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Diocese of San Diego Catholic School Families,

As Renaissance STAR is becoming more familiar to you, you may have questions about your student's assessment. Please remember that your child's teacher will be able to answer most of your questions. The importance of the STAR assessment is not a percentage or a grade level, but the fact that your student's ongoing progress is being monitored in a way that allows a teacher to adjust their daily instruction to your student's needs. Our Catholic school teachers work tirelessly to provide the most impactful instruction to your student. This means that STAR results are not seen as the finish line but a starting point to work from. So please reach out to your student's teacher to see how best to support your students growth.

As a reminder, this adaptive assessment gives our teachers exact, real-time data on the ability level of the student in both reading and math. The teacher will be able to use this meaningful data to drive student goals and plan instruction. This assessment is nationally normed and provides comparison data on a national scale.

While data is an important piece of information, it is only one aspect of our mission. Catholic schools are called to teach the Gospel values and no single report can show the transformation of God in our students' lives. While the world is changing around us, we will continue to nurture the students the world needs most. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission.

With God,

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