

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on a successful year!

Research has shown that there is a natural “summer slide” that happens in mathematics. This follows the old adage “if you don’t use it, you lose it.” In order to help curb that slide, all students will have summer math work to do.

SJA math students will receive an email from Stephanie Sawyer or your teacher with summer ALEKS requirements. If you don’t receive an email by the middle of June, please contact Ms. Sawyer at [StephanieSawyer@skaggscatholiccenter.org](mailto:StephanieSawyer@skaggscatholiccenter.org).

SJBMS algebra students will receive an email from Kat Treadway with summer ALEKS requirements. If you do not receive an email by the middle of June, please contact Ms. Treadway at [KatTreadway@skaggscatholiccenter.org](mailto:KatTreadway@skaggscatholiccenter.org).

All other SJBMS students have three tasks to complete using our online math program, ALEKS:

**Initial Knowledge Check (opens June 6)**

The initial knowledge check is just that; it is an assessment to see what you currently know and what you are ready to work on. **The initial knowledge check must be completed in order to gain access to topics.**

**15 Topics (opens automatically after knowledge check is completed)**

You may choose any 15 topics you would like to complete. Click on Continue My Path to access your topics. You do not have to stop at 15! The more you do, the better off you will be when school starts. **Complete your 15 topics before taking the second knowledge check.**

**Second Knowledge Check (available July 1 - July 31)**

The second knowledge check can be found under the Assignments tab on the left side of your screen in ALEKS. It will not show up in your assignments list until July 1. **No late submissions** will be allowed as you will not have access to Canvas beginning August 1.

**These three tasks are the first grades earned in your math class.**

Please watch the videos linked below to learn how to navigate from Canvas to ALEKS and what to expect once inside the ALEKS program.

[ALEKS - Initial Knowledge Check](#)

[ALEKS - 15 Topics](#)

[ALEKS - Second Knowledge Check](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email both of the following:

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We hope you have a great summer!