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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach summer break, we want to ensure that students maintain their math progress this year. To support continued learning and prevent the “summer slide,” we are implementing a **Summer Math Program through IXL** for all returning students entering grades 2–8 in the fall. Students entering St. Joseph for the first time are excused from summer math since they do not have IXL accounts.

Why Summer Math Matters

Research shows that students can lose up to **two to three months** of progress over the summer without regular math practice. According to the Brookings Institution and NWEA, learning loss is especially common in math during summer. Regular practice helps reinforce skills and prepares students for a strong start in the new school year.

IXL Summer Math Requirements for Grades 2–8

Students must complete **20 assigned Summer Boost IXL math skills** over the summer to support skill retention and promote confidence in math. These skills are tailored to the grade your child is entering. Here are the program guidelines:

- **Students must achieve a SmartScore of at least 80** on each of the 20 assigned skills.
- Skills are designed to be spread out consistently **throughout the entire summer** rather than being completed all at once. This approach supports better retention and reduces stress.
- Students have all summer to complete the skills. **All work is due by Wednesday, August 13, 2025.**
- Completing this assignment will be a **project grade in Math for the first quarter** of the 2025–2026 school year.
- A flyer with step-by-step instructions on how to access and use IXL is included with this letter. If your child needs access to a device or internet connection over the summer, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can assist you.

Thank you for supporting your child’s continued academic growth. We look forward to seeing the progress they make over the summer!

Sincerely,

Clayton Cobb