



# Director's Digest

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"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;  
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." - *Sir Winston Churchill*

## 2008 TerraNova Results Indicate Gains Across All Subtests

As part of the school's Accountability Plan, we administer the TerraNova Reading, Language, and Math exams each year. Comparing the scores is one of the ways we analyze the progress for FRCS students compared to the progress of the national norm reference group.

I am very pleased to announce that overall, all subtest areas showed improvement. The greatest increases in scaled scores in all three subtests were seen in grades, 1, 2, 4, 11, and 12.

Additionally, students enrolled at FRCS for two years or more showed significant gains!

### Reading Subtest:

- ◆ Students in grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12 showed gains in reading scaled scores from 2007, ranging from plus .4 to plus 34.1, with an average gain of 13.5.
- ◆ Students enrolled in FRCS three or more years scored 6 points higher than those students who were enrolled two or less years.

### Language Subtest:

- ◆ Students in grades 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, and 12 showed gains in language, ranging from .7 in grade four through 27.1 in grade 12, with an average gain of 8.9.
- ◆ Students enrolled in FRCS three or more years scored 7 points higher (66) than those students enrolled two or less years (59).

### Math Subtest:

- ◆ Students in grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 showed gains in math scores from 2007, averaging a gain of 7 points.
- ◆ Students enrolled in FRCS for three or more years scored higher (683) than those students who were enrolled two or less years (675).

We will use the data from the individual student and grade-specific results, in conjunction with the MCAS scores and other internal assessments, to identify gaps in learning and revise our Data Analysis Strategic Plan.

## 2008 SAT Scores at FRCS Continue to Climb

Congratulations to our seniors for continuing to improve on the SAT! On average, the seniors improved their own scores from last year and also scored better overall on all three subtests. The total average score for our students was 1625, compared to 1540 last year.

Also, according to the College Board, the Writing portion has been identified as a vital indicator of student success in college. Our seniors continue to see an increase in their Writing scores and continue to outperform the state and national average. Great job!

## FRCS Students Score Perfect & Near Perfect on 2008 MCAS Exams

More great news from the MCAS world!

We had 9 students (more than twice the number than last year) achieve a perfect score and 14 students (almost twice) achieve a near perfect score (one point shy) on the 2008 MCAS exams!

Congratulations to the following students on this tremendous achievement:

### Perfect Scores:

- ◆ Julia Holmes (Grade 3 math)
- ◆ Grayson Kelly (Grade 3 math)
- ◆ Robert Lyle (Grade 3 math)
- ◆ Katherine O'Reilly (Grade 4 math)
- ◆ Christa Chubert (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Rebecca Graves (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Sheila Orechia (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Prema Roberts-Gaddipati (Grade 8 math)
- ◆ Vanessa Lubiner (Grade 10 history)

### Near Perfect Scores:

- ◆ Alisa Fong (Grade 3 math)
- ◆ Aryssa Tyrol (Grade 3 math)
- ◆ Christopher Elsner (Grade 4 math)
- ◆ Robert Trudeau (Grade 4 math)
- ◆ Patrick McFarland (Grade 5 science)
- ◆ Maxwell Newman (Grade 5 science)
- ◆ Mark Gartsbeyn (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Alison Hogue (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Monica Joungiri (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Sophia Lesperane (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Stephen Murphy (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Nicole Steiner (Grade 6 math)
- ◆ Katrina Spiezio (Grade 7 math)
- ◆ Kolin Campbell (Grade 8 math)

We will be honoring these students at the October board meeting with an awards ceremony! Great job!

- Mark Logan