

March 26, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing window has been modified to give schools flexibility regarding when to test students for the 2020-2021 academic year. Our testing schedule was determined while trying to balance end-of-year events and activities while meeting the state mandate of offering the test to students. Although waiting to test until next fall is an option, choosing to do so would result in students testing twice in the same academic school year by completing the 2020-2021 test in the fall and the 2021-2022 test in the spring. Therefore, we will be moving ahead to test this spring.

Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and conclude by 10:30 a.m. each morning according to the schedule below:

English-Language Arts (ELA) – Grades 6, 7, 8

- Testing Dates: Monday, May 10; Tuesday, May 11 & Wednesday, May 12
- Make-up Dates: Thursday, May 13 & Friday, May 14

Mathematics – Grades 6, 7, 8

- Testing Dates: Monday, May 17 & Tuesday, May 18
- Make-up Dates: Wednesday, May 19; Thursday, May 20 & Friday, May 21

Science – Grade 8

- Testing Dates: Wednesday, May 19 & Thursday, May 20
- Make-up Date: Friday, May 21

All students will be using the paper and pencil version of the test. Enclosed you will find two state-issued documents (cell phone policy and FAQs). Please review these documents at your leisure. If, after reviewing the enclosures, you have additional questions, please call the Middle School at 570-226-4557 ext. 3055.

Regards,

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Principal