



Latin Cafe 2nd Street Family Forum

January 23, 2023
@ 6:30 pm
via Zoom

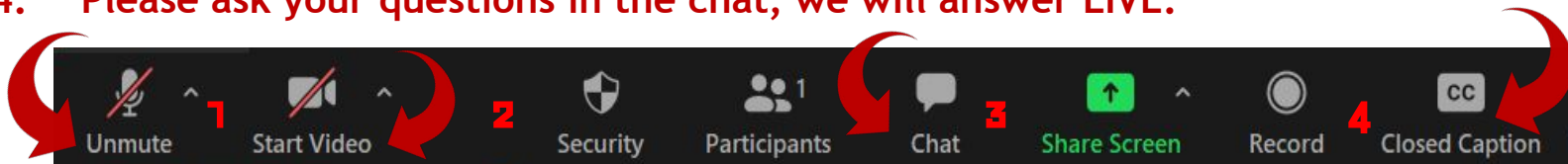
Welcome!

Agenda



- Welcome, Q2 in Review
- Good News and Leadership Notes
- Security Updates
- MAP
- Calendar Updates
- Important Reminders
- Discussion/Q&A

1. **Please stay muted** to eliminate background noise.
2. **Video is encouraged** (but up to you). We would love to see your faces!
3. **You can turn on live subtitles.** Click on the More link in the toolbar.
4. **Please ask your questions in the chat, we will answer LIVE.**



Q2 in Review



Life at Latin



Good News & Leadership Updates





Happy News

My wife and I will welcome our baby girl any day!

Ms. Caroline Gifford and Dr. Diana Smith will support the Middle and Upper School teams while I am on leave.

While Kara Brady is on maternity leave, Meg Kovach is serving as Interim Director of the Upper School. She is working closely with Tiffany Austin, 9th Grade Director.

Security Updates



Trust Courageously



We courageously trust each other to do good in the world.

- As teachers, we trust ourselves to do right by our students and by each other.
- We trust our students and give them the freedom to be courageous themselves - to try, to make mistakes, and to realize over time how to direct their own paths.



School Security Notes and Updates



- **Context:** Our team continues to monitor and shift our school's security protocols in light of safety concerns in local and national spaces.
- **Our Goal:** To maintain a safe and focused school environment while holding true to our principle of *Courageous Trust*.

Updates



- **Review:** Our school has completed a review of our internal security protocols with an external school safety consultant.
- **Updates:** We have already updated several protocols:
 - **Personnel:** We have hired an additional part-time Security Guard, Ahjanae Holmes. You will see her on-campus with Mohamed Mewafy daily from 12pm-5pm.
 - **Cameras:** We have added ten additional cameras to monitor our school's entries and exits and are upgrading our existing cameras.

Updates



Emergency Exits (coming soon): We will be converting several of our doors to emergency-exit only access, including on Ingraham.

- We will discuss how these changes will impact the normal flow during the day (i.e. transitioning from lunch to recess) with students in community meetings and during advisory.
- ***Students will no longer dismiss through the doors on the Ingraham side of the building.***
 - Parents may pick up their kids on Ingraham, but students will exit the front doors.

We will notify you when the emergency-exit conversion is complete!

MAP Testing and Academic Planning



MAP Testing



At Latin, we seek to know our students well so we can best help them flourish. *With the right assessment tools, we can:*

- Tailor lessons before they even arrive in class.
- Track progress mid-year and adjust instruction and supports.
- Assess their growth at the end of each year.
- Set realistic yet rigorous goals with students and families.
- This year, ***we are administering MAP three times***, in the fall, winter, and spring.

What is MAP?



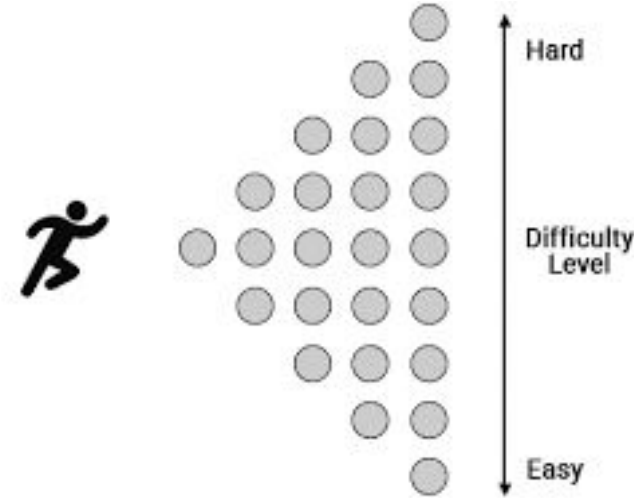
MAP is an **adaptive, computer-based, standardized** assessment that measures where students are in reading and math in relation to what is expected of them at their grade level.



What is MAP?



- Some features:
 - Measures student progress in relation to their peers nationwide.
 - It is used in all types of schools and districts across the country.
 - We are using it in 5th through 9th grades (and for all Geometry students) this year.
- **MAP is adaptive.** The questions adjust in difficulty to identify our students' proficiency levels.



How should parents use MAP?



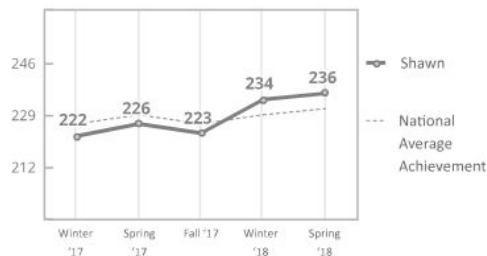
- Review your student's MAP report with them.



Mathematics

Average Achievement

60th Percentile

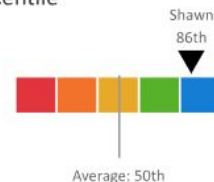


Shawn's overall score (RIT score) was a 236 on a scale of 100-350. Your child is in the 60th percentile, which means they scored better than 60% of their peers.

High Growth

86th Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018 is in the 86th percentile, which means they made more progress than 86% of their peers.



Shawn is likely to be:

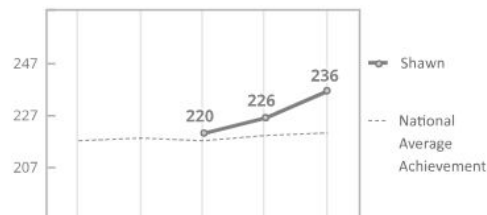
- Approaches* on the State XYZ Assessment (if taken in Spring 2018)
- College ready* on the ACT College Readiness (if taken in Spring 2018)
- Not On Track* on the SAT (if taken in Spring 2018)



Reading

High Achievement

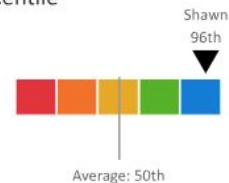
84th Percentile



High Growth

96th Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018 is in the 96th percentile, which means they made more progress than 96% of their peers.



How should parents use MAP?



- Encourage your student to tap into existing school supports, like tutorial.
- Use IXL's personalized learning plan feature. MAP Scores are imported into IXL and form personalized learning plans for students, with recommended practice skills.

The screenshot displays the IXL Learning interface. At the top, there's a green navigation bar with 'My IXL', 'Learning', 'Assessment', 'Analytics', and 'Takeoff'. Below this, a secondary bar lists subjects: Math, Language arts, Science, Social studies, Spanish, Recommendations, Skill plans, and Awards. The 'Skill plans' tab is selected. The main content area shows a 'Student' dropdown menu, followed by the text 'Your personal study plan for the NWEA® MAP™ Growth - Math'. Below this, it says 'Here is your personal study plan for the NWEA® MAP™ Growth based on your scores. Find the IXL skills that are right for you below!'. A 'Topic' section lists 'Operations and Algebraic Thinking', 'The Real and Complex Number Systems', and 'Geometry'. Below the topics, there are three buttons: 'View report', 'Print skill plan', and 'Update personal plan'. The 'Operations and Algebraic Thinking' section is expanded, showing a 'RIT Score: 228-228'. Under 'Expressions and Equations', there are two columns of skills. The first column lists 'Solutions to equations' with two items: '1. Find the number of solutions' and '2. Create equations with no solutions or infinitely many solutions'. The second column lists 'Linear equations' with four items: '3. Slope-intercept form: find the slope and y-intercept', '4. Graph a line using slope', '5. Write a linear equation from a graph', and '6. Graph a line from an equation in slope-intercept form'.

Calendar Updates & Reminders





Calendar Updates

- **Thursday 2/15:** Despite the error on an earlier version of the school calendar, ***Thursday 2/15 is a normal school day!***
- **First Day of School:** The first day of the 2024-25 academic year is ***Thursday 8/22/2024.***
- **Summer School:**
 - Session 1 will run from June 24 to July 10
 - Session 2 will run from July 11 to July 26
- **Pre-season Dates:**
 - Pre-season for the ***Upper School will be held 8/12-8/16***
 - Pre-season for the ***Middle School will be held 8/26-8/30***

Advisory Reminder



Advisory is the home base for each student and, by extension, an important connection for our families.

- Our advisors foster a sense of mutual caring, community, and fun for their advisories.

It is important that students are able to fully participate in advisory!

- They should begin going to their advisor's room at 8:00 with the expectation that everyone is there by 8:10. **8:11 is late!**

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)



- The SYEP registration period is now open! Registration closes on March 6, 2024!
- This year's SYEP will run from June 24 - August 2, 2024.
- Washington Latin is a job site for SYEP and students can apply to work at Latin or to have their summer classes count for enrollment in SYEP.
- There are also hundreds of other job opportunities across the city for students to apply to!

Questions?

