



St. Joseph Catholic School

"Nurturing the Mind, Body, and Spirit"

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Dear K-8 parent or guardian,

Soon our students will be taking the NWEA MAP testing again. The results of this test, give us a very detailed list of skills that students are proficient with and ready to move beyond, and it also gives detailed information on the things that some students have trouble with. NWEA has linked these skills to specific lessons on Khan Academy, and by using the two resources together, we will be able to better personalize learning that targets the strengths and weaknesses of all our students. By leveraging these tools, we will be able to make certain that all students are able to reach their very own "best" level of achievement.

Khan Academy will be accessed using their Google Apps for Education Account, and the username and password will be the same for both. Your child's teacher will help them get started, but once setup, if you want to see how your child is learning on Khan Academy, and even give them challenges of your own, you can create your own Khan Academy account as well. You can set yourself up as a coach for your child, and you'll be able to see what your child is working on. There's even plenty of material on the site for you to learn anything you want to, as well. Simply go to www.khanacademy.org and click Sign Up to get your own account.

Check out the links below to learn more information:

Khan Academy: www.khanacademy.org

Terms of Service: www.khanacademy.org/about/tos

Privacy Policy: www.khanacademy.org/about/privacy-policy

In the near future, we will be sharing our school's Indiana Accountability Grade, and the information reported in it. There is a lot of good to share, but we do see issues where our highest and lowest performing students need to have more differentiation in instruction to reach their fullest potential. NWEA and Khan Academy can be powerful tools to help them reach new heights. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have questions.

In Christ,
Jeffrey D. Kieffer

Please sign below and return to give your child permission to use Khan Academy

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____, _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____