

October 20, 2017

Dear Families of All Saints Academy Students,

### **MAPs Data**

Student Fall MAPs Scores will be sent home today. There is a letter attached to this message with a little background of how we use this data at All Saints Academy.

### **Fall Conferences**

Fall conferences are next week Monday and Thursday. We look forward to talking with each of you about your sons' or daughters' academic progress. If you have not already scheduled a conference time, [please do so now](#).

### **All Saints Day**

The K-8 students will be celebrating All Saints Day on Wednesday, November 1st at St. Isidore Parish. The kids will be boarding buses and traveling to St. Isidore for an all school Mass, and the opportunity to visit the 8th grade Saints Wax Museum. The Elementary students will be at St. Isidore from 9:15 am until 11:30 am, and the Middle School students from 10:15 am until 12:15 pm. The all school Mass will take place at 10:30 am. All are welcome to join us for Mass or the wax museum (before or after Mass). November 1st will be a dress up day! [Please complete this permission form](#) for your children.

### **Conference Teacher Meal**

On Thursday, October 26, ASA parents will be providing dinner for the teachers during conferences. Conference evenings can be long and quite tiring after teaching all day. It is our intent to provide a great healthy meal all teachers can enjoy. On Thursday, conferences will be at the middle school campus (St. Jude Parish on 4 Mile). If you are able to contribute, please bring your item to the Middle School campus by 3:15 pm. [Here is the link to sign up](#).

### **Box Top Contest Reminder**

Please remember to include your student's name and teacher name when turning in your box tops for the contest. Right now, Mrs. Zimelis's 7th grade is leading at the Middle School, and Mrs. Piotrowski's 2nd grade is leading at the Elementary. Toddler and Preschool classrooms are included in this competition as well, so remember to bring in your box tops too. Please keep in mind, Campbell's no longer has a collection program, so please don't worry about clipping and saving those labels.

### **No School October 27**

Keep in mind there is no school for grades P-8 on Friday, October 27. Teachers will be participating in a professional development session. Child care will be open, but please make a reservation in advance so staff can be scheduled appropriately.

### **Girls On The Run Assistant Coaches Needed for Spring 2018**

This is a volunteer position that makes a positive impact on the lives of the girls involved! It is an opportunity to inspire healthy living through interactive life skill lessons that

integrate running. This 10 week program is offered for 3rd-5th grade girls, with after school practice until 5:00pm two times a week at the Middle School building. There is a coach's training that you be required to attend, provided by Girls On the Run of Kent County. The season begins the week of March 5th, and ends with a celebration 5k at Calder Plaza on May 19th. If you are interested, or you would like to learn more, please contact Nicole Stoner, [nstoner@asagr.org](mailto:nstoner@asagr.org). Thank you!

### **Basketball Youth Camp & Competition**

Calling all boys and girls in Kindergarten through 4th grade! The West Catholic Youth Basketball program is a great way for young athletes to be exposed to the game and work on their individual skills. [Click here to download and print the registration form.](#)

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**Have you subscribed to the ASA Today Blog?** There are weekly pictures and stories highlighting life at ASA. Take a minute to check it out: [ASA Today blog](#). Entering your email will sign you up so the blog is sent directly to your inbox each week. Please also follow ASA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **Monday, October 23**

5:00-8:00 pm Conferences, both campuses

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

9:00-10:30 am Preschool visits Schwallier's Country Basket

10:30 am Elementary Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

3:30 pm Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

#### **Thursday, October 26**

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

5:00-8:00 pm Conferences - all grades at the Middle School

#### **Friday, October 27**

*NO SCHOOL P-8* - Professional Development Day

Child Care Open

Child Care Week 4, Due November

#### **Tuesday, October 31**

Halloween

Black and Orange Color Day

#### **Wednesday, November 1**

All Saints Day - Dress Up Day (no jeans)

8:30am - 12:30 - All School Celebration at St. Isidore  
9:15 am 8th Grade Saints Wax Museum, St. Isidore School  
10:30 am All School All Saints Day Mass, St. Isidore Church  
3:30-4:25 pm Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

**Thursday, November 2**

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

**Friday, November 3**

Spirit Day

Child Care Week 1, Due December

God Bless,

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Attachments: MAP Testing Letter

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 2-8,

Going home today is your child's test result from our most recent Measure of Academic (MAP) test. Information gleaned from MAP is crucial in determining instructional strategies, identifying groups for possible remediation/enrichment work, and giving teachers and administrators data to measure academic growth. As we continue with services from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), your child's previous scores will be reported so that we can monitor academic growth over longer periods of time. It is important to remember that academic growth, like physical growth does not happen evenly over the course of a year. It is normal to see uneven growth over time.

Since 2012, All Saints Academy teachers have participated in several professional development sessions and trainings. These opportunities provided information and strategies to equip them with the skills necessary to analyze MAP scores so that teachers can apply the data to instructional planning and delivery that meets the needs of each individual student.

Additional information for parents is available online at [nwea.org](http://nwea.org). Use the following steps:

1. Once you have reached the home page, click on "Assessments."
2. When the drop-down menu appears, click "Parent Toolkit." This site has some FAQs, educational websites, commonly used vocabulary terms related to testing, and information about the testing program itself.

Conferences would be a great time to discuss MAP data with your child's teacher. If you have additional questions, please contact either one of us or Mrs. LaPonsie.

God Bless,



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#### Mission Statement

*All Saints Academy is a Catholic School inspired by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to teaching and living as Jesus did. Our mission is to serve and partner with our families, parishes and communities as we focus on the spiritual, intellectual, moral, social, and physical development of our children.*