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Dear Parents,

Each year, various grades participate in Provincial Achievement Tests during May and June across different core subjects. At St. Marguerite, students will take these Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies tests. These assessments help us gather data to evaluate student learning, assess our teaching practices, and ensure alignment with the provincial program of studies. Our teachers and grade teams dedicate time each year to professional development to analyze student performance compared to schools across the province. This analysis allows us to refine our teaching and assessment methods to improve curriculum delivery. The scores from the Provincial Achievement Tests and Final Exams are reflected as a final exam mark on students' end-of-year report cards at St. Marguerite School.

We understand that tests can induce anxiety in students, so we strive to make the Provincial Achievement Tests and Final Exams low-risk. We achieve this by:

- Utilizing the PAT as a final exam instead of conducting an in-class final.
- Setting the weight for Grade 6 and all Middle School Finals at 10% of a student's final grade.
- Not using PAT results for student program placement as they move on to Grade 7 and Grade 10.
- Ensuring that staff communicate to students that the Provincial Achievement Tests are a learning tool as much as they assess knowledge.

Below is a final exam schedule for Part A of English Language Arts for your reference. We will share the complete final exam schedule later in May. Information and links related to Provincial Achievement Tests from Alberta Education can also be found.

Quick Links for Parents:

[Provincial Achievement Test Overview](#)

[Grade 9 Parent Guide](#)

[Grade 6 Parent Guide](#)

[Practice PAT Questions](#)

St. Marg's May PAT Part A English Language Arts Schedule

All Exams begin at 9 am

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

- Grade 6 ELA Part A
Provincial Achievement Test
Part A Exam.
- Grade 7 ELA Part A Exam.

Thursday, May 29, 2025

- Grade 8 ELA Part A Exam.
- Grade 9 ELA Provincial
Achievement Test Part A
Exam.

We thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the school. We are here to support you and your child throughout this process.

Yours in Christ,



Stefan Labrecque

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