

Dear Parents of Students in Grades 3-7:

Results of your child's January Scantron Performance Series assessment are included with second quarter report cards. It is the second assessment of the school year. A baseline test was administered in September, and a final test will be administered in April. The enclosed report reflects your child's scores in Reading, Language Arts, and Math and includes a graph showing both the fall and winter scores.

Below is a brief description of each score on the report.

- The **scaled score** represents your child's ability level in a subject area independent of his/her current grade level. This is the score teachers will focus on, looking for growth in each subject area. This score ranges from 1300-3700. Please note that it is normal at mid-year to see both gains and losses. This is a mid-year score and provides the teacher information to guide him/her in helping your child achieve end-of-year goals.
- The **NPR** (national percentile ranking) score represents your child's score compared to the national norm group at the same grade level. For example, an NPR of 75 means that the student score is above 75% of grade-level peers in the national norm group.
- The **performance rating** refers to your child's performance in the context of a diocesan-defined set of performance band ranges based on NPR scores. This descriptor also shows your child's performance compared to grade-level national peers.

An important thing to keep in mind is that a student's **overall performance level is not always tied to growth**. For example, the highest performing student in a class can have the lowest growth, and the lowest performing student in the class can have the highest growth in the school.

Scantron test results should be viewed as one snapshot of your child's academic progress. The tests provide teachers and parents with information on performance; however, they are not the only indicator of student achievement.

If you would like more information about the test, please refer to the "Parent's Guide to Performance Series" located on your school's website.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any additional questions and/or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Leslie Lipovski, Ph.D
Coordinator of Curriculum
Catholic Diocese of Arlington