

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On April 15, 16 and 17 our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the PSSA English Language Arts assessment tests. On April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the PSSA Mathematics assessment test and on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the PSSA Science assessment test. Please allow me to remind everyone of the importance of all these assessments. The PSSA testing process is designed to provide information to parents, the school district and the general public about the quality of our schools.

As a parent of one of our students, you have the right to review the test materials in advanced. You have to make an appointment to review the test by calling the Junior High School office at 610-826-2492 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM from March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that if you choose to review the test, you must sign a statement attesting that you will maintain confidentiality. You should note that you will not be permitted to make copies of the test or to take notes during your review. If after reviewing the test materials you determine that it conflicts with your religious beliefs, you must inform the Superintendent of Schools in writing prior to the first day of testing.

The state has also warned us that the use of cell phones of any kind during the test is prohibited. If a student must bring a cell phone to school on these days, the phone must be kept in their locker. This guideline has been established by the state.

Given the importance of these tests it is imperative that your child has the best possible testing environment. We will be providing a free breakfast/snack for all students. Please note that the regular breakfast will not be offered during these testing times. Please make sure that your child has plenty of rest each night and that he/she arrives at school in a timely manner. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Rich DeSocio

Principal- Junior High School

Cc: S. Engler - Superintendent  
D. Heaney - Curriculum and Instruction  
K. Carroll – Guidance Counselor