



September 14, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This school year St. Therese School will join other schools in the Diocese of Paterson in the administration of the NWEA MAP Growth Assessments during the 2020-2021 school year for all students in Grade 2 through Grade 8. Students will participate whether they are face-to-face or are receiving remote instruction. MAP Growth is a computer adaptive test that students will take three times per school year: fall, winter, and spring. Students at St. Therese School will be tested in Reading and Mathematics and each test lasts for approximately one class period, the same as a regular assessment in the class.

The MAP Growth assessment will continue to provide a national percentile which will compare your child to the other students who take the test at the same grade level nationally. The roughly 10 million students who participate nationally are both from public, private, and Catholic schools providing a valid comparative number on which to base achievement.

The assessment also, and more importantly, measures student growth during the school year. This score, known as a RIT score, allows parents, teachers, and students to monitor their growth over time. Additionally, the assessment provides an overview of both student strengths and areas for growth. St. Therese School is delighted to use this new standardized assessment tool that will provide results that support student growth and are tailored for teachers' immediate use in the classroom. Results of the initial testing will be shared with you at Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

God bless,  
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