



Dear Parents,

The Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to increasing student achievement, monitoring student growth, and providing strong differentiated instruction to ALL students in the areas of early literacy, reading, and math. These efforts support the Diocese's mission to "unlock students' full potential."

In an effort to ensure that all teachers have effective tools to meet the needs of *all* the learners in their classrooms, the Archdiocese implemented the use of Renaissance Star 360 assessments last school year. Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools was honored to be a pilot school.

**We will again be using the Star 360 Assessments this year and all students will take the assessments throughout the next few weeks.**

**For our Flexible Learning Option Students (FLO), we will be scheduling a time for you to come to the St. Michael Campus individually to participate in the Star 360 Assessments. Please watch for further communications.**

*Who Gets Tested?*

- **Y5s - 1 students** complete the Early Literacy Renaissance 360 screener
- **1-8 students** complete the Math and Reading Renaissance 360 screeners (grade 1 students may begin this type of screener once they have advanced beyond the Early Literacy screener)

Here are some key points about Renaissance Star 360 assessments:

1. Your child/children cannot study for this type of assessment;
2. These assessments are given three times a year (September/October, January, and May);
3. The data from your child's early literacy, reading and/or math assessment supports his/her classroom teacher in differentiating instruction to meet your child's specific learning needs;
4. The math and reading assessments assess your child's competency in the required knowledge and skills for his/her grade level aligned to the Diocese's curriculum standards;
5. The assessments are computer-adaptive, which means that the assessment adapts in difficulty to your child's skill ability during the test.
6. On average, Renaissance Star 360 assessments take no more than 25 minutes to complete.

The use of Renaissance Star 360 assessments allows your child's teacher to determine exactly what "he/she already knows" in order to prepare targeted instruction and intervention as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher for additional information.

Sincerely,

Kyle Kubik

*Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools is a Christ-centered, Catholic learning community committed to the academic excellence and spiritual development of every student.*