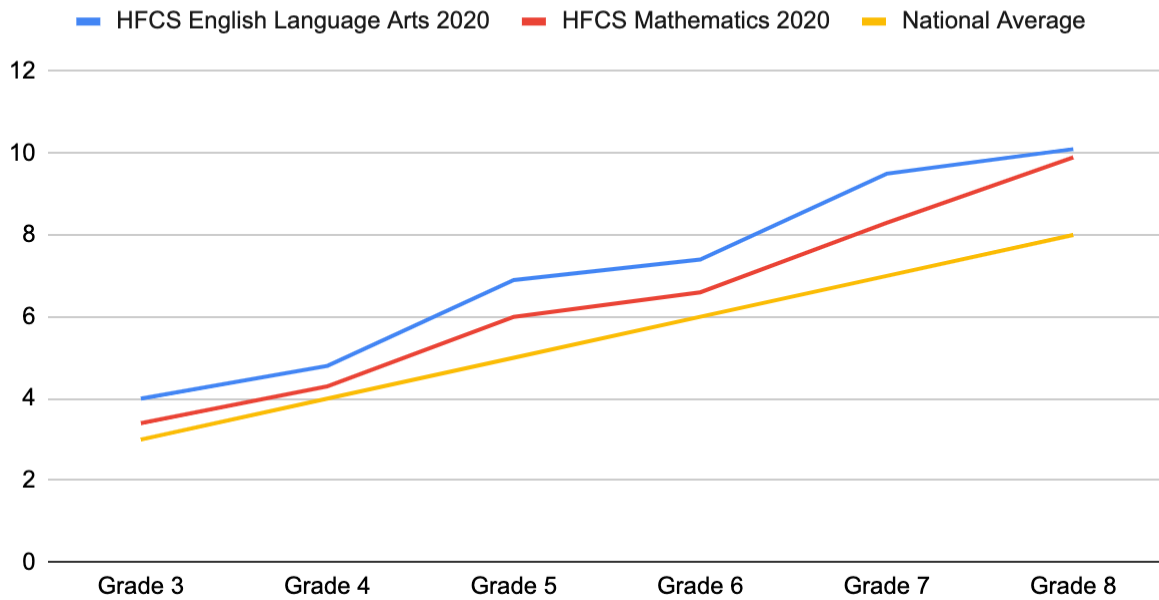
“These positive results are a testimony to the families that send students to HFCS, to the community in which they are raised, and to the school. The results illustrate the fact that the average student performs progressively better with respect to the ITBS national sample the longer they attend HFCS,” said Jake Aubert, Principal of Holy Family Catholic School. “Our students, parents and teachers should all be very proud.”

Results for the ITBS (3rd - 8th grade) are as follows:

- **3rd grade** scored a reading average of 4th grade (4.0) and a math average of 3rd grade, 4th month (3.4)
- **4th grade** scored a reading average of 4th grade 8th month (4.8) and a math average of 4th grade, 3rd month (4.3)
- **5th grade** scored a reading average of 6th grade, 9th month (6.9) and a math average of 6th grade, 3rd month (6.3)
- **6th grade** scored a reading average of 7th grade, 4th month (7.4) and a math average of 6th grade, 8th month (6.8)

- **7th grade** scored a reading average of ninth grade, 5th month (9.5) and a math average of 8th grade, 2nd month (8.2)
- **8th grade** scored a reading average of 10th grade, 1st month (10.1) and a math average of 9th grade, 9th month (9.9).

## HFCS English Language Arts, HFCS Mathematics and National Average



This graph illustrates the English Language Art and Math performance of 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Holy Family Catholic School on the standardized Iowa Test of Basic Skills taken in September 2020.

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