

April 8, 2023

Dear Parents,

The faculty and staff at Sts. Joseph and John School have been diligently working to match the data from the students MAP scores to create *Personalized Skill Plans* for each student in the school.

Using MAP scores as part of a comprehensive and balanced assessment plan, all teachers are tailoring their instruction to challenge every student, whether they are below, at, or above grade level. Also, in working with the data from the most recent Winter MAP test, each teacher has worked within the MAP and IXL programs and combined and created a personalized skill plan through IXL for your child.

Your child now has a specific list of IXL skills to work on to help him/her grow academically from the current level they are at. He/she may begin working on these plans at any time. These plans offer custom-built skills that match our textbooks, state standards and the assessments our students are taking now and plan to take in high school.

Students in grades 6-8 have been instructed how to access their personalized skill plans through IXL. They have also been instructed on the requirements for completing their skill plans at home and at school. Students in the other grades that need assistance can access their plans by doing the following:

- ⇒ Login to IXL with student username and password
- ⇒ Once on the Main Page – Click SKILL PLANS
- ⇒ Click IXL PLANS
- ⇒ Look for PINNED SKILL PLANS with the NWEA Logo
- ⇒ Click the specific subject area your child would like to work on

If your child's teacher has not done so already, they will give you specific instructions on the requirements for completing these skill plans within their specific class. Please take the time to look over the skill areas assigned to your child. **You may notice skills that are on grade level, above grade level or below grade level.** This is the beauty of the program! It allows your child to work at his/her academic level and possibly beyond grade level. *Please know this is not mandatory at this time. It is simply a way students can practice skills at their own pace and at any time of the day.

It is our hope by tracking our student's progress and individualizing classroom instruction, it will help each child grow academically while increasing test scores. It is also our hope that our students will enjoy taking charge of their own learning.

Thank you for all you do to help us as we strive to achieve academic excellence at SJJ.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Francis and the SJJ Faculty

