



June 2022

Dear Rising Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

Congratulations, you have made it to your final year at Mary of Nazareth! We are excited for you! We know that there are many exciting memories to be made during the upcoming school year as well as many demands and challenges facing you. The summer work that is outlined in this letter is to help you to prepare for a very busy school year.

**HSPT Preparation:**

In preparation for the HSPT (High School Placement Test), the SSAT (Secondary Scholastic Aptitude Test), and the MCPS magnet school exams, rising eighth grade students who wish to apply to these schools or programs and to take the HSPT-Prep class must purchase the **2019 Peterson's Master the Catholic High School Entrance Exams** practice book. If your child took the Pre-HSPT Practice test, he/she understands that the standardized tests for high school are very different from the Scantron test that he/she has taken in the past. Mr. Friel will be forwarding Pre-HSPT results and recommendations related to preparation by the end of the month.

Those rising eighth grade students who will be participating in the HSPT Prep class and taking any of the entrance tests should complete the following chapters in the HSPT book:

- Chapter 5 (Synonyms)
- Chapter 6 (Antonyms)
- Chapter 14 (Mathematics)

**IXL**

The IXL math objective sets have been identified for you based on what your current math teacher has taught in his/her class, your identified student learning objective from the May Scantron assessments, and the expectations for the beginning of the school year. **Your IXL work will count as a quiz grade in math and as a homework grade English for the first marking period.**

- Math IXL objectives are listed as a separate document on our website
- Language Arts IXL objectives are on the next page of this document

**Literature Project:**

As a way to continue your reading of classical literature and the fantasy genre, this summer's novel is *The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings* by JRR. Tolkien. This book can be found at the local library, Barnes and Noble, or Amazon. *The Hobbit* is an engaging story about overcoming personal doubts and fears to help others. We want to encourage you to write notes as you read, write questions when you are unsure about an event, and list any difficult vocabulary. **You are to be prepared for a quiz and an essay on the Hobbit when you return in the fall. You are also to read one age-appropriate novel of your choice and write a one-page summary on the novel you choose.**

Remember to try to learn a new word or two every day, pray often, go to Mass, relax with your family and friends, and have a wonderful summer!

Have a blessed and peaceful summer,  
The Middle School Teachers

**Mary of Nazareth Catholic School  
Middle School English Language Arts  
(Mr. Kravitz)**

**Rising 8th Grade: IXL Summer Work '22  
(Due: Friday, September 9)**

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Skill #</u>	<u>Skill Name</u>	<u>SmartScore</u>
<i>7th</i>	Vocabulary	<i>R.1</i>	Choose the Synonym	
<i>7th</i>	Vocabulary	<i>R.2</i>	Choose the Antonym	
<i>7th</i>	Vocabulary	<i>U.2</i>	Analogies: Challenge	
<i>7th</i>	Vocabulary	<i>V.4</i>	Use Context to Identify the Meaning of a Word	
<i>7th</i>	Grammar & Mechanics	<i>AA.5</i>	Identify & Correct Errors with Plural & Possessive Nouns	
<i>7th</i>	Grammar & Mechanics	<i>CC.1</i>	Choose Between Subject & Object Pronouns	
<i>7th</i>	Grammar & Mechanics	<i>EE.1</i>	Correct Errors with Subject-Verb Agreement	
<i>7th</i>	Grammar & Mechanics	<i>MM.5</i>	Commas: Review	
<i>7th</i>	Grammar & Mechanics	<i>PP.1</i>	Correct Capitalization Errors	
<i>7th</i>	Grammar & Mechanics	<i>QQ.4</i>	Formatting Quotations & Dialogue	