

Dear Upcoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents,

Corpus Christi School has again purchased the license for the IXL math program to be used as the summer math program. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice problems in thousands of skills--all of which are aligned with Archdiocesan Standards and will prepare students for the next grade level.

Students should contact Mrs.McKearney for their login information if needed.

This is an extremely valuable resource for your child to use. He or she will be able to practice and strengthen concepts learned throughout this year. **Summer learning loss is a significant problem. Many studies have shown that over the summer students lose the equivalent of 2 ½ months of academic learning.** The IXL program now has an app to use on mobile devices.

Important guidelines for you and your child to be aware of are as follows:

- Students **are required** to spend 10 full hours on IXL from June 22nd to August 21st, 2020. This represents approximately 70 minutes/week for 9 weeks on ixl.com over the course of the summer. IXL calculates the time **by active practice/use** and not logged in time. Please note that 10 full hours on IXL must be completed by August 21st for full credit. *Hours completed after that date but prior to the first day of school will not receive bonus points.*
- **Consistent use will yield the best results! Practice on IXL should be spread out weekly over the summer, not completed in a rush during the last few weeks of summer.**
- Students should work on the skills and concepts we worked on already throughout the school year and concepts that will be important for success in math next year.
- We can view your child's activity and progress through the skills. We are able to tell what they are practicing, when they are practicing, and how well they are doing.
- Students should seek to demonstrate mastery of math concepts with a score of 80% or higher before moving on to a different skill. After achieving mastery (80% or higher) on the grade level skills, students may practice more challenging skills.
- Important reminder: Students will only receive credit for time on IXL Math when properly logged into their account, as instructed in school. Students who do not correctly log in are able to work on skills, but the program will not recognize the time spent and credit will not be awarded.
- **Students will receive a test grade in math for their regular, consistent work on ixl.com.**

Attached below is:

- **A helpful weekly calendar that can help track the amount of time spent on IXL math.**
- **The rubric that shows how the assignment will be graded**

Copies of these documents will be posted on the school website for your future reference.

Thank you so much for your support in helping us fight the "summer brain drain"! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to working with your child and you next year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peak and Mrs. Cascio

How do I check how much time I have spent practicing IXL skills?

Students:

1. Open browser, and go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/corpuschristict> to log into your IXL account using login and password provided.
2. Click on Analytics, then select Usage
3. From the **Subject** pulldown menu select **Math**
4. Choose the skill levels you would like to check (for example: gr 5-6)
5. Suggestion - Click: Date Range and using the pulldown list to select "Custom" and choose a start and end date on the calendars to view total time spent during the indicated time (for example, select start date of 6/22/20 and an end date of 6/28/20 to check that you have completed *approximately 70 minutes* during that week.)

You can use this **optional** tracking sheet to monitor your IXL progress through the summer. Use the directions above to monitor how well you are spreading out your practice time.

June	Record your time spent on IXL	July	Record your time spent on IXL	August	Record your time spent on IXL
Week 1: 6/22/20		Week 3: 7/6/20		Week 7: 08/03/20	
Week 2: 6/29/20		Week 4: 7/13/20		Week 8: 08/10/20	
JUNE TOTAL TIME		Week 5: 7/20/20		Week 9: 08/17/20	
		Week 6: 7/27/20		AUGUST TOTAL TIME	
		JULY TOTAL TIME			

Total time spent on IXL Math this summer: _____

IXL Summer Homework Scoring Rubric: For Teacher Use

Student's Name: _____

Standard	Points to awarded.	Bonus Points to Award	Score
Student completed <i>at least</i> 10 full hours of the required 10+ hours of the IXL Math skills from 6/21/20 to 8/22/20	100 pts	9 <i>bonus</i> points awarded if completed hours were spread over 9 weeks. (1 pt. per week) 1 bonus point awarded if the completed hours exceed 10 hours.	
Student completed <i>at least</i> 9 full hours of the required 10+ hours of the IXL Math skills from 6/21/20 to 8/22/20	95 pts	4.5 <i>bonus</i> points awarded if completed hours were spread over 9 weeks. (0.5 pts per week)	
Student completed <i>at least</i> 8 full hours of the required 10+ hours of the IXL Math skills from 6/21/20 to 8/22/20	85 pts	2.25 <i>bonus</i> points awarded if completed hours were spread over 9 weeks. (0.25 pts. per week)	
Student completed <i>at least</i> 7 full hours of the required 10+ hours of the IXL Math skills from 6/21/20 to 8/22/20	75 pts	2.25 <i>bonus</i> points awarded if completed hours were spread over 9 weeks. (0.25 pts. per week)	
Though student did not complete <i>at least</i> 7 full hours of the required 10+ hours of the IXL Math skills from 6/21/20 to 8/22/20 but completed between 5 and 7 hours.	70 pts	2.25 <i>bonus</i> points awarded if completed hours were spread over 9 weeks. (0.25 pts. per week)	