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Saint Gabriel Catholic School Weekly Newsletter for Parents

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Dear Parents,

We are off to such a great year and have enjoyed our first full week of watching our students adjust and transition into the new school year.

Beginning this school year, all Catholic elementary Schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville will administer the NWEA MAP Reading Fluency assessment in grades K-2 and MAP Growth Reading, Math, and Language Usage in grades 3-7. Students in the 8th grade will take the MAP Growth 6+ and /or Algebra 1 Math assessment.

We are very excited about MAP testing because it provides data multiple times a year for individual use. Accommodations are easy to provide with flexible testing windows. Students will test three times a year (fall, winter, spring). This will allow us to measure students' growth over time. Features of the MAP test include untimed testing, pausing a test to take a break, and helpful tools for each test to navigate answers easily.

Teachers have been training and preparing for the MAP assessments. The first testing block for grades 3-8 begins on August 26th through August 29th. Saint Gabriel will have a specific testing schedule. Students will take one test a day on an iPad in the classroom. Students will go to unique classes as regularly scheduled.

K-2 Map Reading Fluency testing will be September 16- 20th. These students will test in the computer lab. This assessment consists of reading fluency, reading comprehension, and foundational skills.

Here are some tips for helping your child prepare for MAP testing:

- Prioritize bedtime.
- Provide a nutritious breakfast.
- Maintain a positive attitude.

For more information, please see [The Comprehensive Assessment Plan](#) from the Archdiocese.

We are looking forward to a successful school year!

Blessings,

Jennifer Schulz

## Highlights:

DATE CHANGE: Mini Schedule Night has been moved to September 5th  
Opening with Principal Lara Krill at 6:00 p.m. (church)  
Parents are invited to the classrooms grades K-8 for an informational session.  
There will be two sessions offered. In classrooms:  
Session one: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Session two: 7:30-8:15 p.m.

We completed our first uniform check this morning. No uniform violations were issued, but several reminders were given. Please make it a priority to have your child in proper uniform. Please reference the uniform guidelines in the [handbook](#) starting on page 39.

### [August PDF calendar](#)

School calendar- [Google](#)- To add to your Google calendar, click the + sign in the bottom right.

School calendar- [iCal](#)

All school volunteers, field trip chaperones and coaches must complete a [Safe Environment Training](#) and background check. The SET only needs to be completed only once. The background check is valid for five years. You may print off the form and send with a check for \$15 made payable to Saint Gabriel to the attention of Tim McGinty.