



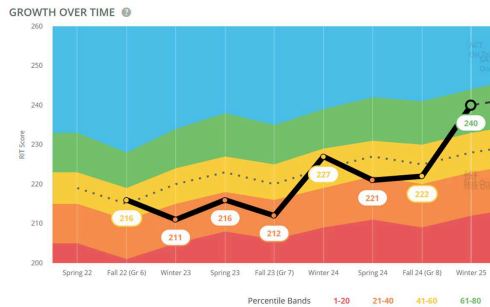
“May God grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people.”
 - Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

January 27, 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

MAP results! An annual goal has been for students to grow >12 points and/or be at grade level on their MAP assessments each year by June. Two things happened last week for the first time:

- *Math scores were higher than Reading scores.*
- *73% of students (67 of 92) grew >6 points and/or scored at or above grade level in Math* (this is the highest % St. James’ students have ever achieved. A 6 point increase in January puts students on track for >12 pts in June).



This is a significant development worth celebrating. Pictures above is an 8th grader’s Math score history. Results like these are due to the months & years of hard work of students, families and teachers, volunteers, and everyone who believes in the potential of children. In the spirit of Continuous Improvement and taking things to the next level, let's aim for 80% in Math in June!

This is the **final week of Marking Period #2**. Let’s keep working hard, completing homework, practicing on IXL< reading Library books at home, and striving for constant growth.

Black Girls Love Math offers **FREE drop in tutoring** on Saturday mornings February 1 - March 22 from 10am-12pm for St. James students, graduates, AND neighborhood children. Let’s work on our Math skills!

Next **Family Guardian Meeting** is Thursday, February 6th from 5:15-6:15pm. Dinner will be provided.

Go For The Gold Clinics for Reading and Math skills continue on February 1 & 22 and March 1 & 15.

Snow? St. James no longer follows the School District of Philadelphia. In the event of snow, St. James will inform families by 6:30am via text and phone blast if there is school, no school, or a two hour delay.

Important Dates:

- Jan 30 end of Marking Period #2; last day of Semester One Enrichments
- Jan 31 No School, Staff Professional Development Day; 6pm Winter Wonderland US Dance
- Feb 7 3:30pm Winter Enrichment showcase
- Feb 10 new Enrichments begin

Sincerely,

Mr. McDonough