



Upcoming Assessments!

September 24, 2021

Dear families,

During the week of September 27-30, students in grades 3-9 will be individually assessed in reading, science, language and math using NWEA Map Growth. These assessments are replacing the ACT Aspire tests and will provide both benchmark and growth data for each student in multiple skill areas. For more information regarding the specific test, please see the *parent quick guide* on the back of this letter.

As with any testing or assessment, it is important that students arrive to school on time, well rested and having had breakfast. Our testing window will be approximately 8:15-10:30am each day. If a student arrives after 8:15, they will have to wait in another classroom as to not disrupt the testing process. We will do our best to accommodate both late and absent students, but please know that they will be responsible for any missed assignments while testing.

I look forward to providing assessment data with both yourselves and our teachers so that we can continue to strive to provide the best possible education for your children.

Ms. Chandley, Principal

NWEA

MAP GROWTH

FAMILY QUICK GUIDE

WHAT MAP GROWTH IS AND HOW IT WORKS:

The NWEA MAP Growth assessment will be taking the place of the ACT Aspire assessment beginning in the fall of the 2021-2022 school year.

This interim assessment will provide a detailed snapshot of how your child is growing academically throughout the year and over multiple years in school.

Map Growth is a computer adaptive assessment, which means it adjusts to each individual student. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question will be more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next question will be less difficult. Map Growth challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are still developing.

Students will be assessed using MAP Growth in the areas of Reading, Language Usage, Science and Mathematics.

WHAT MAP GROWTH MEASURES:

MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple school years.

Map Growth results are delivered in the form of a RIT score which reflects the student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities. With each Map Growth interim assessment you will be able to monitor your child's academic growth. A RIT score has the same meaning regardless of grade level, or age, so you can compare scores over time.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

VISIT: [NWEA.ORG/FAMILYTOOLKIT](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit) OR CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

FAQS

HOW DO SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS USE MAP GROWTH SCORES?

Teachers use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning and monitor the growth and progress of each student. Higher-level reports give administrators the data to drive improvement across schools and systems.

HOW OFTEN IS THE MAP ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED?

This assessment will be administered three times a year (fall, spring and winter) and results are available immediately.

IS MAP GROWTH STANDARDIZED?

Rather than asking all students the same questions, MAP Growth adjusts to each child's performance –giving a more accurate measure of what they know.

How long does it take each student to complete the MAP Assessment?

Tests are not timed, and students may take as much time as they need to complete them; eliminating some of the pressure and anxiety students may feel about taking tests. Most students take less than an hour to complete a MAP Growth test.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

October 2, 2021

Join us Saturday, October 2, at the Franklin Rural King, and help support Venango Region Catholic School!



Rural King will be providing grilled hotdogs, fresh coffee, and popcorn! (Seating area provided)!

There will be a free Realtree hat exchange!

Fall photo prop area will be provided for all!

Bingo/Scavenger hunt fun for kids!

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VCHS FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

WHO: All VRCS families are welcome
(Parents must accompany students Pre-K - 8)

WHAT: VC Homecoming Fireworks

WHEN: September 30, 9:30pm - 10:00pm







WHERE: VCHS Parking lot

VCHS Student Council is requesting a \$5 donation to attend. All donations will help offset the cost of prom.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



October 2021 VRCS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 PLEASE NOTE: Venango Catholic High School Sports Schedule is on the back. Come out and cheer on the Vikings!			 		1 No School Vacation Day  Applefest	2
3	4	5	6	7 1st Qtr. Mid-Terms sent home	8 No School for students Teacher in-service	9
10	11 12 School Pictures St. Stephen & VCHS Mass Uniform required. Orders due that day if not ordered online	13 VCHS—PSAT Testing	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22 Jeans Day Cost: \$1.00 SS \$5.00 VC Benefits Student Council	23
24 *St. Stephen Campus Celebrates Red Ribbon Week	25	26	27	28	29 *PK—12 Dress-up for Halloween *VRCS Trunk or Treat 6-8pm	30 
31  Upcoming Reminders: 1. Nov. 7—Roast Beef Dinner @ VC Take-out only 2. Nov. 17—24—Book Fair 3. Nov. 23 & 24—ACT 80 Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences) 4. Nov. 25—29—Thanksgiving Break	*More info to follow					



October 2021 VRCS Sports Schedule



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 4pm Girls JHBB @ Rocky Grove 6pm Volleyball @ Franklin	5 6pm Volleyball vs Moniteau	6	7 6pm Volleyball @ Union	8 No School for students Teacher In-service 4pm Girls JHBB vs Oil City (subject to change)	9 10am Volleyball @ North Clarion
10	11 6pm Volleyball vs Rocky Grove	12 6pm Volleyball @ Cranberry	13 6pm Volleyball vs Tidouite Charter	14 6pm Volleyball vs Keystone	15 4pm Girls JHBB Father Leopold Tour.	16 Girls JHBB Father Leopold Tour.
17	18 4pm Girls JHBB vs. Rocky Grove 6pm Volleyball @ AC Valley	19 4pm Girls JHBB @ AC Valley 6pm Volleyball vs Forest—Senior Night	20	21 4pm Girls JHBB vs Forest	23	30
24	25	26 4pm Girls JHBB @ AC Valley	27	28 4pm Girls JHBB vs North Clarion	29	
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*All events/dates are subject to change