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Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 19, 2025

Beginning in early April, our elementary and middle school students will be taking the 3-8 NYS Assessments in ELA, math and science. Students will be taking ELA, math, and science assessments on chromebooks. ELA and math will be administered over two days and science will be administered in one session. All tests are untimed. Testing will occur on the following days:

Grade(s)	ELA Exam Dates	Math Exam Dates	Science Exam Dates
Grades 3,4,5	Tuesday, April 8th & Wednesday, April 9th	Tuesday, April 29th & Wednesday, April 30th	Grade 5 Only: Wednesday, May 7th
Grade 6	Thursday, May 1st & Friday, May 2nd	Tuesday, May 6th & Wednesday, May 7th	
Grade 7	Tuesday, April 22nd & Wednesday, April 23rd	Tuesday, May 6th & Wednesday, May 7th	
Grade 8	Tuesday, April 22nd & Wednesday, April 23rd	Tuesday, May 13th & Wednesday, May 14th	Thursday, May 8th

We will *not* be using these assessments for determination in any type of program placement. We simply look at them as another measure of performance we have, in addition to many other more valuable measures. Each child is unique and it is important to us that we look at the whole child, not how they perform on any single assessment. We certainly do not want any of our students to stay home simply to avoid taking one of these tests for fear of this.

We do ask that your child is in school and on time on each of their testing days. Grades 3-5 exams will begin promptly at 8:30 and grades 6-8 exams will begin promptly at 9:00. We thank you in advance for your help with this. If you have any questions about the testing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or one of us. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mark Doody  
Interim Middle/High School Principal

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