



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I pray that you all have been able to enjoy the blessings of the summer break.

As some of you may have already heard, the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) learned last spring that the standardized testing company we have worked with for several years, SCANTRON, was being sold and was no longer going to offer standardized testing.

Working with the Catholic schools offices in other regional dioceses/archdioceses that were impacted by this development, OCS conducted a review of available alternatives to support our need for standardized testing data. Ultimately, the Measures of Academic Progress adaptive achievement and growth test offered by the Northwest Evaluation Association (commonly referred to as NWEA-MAP) was selected.

Parish and regional schools in the Diocese of Arlington will begin using NWEA/MAP standardized testing in the 22-23 academic year. The attached handout introduces you to the new program. It provides details regarding how the test works, what it measures, and answers common questions regarding test administration and data interpretation. Also provided is a website address for additional family resources should you wish to access more information.

Sincerely in Christ,

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