

Dear Upper School Families,

Thank you all for your patience with the MAP Growth testing. We have already finished testing over 60% of students, which is a great success given the challenges involved with the offsite administration. We still have some students that need to take the full exam or finish where they left off in the session. We want to allow for as much flexibility as possible, so after careful consideration, we have determined it is best to allow at least three-hour windows of time for our scholars to log onto NWEA when they have an hour of opportunity in their schedule.

Next week, all first period teachers will post the block hours in their stream on the day of testing. The message will include a Zoom Link as well as the Session Name and Passcode for the math and reading tests that need to be made up. Your 6th-9th grade student will have an idea what they have missed, but we **will also attempt to send a reminder to you via email.** Students should join the Zoom Session when they plan to begin testing but are more than welcome to log off once they are actively taking or have finished the MAP Growth test. Students are also strongly encouraged to begin their makeup times during PE or Arts periods. I have already discussed these times with their teachers and I will account for their attendance when they are actively taking a MAP test during their class time.

6th grade Monday August 31st

1st Retake Window 8:10 to 11:30 2nd Retake Window 12:30 to 3:30

7th grade Tuesday, September 1 1st Retake Window 8:10 to 11:30 2nd Retake Window 12:30 to 3:30

8th grade Wednesday, September 2nd

1st Retake Window 8:10 to 11:30 2nd Retake Window 12:30 to 3:30

9th grade Thursday September 3rd

Only Retake Window 11:10 to 3:30

Open Retake Window Friday September 4th

Only Retake Window 12:30 to 3:00

To help ensure that the retakes run smoothly, please confirm that all pop-ups are disabled in your browser. A quick way to see if you have access to the test window is to type the address <u>test.mapnwea.org</u> into your web browser. If you see a test window that asks you for your session name and password you are in great shape! If you see any message saying "Oops!" more than likely you have a pop-up blocker enabled. Since each browser and version is different, the simplest way to solve this issue is to "Google" the name and version of your browser along with the words "pop up" in your search. Follow the directions given in the results and then retype in the address to see if you can access the test.

Once again, I thank you all for your patience and assistance in this herculean effort! Please feel free to email me if you have more questions.

Sincerely,

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