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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MAP testing is replacing the standardized Terra Nova Testing that has been administered to students in grades 2-8 in the past during the Spring term. This new test, adopted district wide throughout the Diocese, is a test that measures academic progress. This year at All Saints Academy it will be administered to grades 3-8. The test is completely adaptive to the individual student and is taken on-line. What this means for students is that as a student answers a question correctly, the questions will progressively become more difficult, and when there is an incorrect answer, the questions will become less difficult. It is designed to determine what each individual student is ready to learn next, or his/her instructional level. What this means for teachers is that they will learn from the almost immediate results what each student in her class is ready to learn next, which will aid in differentiating instruction. What is most important for all to understand is that since the test is designed to determine an instructional level, student scores should range in the 40%-60% range. If a student scores higher than that, s/he already knows the material. If his/her score falls below that range, then they were at a frustration level, which is why the test adapts to the individual. Students have been taking practice tests with Ms. DiCola, and they should be well prepared for taking the test. Testing begins Monday for the middle school students and Tuesday for grades 3 and 4. The tests take approximately one hour each and will be spread out throughout the week with one test per day. Students will be assessed in Reading, Language, and Math. Please see the link to a "Parent's Guide to MAP Growth" for additional information.

This week we received two very special donations. A truck load of sand was delivered to the school for use in the Preschool play yard. Thank you to the Hylka family for their very generous donation of materials and trucking. Thank you also to Mr. Sean Vear who carried all five yards of material into the play area by wheelbarrow. That was a lot of shoveling! We also thank Mr. Patricia Westor for her donation of art supplies to the entire school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Yours in Christ,

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