



Newsletter

April 2016

LaBrae Intermediate School
<http://labrae.school>

The annual state testing season is upon us. Our students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their academic abilities via **The American Institutes for Research (AIR)** tests in math, English, science and social studies. Our staff has been implementing a year-long game plan that includes creative lessons based on content standards, interventions and assessments. Our students demonstrated their talents by responding to each educational challenge set forth by their teachers. We need a total team effort in order to meet our goal of continued Excellence! Attached is the schedule for each test in each grade. Please be sure to make note of the dates your child will be testing. Below are some test-taking tips for parents and students.

Parents: The Night Before Testing

1. Children should go to bed at their normal time.
2. Solve any family/friend problems before the testing dates.
3. Talk to your child about any concerns that he/she might have about the test.

Students: Testing Day

1. Start your day as normal.
2. Eat a good breakfast.
3. Think of what you will do to relax after you get home from school.
4. Think positive and be confident in your abilities!

Students: Multiple Choice Questions Recommendations

1. If you do not understand the directions, ask for help.
2. Read the question and **all** answer choices **before** marking anything.
3. If you can eliminate wrong answers, your chance of choosing the right answer is greater.
4. If you finish early, check to make sure you have answered all questions.

Students: Extended- Response/Short Answer Recommendations

1. Read the question **carefully** and **completely**. **How many parts of the question are there?**
2. Highlight the point value of the question.
3. Underline or highlight **Key** or **Power Words** – Key words and what they are asking you to do.
4. Restate the question – Repeat part of the question in your answer – Use a sentence to answer each part of the question- Explain or justify with evidence.
5. Check your answer to see if it makes sense and that you answered what the question was actually asking.

Mitajeau Harkabus
Principal

Darla Arnold
Secretary

Success comes before work only in the dictionary.
-Anonymous

Report Cards for the last quarter, will be mailed home on Friday, June 3, 2016. Any student that still owes fees will not receive their report cards until those fees are paid.



Starting April 1st ***shorts can be worn to School.***
Please use good judgment because there will be some days in April that will still be very chilling and even cold.

ATTENTION TO ALL STUDENTS

We will place all of the “lost and found” items collected over the year on tables located in the 3rd & 4th grade hallway near the front entrance doors. Please check the tables for any items you may have lost. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after May 26th.

ATTENDANCE:

If your child has a doctor’s appointment please bring in a slip from the doctor, so that the absence can be excused. Thank You!

Walking Track for the Public:

The track is now open to the public for walking from 6:30 am - dusk. We encourage the community to take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy walking in comfort!

Upcoming Events:

April 1, 2015—Shorts can be worn weather permitting

April 6, 2016—Math Masters until 5:00 pm.

April 18th-May 10, 2016—State Testing—See the April and May Student Calendar for the dates

April 19, 2016—5th Grade Band Concert at 7:00 pm.

April 20, 2016—Interims Go Home



LABRAE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STATE TESTING SCHEDULE
All Testing begins at 9:30AM and Ends at Noon

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 3rd Grade ELA Part #1	19 3rd Grade ELA Part #2	20 4th Grade ELA Part #1	21 4th Grade ELA Part #2	22 <u>Make Up Day</u>	23
24	25 5th Grade ELA Part #1	26 5th Grade ELA Part #2	27 3rd Grade Math Part #1	28 3rd Grade Math Part #2	29 <u>Make Up Day</u> Testing win- dow for ELA closes at end of day	30

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 4th Grade Math Part #1	3 4th Grade Math Part #2	4 5th Grade Math Part #1	5 5th Grade Math Part #2	6 4th Grade Social Studies Part #1	7
8	9 4th Grade Social Studies Part #2 5th Grade Science Part #1	10 5th Grade Science Part #2	11 <u>Make Up Day</u> Math, Science or Social Studies only	12 <u>Make Up Day</u> Math, Science or Social Studies only	13 <u>Make Up Day</u> Math, Science or Social Studies only All Testing Windows Close at end of school day	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2016 (Student)

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24	25 <u>5th Grade</u> ELA Part #1	26 <u>5th Grade</u> ELA Part #2	27 <u>3rd Grade</u> Math Part #1	28 <u>3rd Grade</u> Math Part #2	29 <u>Make Up Day</u> Testing Window for ELA Closes at the End of Day	30