



Saint Agnes School 530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103



ALEKS®

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again, the Math Department is pleased to extend a helping hand to our students over the summer in order to improve and strengthen our students' math skills. We have enrolled in an online program (Aleks – www.aleks.com) that will cover 3rd grade (including those who just finished 2nd grade) math skills through 12th grade math skills at various levels of ability; the program is for low, average and advanced-level students. The cost is \$35 for a 3-month subscription – roughly the cost of a paperback workbook through many different book stores. The program advances math skills for students at various levels (elementary math to Calculus), and we estimate three hours per week as a minimum commitment for the program to be effective. The Aleks program is simple to manage and effective; Aleks offers excellent support and will be overseen by Saint Agnes teachers online as student progress can be easily tracked.

This is a great opportunity for your child to either get caught up on grade level mathematics if behind, or keep math facts fresh in preparation for the fall! Please take advantage of this great, cost effective summer enrichment offer!

How to get the process started for your child:

- **Deadline for interest in the Aleks online math enrichment program: Friday, June 7th.**
- **Inquire: Email Mrs. Cates** to let her know that you are interested in signing your child up for the Aleks program: jcates@saintagnesschool.org. Please include the following in your email:
 - E-mail Address they would like to use to set up the account
 - Child(ren)'s Name(s)
 - Grade(s) Child(ren) is going into
 - Goal for Aleks: Review/Remediation or Challenge/Enrichment
- **Payment (once you have corresponded with Mrs. Cates):**
 - Credit Card (quickest/easiest way to pay): Go online to www.SaintAgnesSchool.org and click "ONLINE PAYMENTS" on the left side-bar. (*You will need to create an account if this is a first time payment online.) Next, click "Activities/Athletics/Testing Fees"; under "General Fees," enter the amount of \$35, your child's name and "Aleks program" in the name box. Click "continue" to submit and follow other prompted directions.
 - Check: Mail or hand deliver a check for \$35 to "Saint Agnes" (please put "Aleks program" in the memo line of your check);
 - Cash: Drop off \$35 cash to the school's Main Office in an envelope clearly marked "Aleks program" (call the office to make sure someone is available: 651.925.8700);
- **Once enrolled:** Set aside time to have your child work within the program; it is self-guided and only requires your child's time. That said, your help and encouragement will make it even more successful. **Please see the next page of this note for ideas on how to pace and use Aleks time wisely. Questions? Email Mrs. Cates.**

Thank you,
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Pacing Guide – How to Use Aleks Online Time Wisely

Please note: *These are general recommendations, not mandates or prescriptions.* Any time spent over the summer on the Aleks program will keep mathematical concepts fresh for the coming school year.

- **For High School students:**
 - 3 times per week @ 1 hour each session
- **For Junior High students:**
 - 4 times per week @ 40 mins. each session
- **For Grade School students (grades 3-6):**
 - Average of 3 hours per week
 - Schedule as you see fits your child best
 - Could be...
 - 3 sessions @ 1 hour each
 - 6 sessions @ 30 mins. each

Going on vacation this summer?

Please do not feel like you need to spend every moment using the Aleks program; if your family is on vacation, please feel free to take a break during that time.

Parent Involvement:

The Math Department advises that the parent simply help get the student started with the first problem and then let the student work on his/her own. The program is meant to be self-directed – let your child discover the work on his/her own and occasionally check on his/her progress. Parents do not need to take on the role of full-time tutor. Again, this is a recommendation – please use Aleks as you see fit. Parents can log in to the program (under their child's username and password) once a week or so if they would like to monitor the amount of time and the progress their child has made in the program.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Cates.

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