

## Standardized Testing

We require standardized testing for students in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who do not plan to take the SAT or ACT before graduating. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students taking the PSAT are exempt. 12<sup>th</sup> grade students or parent must contact the office by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> if you are taking the SAT or ACT.

As a service to all our families, we offer standardized testing for other students in our school for a cost of \$100.00. We use the newer, more up-to-date *TerraNova 3 text*. These tests must be paid-for and ordered no later than Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Our scheduled testing dates for all grades will be between **April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**If you have a student in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade, testing fees have been covered in your enrollment, and a packet will be sent to you by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

## Semester Transcripts/Report Cards

All students who started online classes on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> should have completed ALL 1<sup>st</sup> semester work in Apex, or at 50% completion for Gradpoint courses (1<sup>st</sup> semester) before the Christmas Break, starting December 18<sup>th</sup>. **Students who have not finished** Apex first semester, will be given an extension **until January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ONLY!** It is critical that all students start 2<sup>nd</sup> semester on or before 2/3/2016 in order to finish by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Apex is not available for the summer. Gradpoint students have more flexibility, and can work over the summer, but we want to encourage all students to finish and enjoy a Christmas and summer break. **(Skypes are a requirement for core subjects.)**

Transcripts will be mailed by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Please note: CEA will be closed from Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> until Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Students will NOT have access to Apex curriculum. It is shut down for updates. Gradpoint students can still work, but remember, our teachers will **not be grading** during this time, nor will our business office be open.

We encourage all students, regardless of progress, to enjoy their families during the Christmas season.

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas!**

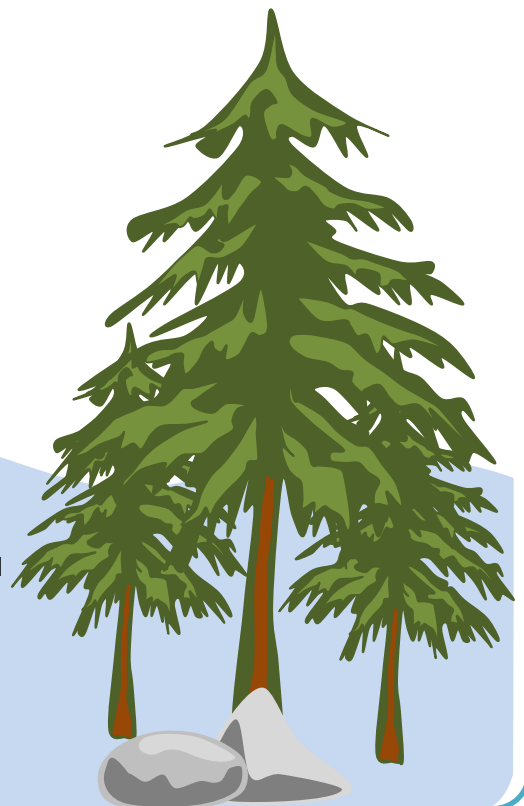
## Highlights

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Joy resounds in the hearts who of those believe in the miracle of Christmas...

Wishing you and your family a season of great joy and blessing!



# Photo Contest Winners

Students, there were so many wonderful submissions, that it was nearly impossible to choose! We hope to work on a small yearbook/photobook that incorporates more of these great pictures for the spring. Each submission was really awesome, I enjoyed seeing students in all of their various workspaces or activities, what a treat! It was a difficult choice, but here are the winners! Prizes are being sent today, Amazon gift cards.



1<sup>st</sup> Place, Kristen S.

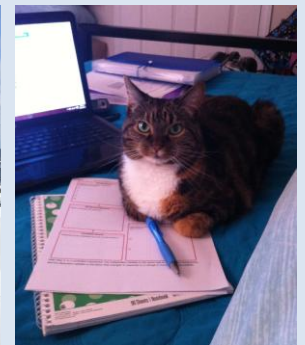
"This image shows me studying for a test as if I was a mermaid. Ever since I was a little girl, I was always wishing that I could have a tail and swim with the mermaids. Well, now, my wish has come true in this picture. It shows my love for creativity, fiction and school. Imagination with school is limitless!"



2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Kaleah H.



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Nathaniel P.



4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Tiger Lily

## December Holiday Contest

Create a photo collage of all of your favorite holiday things. I could be special family traditions, foods you like to eat, decorations, celebrations, anything! Anything that is connected to you and the special season. The pictures can be from your own collection of images, or from friends and family. Send in your collage **with a few sentences** explaining your collage and some of the important things on it.



When I think of Christmas, I most often think of my Nana, who decorates her house so beautifully. I take after her a little, especially in my tree decorating skills. I go to an annual tree decorating party every year and my job is always the lights- this year's tree had 2300 on it! My family also makes homemade chocolates for Christmas and we wrap them in pretty gift boxes. And last, but not least, I usually get together with my friends. Last year we made a ginger bread house just for fun. We ate plenty of the decorations ourselves, but there was enough left over for the house! Miss G.