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Mrs. Patricia Kanute, Principal  
St. James School  
73 Park Street  
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Dear Mrs. Kanute:

*Congratulations on earning such commendable standardized test scores!* Of significance are the scores from your seventh grade class; the highest grade you test. The scores of the students in that class denote the top 90<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally. It is a reflection of the preparation of your students from a young age, the quality of instruction, and exceptional leadership.

As such, St. James School is eligible to be nominated for the **U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Award**. This award nationally honors both public and private schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. Blue Ribbon schools are then honored and recognized at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., and take their place among few elite schools nationally.

We at the Office of Catholic Schools believe your school is one of the most successful in America, and we'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to begin the application process for this distinguished award. Our office is available to you to assist in this process.

We would like to invite to an informational session to further discuss this program and the criteria involved in becoming a nominated school for this award. Please join us on **September 24, 2009** from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. at the Office of Catholic Schools to acknowledge your students' achievements and consider pursuing this celebrated award. If you have any questions about the U. S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Award, please contact Mrs. Valerie Mara, Director of Curriculum Design at (860) 242-4362.

Again, congratulations on outstanding IOWA scores.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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