

March 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

This week at our morning prayer, we talked about the Rice Bowl boxes that were distributed through the family envelope last week. During Lent we are encouraged to include Praying, Fasting and Almsgiving. These Rice Bowls help with Almsgiving or giving what you have with others. At the end of Lent if you would like to send your filled Rice Bowls back to school we will make sure any donations are passed to the correct location. Many of your churches may be collecting these Rice Bowl containers too. Feel free to turn them in at your church if you choose, it all goes to help underdeveloped countries.

Wednesday, March 15, is the date that both the Hoops Mania tickets and Seroogy Easter candy orders need to be turned in at school. All Hoops Mania cards need to be activated by March 15th in order to be eligible for prize money.

Today all students in kindergarten through grade 8 will be receiving their Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results. Just to help you read the results: the bar graph has 3 bars for each subject area. All students K-8 took the Mathematics and Reading tests. Students in grades 3-8 also took a Language Usage and Science test. The darkest column to the left represents how your individual son or daughter did on the test (Student). The center column represents the average of students in that same grade level at St. Joseph School (District Grade Level). The lightest column to the right represents the average of all students across the country who took the same test in the same grade level (Norm Grade Level). The column with the dashed lines represents the predicted outcome if students were to take the MAP tests at the end of the school year based on the results in prior years. If your child is a kindergarten student or is new to St. Joseph School, you will not see a prediction (Student Projection) column.

There is a box to the right of each subject area. In the far right it has a column labeled "Percentile Range", the average for each subject area would be 50% so if your child's percentile is above 50 then they scored above the national average. If your child's score is below 50% then they are below the national average. I hope this helps a bit. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Remember that tomorrow is the LuLaRoe clothing sale in the Music Room from 2:00-7:00pm. Come and get some new clothing to perk up your spring wardrobe! Gentlemen, we don't want you to feel left out; you can come too. Does your wife have a birthday coming up? How about selecting something early and be ready for Mother's Day! You may pay with a debit card, credit card, check or cash.

I have some personal news to share with you. Please read my letter which accompanies this letter.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Carol Hoard