

Dear Middle School Families,

As we are wrapping up the school year here at Saint Francis Xavier, I wanted to touch base with all of you regarding this summer's math work. I have decided that the middle school will not be required to complete the traditional summer math packet. Instead, I am asking that students work on Khan Academy for a total of 240-280 minutes of on task math work over the course of summer vacation. This ends up being 35 minutes on Khan Academy every week from July 1st to the end of summer vacation. I believe that this will definitely help the students retain the math concepts that we have covered in class, as well as allow students to work at their own pace through the required standards.

Each student will start by working on the Khan Academy Mission for their previous academic year (ie: the incoming 6th grade class will begin by working on the 5th grade mission). After they take the initial mission assessment, they will be given areas that they should focus on and areas that they have demonstrated mastery in already. Students should continue to work through the mission until mastery is shown in all of the various aspects.

I know that many of you will be using this vacation time to be with your families and many vacations are already planned. To help accommodate students who will be away for periods of the summer, I will be offering one "bye week" which can be used at any point throughout the summer. This bye week will act like a week long homework pass and will excuse your child from the assignments over the course of that week. If your child misses more assignments after using this bye week, then they will be required to make up the missed minutes the following week for credit.

I will be registered as each student's "coach" so that I will be able to see your child(ren)'s progress and will be able to assign them specific content that I feel will help them improve. To add me as your child's coach, please go to the coaches tab from your child's profile on Khan Academy and put in the class code for the class they will be going into (found after this letter). I will be checking progress the second Sunday of every month and will be recording the amount of time spent on task on Khan Academy then. I will also spend that time assigning specific content or contacting families on an as needed basis.

I am hoping that this way of doing math summer work will not only be less stressful than a last minute packet, but will also help students to avoid the summer slide. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding your child's summer work, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jcrowell@sfxacushnet.com](mailto:jcrowell@sfxacushnet.com). Thank you all for your support in this!

Sincerely,

James Crowell

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St. Francis Xavier School

Student's Class	Khan Academy Class Code
Incoming 6th Graders	ZG7NJU
Incoming 7th Graders	RHFQNEBA
Incoming 8th Graders	VBFR725