



From Mr. Sullivan's Office



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Parent Nights are this week. As partners in your child's education, we are looking forward to meeting with you during the annual Parent Nights. These nights are for parents only and we encourage everyone to attend. As stated in last Friday's email*, an out-of-uniform pass will be given out after the group meeting. A parent must be present for the classroom presentation and whole group presentation to receive the pass.

K-5 Parent Night: Tuesday, September 19th

Presentations begin at 6:30 and 6:55 in each teachers' classroom. They run for 20 minutes including time for questions. At 7:20 everyone will gather in the gym. We'll introduce teachers and discuss expectations for the school year.

Middle School Parent Night: Wednesday, September 20th

Parents will go through their student's schedule, hear a snapshot from the middle school staff about the year. During "7th hour", parents will gather in the gym to hear about band, choir, and Learning+. We'll also talk about expectations for the year.

***Did you get the email from me last Friday?** A few people, including office staff, had my email go into their spam folders. Gmail will do that for a variety of reasons, including if the email address is not in your contact list or if there are certain trigger words in the email. If you did not get the email from me, please check your spam folder and mark it as "safe" so that others are not blocked.

MAP testing. Yesterday the middle school began our fall NWEA MAP testing. More information can be found on the second page of this letter, including a link to an explanation of the test for families. Students in 1st grade through 8th grade will take the test in the fall, all grades will take it in January, and K-7th will take it in the spring. Results for the fall will be posted in about three weeks.

The best way to prepare your child for the test is to ensure that they have a good breakfast and plenty of sleep, which is true of every day of school.

Marathon. Packets should have gone home with your youngest child on Friday. The first turn in date is this Thursday, September 21st. Our goal this year is \$35,000. There are more details in the eNews, but our Marathon walk date will be October 6th.

Used Uniforms. Did you know that you can get used uniforms at any time during the school year? On our website under Committees, SEASPA is a pricing guide and an online request form. Once we receive a request, sizes are pulled from our stores. You are contacted when the order is ready to get picked up or sent home.

God bless you all and have a great week,

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Introducing MAP Growth Testing

Soon your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. The testing schedule for the fall is available on our website, www.seas-school.org, under the Academics page.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically. These reports are given out during fall conferences.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit.