



December, 2020

With the school year looking different than most, we remain steadfast in our commitment to academic excellence rooted in faith. The prioritization of growth, ensuring students are prepared for their next level success, has permeated the work teachers and leaders have done each and every day since September. To continue our efforts together, the Regional Superintendents have recommended, in consultation with Instructional Specialists, school leaders, teachers and the Superintendent of Schools Office, that the January midterms be suspended so that we can focus on the winter administration of our NWEA MAP assessments.

The information gained from MAP is critical in crafting learning plans and personalizing instruction for all students. MAP data will inform teachers and leaders what each student knows and what they are ready to learn next. This allows faculty to create individualized action plans for each child to ensure growth in relation to the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards as well as college and career readiness goals.

Our faith reminds us that each child is called by name and has unique, God given talents. This assessment tool affords us the opportunity to cater to unique instructional needs and ensure excellence in education, which is a key feature of our Catholic schools. We know you share in our excitement in making our winter administration of the MAP assessment a success!

Your child's Principal will be in contact to share school specific details as well as their schedule for MAP testing in early January as we begin in earnest. For your reference and more information about MAP Growth, visit [Family Toolkit - NWEA](#).

Sincerely,

Mr Michael J. Deegan  
Superintendent of Schools  
Archdiocese of New York

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