



## Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School

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Dear Parents:

The School Division has made some changes to the standardized assessment administration of group ability and achievement tests. In the fall, grade 5 and 8 students will now be administered Insight, a group ability assessment, and in the spring grade 7 students will be administered the CAT4, a group academic assessment. These new assessments will replace the old CCAT and CTBS assessments. **Results will provide teachers with valuable information that will assist in individual and class programming.**

Fall is here! Between October 22 and 31, students in grade 5 and 8 will complete Insight assessment. "Insight" is a group-administered test of cognitive abilities for students, based upon the Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) theory of cognitive abilities. It will be administered to students in Grades 5 and 8 in the second half of October, and replaces the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT). The assessment is administered as a group, and measures general cognitive ability. Students do not need to study for this type of assessment and the results will provide information teachers can use to recognize student strengths, and to help plan how to provide support where it is needed. Results will also be provided to parents. Information regarding how to interpret test results for parents will be provided as well. Please encourage your child to regularly get enough sleep and regularly eat a nutritious breakfast during the second half of October.

If you would like to learn more about this assessment tool, visit the Insight webpage at <http://www.canadiantestcentre.com> and select the Insight tab near the top of the page. While there, you can look into the CAT-4 academic assessment tool, which will be used to measure overall academic ability of Grade 7 students in the spring. CAT-4 has replaced the Canadian Test of Basic Skills (CTBS).

If you have any questions about the changes to standardized assessment please email Mrs. Lindbeck ([shaunal@eics.ab.ca](mailto:shaunal@eics.ab.ca)) or call (780-998-3716).

Sincerely,

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