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RE: State Assessment- **Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)**

Dear School Parents,

Last May our 7th and 8th grade students took the Washington State assessment – Measurements of Student Progress (MSP). Thank you to the school staff, students, and parents for their time, dedication, and hard work.

The seventh grade students took the reading, math, and writing tests and eighth grade students took the reading and math sections. Our 2010- 2011 scores are attached and they demonstrate strong learning.

Students were placed in one of four levels on the MSP. Levels 3 and 4 indicate the student met or exceeded state standards, and Levels 1 and 2 signify the student did not meet state standard.

Last Year's Grade 8 Students

Our students scored higher than all archdiocesan students in each of the 10 test subsections.

Reading:

Ninety-one percent (91%) of our students met the reading standard.
Of these 21 students, 15 earned the highest level (Level 4) and 6 earned Level 3.
Only two students did not meet the state reading standard.

Math:

Seventy-four percent (74%) of our students met the state math standard.
Of these 17 students, 9 of them were at the Level 4 and 8 students were at Level 3.

Last Year's Grade 7 Students:

Our students scored higher than all archdiocesan students in 10 of the 14 test subsections.

Reading:

One student earned a **perfect score** on the reading MSP!

Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the students met the reading standard.
Of these 26 students, 15 were at Level 4 and 12 students at Level 3.
Only one student was at a Level 2.

Writing:

One hundred percent (100%) of our students met the writing standard! **Excellent!**

Math:

One student earned a **perfect score** on the math MSP!

Eighty-two percent (82%) of our students met the math standards.

Of these 23 students, 16 earned Level 4 and 7 students earned Level 3.

Of the remaining students, four earned Level 2.

Individual student scores will be mailed home next week.

The 7th and 8th grade teachers and I will spend time analyzing the test results. The 8th grade teachers will create improvement plans for those students who did not meet the state standard. We can conclude that overall our students are:

- competent and effective readers.
- proficient writers.
- improving their math skills.

Looking at a variety of tests and assessments is the best way for teachers and parents to determine a child's academic progress. No single test can tell us everything about a student's performance. Parents can access the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction's web site at www.K12.wa.us for more information on the MSP assessment.

The MSP replaced the WASL test in 2010. Last May was the first time we administered the MSP even though the test is not required for private school students. We administer the state assessment to:

- see how our students meet the state standards.
- compare our students to other students in archdiocesan schools.
- benefit those students moving to public schools where they will be required to take the MSP.

This year we will administer the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) to students in grades 2 through 6 in mid-October, the First Grade Readiness Assessment to our Kindergarten students in April, and the MSP to students in grades 7 and 8 in May.

I appreciate the diligent work of our students, teachers, and parents. Thank you for helping our students achieve their very best! If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at christl@school.saintbrendan.org. Mrs. Lunn

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Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)

May 2011

Percent of students who met state standard

Number of students at each level

Levels 4 and 3 indicates students met or exceeded state standards

Levels 2 and 1 indicates students did not meet state standard

| 8th Grade 2010/2011 | Met Standard | Level 4 Met standard | Level 3 Met standard | Level 2 | Level 1 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Reading | 91% | 15 | 6 | 2 | |
| Math | 74% | 9 | 8 | 5 | 1 |

| 7th Grade 2010/2011 | Met Standard | Level 4 Met standard | Level 3 Met standard | Level 2 | Level 1 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Reading | 97% | 15 | 12 | 1 | |
| Writing | 100% | 28 | | | |
| Math | 82% | 16 | 7 | 4 | 1 |