

## **News Release** (February 11, 2010)

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### **Racine Christian Students Excel on Iowa Tests**



*Racine Christian School 8<sup>th</sup> graders conduct a hands-on science experiment with teacher Tim Bratt.*

Racine Christian School students recently took the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, and their scores showed excellent results. On average, students scored about two years ahead of their actual grade level. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders averaged an impressive three years ahead of their actual grade level.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills are a standardized testing system used across the United States. They test K-12 students on

subjects including mathematics and the language arts. Each student receives a percentile score - comparing him or her to the overall national results, and a grade equivalent - indicating the student's progress in an academic curriculum. The test results show schools, parents, and students how children are doing at achieving academic competence.

“Historically, Racine Christian students score well on Iowa Tests,” say Principal Dave VanSwol. “For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, this increases their confidence and ability to succeed in high school. In fact, principals from area high schools tell us our students come to them exceptionally well prepared. Congratulations to our students and teachers on a job well done.”

Racine Christian School will hold an Open House for new families on Tuesday, February 23, from 6 – 7:30 P.M. Families will learn the benefits of Christian education, tour the facility, meet the teachers, and enjoy story time plus snacks. Families may also sign up for the March 3 Kindergarten Roundup placement testing.

Racine Christian is located at 912 Virginia Street in Racine, at the corner of Ohio Street and Kinzie Avenue. Further information is available from Dave VanSwol at 262/634-0961 or [www.RacineChristianSchool.com](http://www.RacineChristianSchool.com)

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