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Dear Holy Redeemer Parents,

Our Mid -Year standardized testing is scheduled for January 16 through January 26. The Archdiocese of Washington has integrated the NWEA MAP Growth as our standardized testing platform, which we began last year. This platform measures what students know and how they are growing academically. This helps teachers develop strategies for equitable instruction that maximizes every learner's potential. Your child will be tested in Math and Reading (1st - 8th grade) to determine their growth in proficiency. An End-of-the-Year assessment will be administered (1st - 8th grades) in the Spring 2024 and those results will be sent home with their 4th quarter report card.

Homeroom teachers will post the class testing schedules in Google Classroom. The testing schedule is also on the school calendar and school website. You are encouraged to look at this schedule to help prepare your child. Teachers are preparing the students for this testing as well as providing them with test-taking strategies. The students will take this assessment in their homeroom classroom and will be using a Chromebook provided by the school.

As we prepare for testing, we encourage you to continue the following discussions on test-taking strategies with your child:

- ☐ Read all directions and titles
- ☐ Read the entire question
- ☐ Determine what is being asked
- ☐ Reread the question if needed
- ☐ Identify key clue words
- ☐ Eliminate choices you know are incorrect
- ☐ Select your best answer
- ☐ Go back and check your work
- ☐ Use scrap paper to work out problems (math) or take notes (reading)
- ☐ Get a good night's sleep
- ☐ Make sure to eat a healthy breakfast

Attendance and punctuality are **critical** during the testing weeks. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time **before** the 8:10 bell. Students will not be able to join their class once testing has begun.

Our academic goal continues to be integration and application of math skills across the curriculum, with an outcome of increased, standardized math scores. Please encourage your child to take their time, check their answers, and use scrap paper when needed.

Thank you for your support in helping to make your child's testing experience positive and successful.

Sincerely,

Katrina Fernandez
Principal

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