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Dear Lourdes Catholic School Families,

I'd like to share with you changes this year regarding grading and report cards. With the transition to a new student information system, PowerSchool, across the Diocese of Davenport and to a regional Scott County Catholic School (SCCS) system, a new report card was needed. It was decided to try to do one that is as unified as possible, especially for Scott County Catholic Schools. Nearly all 14 elementary schools in the diocese had their own report cards and thoughts about doing things. There have been plenty of discussions and compromises to arrive at something that will work for everyone.

The new elementary/middle school report card will be more standards-referenced. Rather than just list "Math B-," more information about your student's grasp of the particular math standards like Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Measurement and Data, and Geometry will be provided. A more standards referenced grading and report cards should give an even more accurate and comprehensive picture of a student's performance and progress:

- It will break down the subject into clearer and more specific standards
- It will help teachers, students, and parents see what is really involved in the subject matter
- It will provide more detailed feedback on a student's strengths and weaknesses
- It will allow data to be more readily used to make more informed decisions regarding curriculum, instruction, and interventions

In grades K-5 and in the subject areas K-8 of Religion, Art, Music, PE, Choir, and Band, the following marks will be used:

**Abbreviation Term Scale**

E	Exceeding	100% - 98%
M	Meeting	97% - 80%
Dev	Developing	79% - 70%
Beg	Beginning	69% - 0%
IE	Insufficient Evidence/Incomplete	

- In middle school (grades 6th-8th), we are using the below scale for the overall course grade and individual standards.

**Middle School: 6th-8th, except Religion and Specials and Spanish**

A+	100%-99%
A	98%-95%
A-	94% - 93%
B+	92% - 91%
B	90% - 87%
B-	86% - 85%
C+	84% - 83%
C	82% - 79%
C-	78% - 77%
D+	76% - 75%
D	74% - 72%
D-	71% - 70%
F	69% and Below
IE	Insufficient Evidence/Incomplete

Finally, schools in the diocese agreed to a rating scale for the “learner profile” headings of Respect and Responsibility, Work Habits and Productivity, and Collaboration and Personal Integrity:

- 3 Always meets expectations
- 2 Often meets expectations
- 3 Seldom meets expectations

More standards-referenced information will continue to be entered as the quarter and year progresses. We hope that you will be pleased with more extensive information about your child’s progress with the new grading and report card focus.

More information about standards-references assessment will be shared over the school year as we work to help you understand the shift we are making.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Katie Selden