

Halloween at SJS:

This year, Halloween is on a school day- Friday, 10/31 (a Flex day). Students in grades K-8 are permitted to wear orange/black or halloween themed clothing with dress down bottoms. No costumes, no props, no makeup. All clothing choices should support being in a Christian environment. Please remember we will attend Mass! Also, treats from home or store bought treats/trinkets and/or treat bags are NOT permitted to be brought/sent in. Anything sent in will be returned back home. The teachers are each individually planning activities to make the day a little special.



MAP Scores, IXL, and Personalized Learning at SJS

At the Parent Club meeting last Tuesday, Mrs. Makruski and Mrs. Overdorff took some time to explain to parents how MAP testing and MAP scores link to educational decisions that are made each day at SJS. Below is a very brief summary of what was discussed in the in-person meeting.

MAP Testing/MAP Scores

- Takes place 3 times per year
- Score reports are sent home once the session closes
- Families receive the Student Progress Report
- Teachers use a Student Profile online to dig deeper into test/score data

All of this leads into our practices that deal with:

- Standards based learning and grading in grades K-8
- Mastery based learning K-8
- WIN (What I Need) Time
- Advisory time in the upper hall, paired with individual teacher advisors/mentors

What do we do with this data?

- Used to make purposeful moves in regards to personalized learning
- Used for:
 - Excel time- a specialized mini lesson based on chosen topics with specified groups
 - Specially designed student groupings
 - IXL Skill Plans based on MAP data
 - Goal setting for teachers
 - Goal setting for students

Overall, the goal is to pair what is data informed with the experience and know-how of our staff members to help each student reach their maximum potential.

Students can (and should) work on their IXL skill plans at home. This is one way they can help to grow their general knowledge, as well as complete targeted practice to grow their MAP scores.

Attached to this letter is your student's personal IXL login information! If you have any questions about how to use IXL, please contact your child's teacher. It can be used as a website and is also available as an app!