

**“National Council of Teachers of Mathematics are recommending adopting new standards to improve our youths’ long term global competitiveness in math.”**

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Dear St. Mary’s Middle School families:

St. Mary’s School is committed to providing our students with a math curriculum that will ground them in basic math skills and at the same time build the critical thinking skills they need to succeed. We have identified a grade and competency appropriate web site, called MathScore, which has proven to help students master over 200 topics, from addition and multiplication facts all the way through Algebra I. By choosing MathScore as a supplement to classroom instruction, we can support every student at his or her own level, and ensure that every student has an opportunity to succeed.

MathScore offers our students a number of advantages:

It adapts to student skill levels by randomly generating online math worksheets with problems tailored to the abilities of each student. Students can work at their own level, allowing struggling students to go at the right pace for them and giving advanced students the freedom to move ahead.

Completed worksheets are graded instantly and the correct answers supplied with step-by-step solutions.

Automated analysis tools show how each student is progressing and where one-on-one help is needed.

It is easily accessed from any computer with an Internet connection, at home, at school, or at any local public library.

All students have a Username and Password to access the site through the following URL – [www.stmarys.ga.mathscore.com](http://www.stmarys.ga.mathscore.com). You may also access this site from the Student Resources section of the St. Mary’s website. Your child’s username and passwords have been sent to them via mail service. These passwords will allow them initial access to their user accounts. Mrs. Armstrong will ask them to give her new passwords that will be entered into the program setup. We ask that students not share passwords with each other or with siblings. This is very important, as their individual tracking progress would be skewed if someone else logs into their account.

In choosing MathScore, we are taking a proactive step toward ensuring that your student is prepared to meet the educational challenges he or she will face in the years to come. We hope you will join us in this initiative by encouraging your student to get the most out of MathScore by practicing regularly from home.

You can learn more about the MathScore program by visiting the web site at [www.mathscore.com](http://www.mathscore.com). Review the video demonstrations and then invite your student to show you how the program works by logging into their account from home. We hope that you find the site beneficial and look forward to your feedback.

Respectfully,

Dr. Rainey Lancaster