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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to the emergency closure of school buildings this past spring, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requires all local school districts to administer a fall diagnostic assessment in math and literacy to students in grades Kindergarten through 12. The diagnostic assessment is designed to inform instruction, recovery and intervention and account for learning loss, as well as determine the present performance levels of students on math and literacy standards.

We will administer the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment to serve as our fall baseline on Wednesday, September 23. Students will report to their Period 4 classes according to the following schedule:

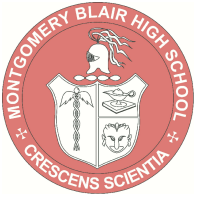
MAP Schedule for Wednesday, September 23 (in lieu of live check-ins)

10:00 – 11:30	MAP-R Testing Window
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	MAP-M Testing Window

Each assessment, while untimed, will take an average of one hour to complete and students will be dismissed as they complete them. A summary of the assessments by grade level is below:

<u>MAP Growth Assessment Content</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>	<u>Resource</u>	<u>Practice Test</u>
MAP Growth Mathematics (MAP-M)	Grade 3 - Grade 12	About the Test	Take the Practice Test Username: grow Password: grow
MAP Growth Reading (MAP-R)	Grade 3 - Grade 12		

MCPS will be using the results from the MAP assessment in mathematics to monitor each student's progress throughout the school year as well as progress from one school year to the next. Teachers and school staff utilize the MAP scores to inform instruction, personalize the learning as well as to measure the performance and growth of students. MAP scores are one data point of many that teachers utilize to inform teaching and learning on a whole class, small group and individual basis.



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As an overview to understand the MAP assessment, an overview of how MAP works, what it measures, and common questions you may access [this resource](#) from the NWEA website, the creator of the MAP assessment.

Sincerely,
Renay Johnson
Principal