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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are having a productive winter season. I know that your children have been working extremely hard. I affectionately call March “the month we must work hard, but also play hard!” We had a fantastic two of three days of Spring into the Arts, with author Lynn Plourde, teacher workshops, Invention Convention (8th grade), and Civic Oration competition.

Along with the fun comes preparation for State Testing, which begins March 19. This year **all** 5-8 graders are responsible for taking 7 sessions (5 ELA & 2 Math). We will be testing each grade over the course of one week. I believe that this will minimize disruptions to your child’s academic growth, as well as provide consistency for all the sessions.

Grade	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23
7 th	Reading 1 & Writing 1	Math 1	Reading 2 & Writing 2	Math 2	Essay

Grade	3/26	3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30
5 th	Reading 1 & Writing 1	Math 1	Reading 2 & Writing 2	Math 2	Essay

Grade	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6
6 th & 8 th	Reading 1 & Writing 1	Math 1	Reading 2 & Writing 2	Math 2	Essay

Attendance is a critical part of academic success especially during testing season. All students are responsible for taking the tests, so I encourage you to look at the schedule for your respective student, and do as much as you can to minimize potential attendance conflicts. I also urge you to encourage your children. As I have already told them, I don't expect perfection, but I expect a strong effort.

We have started to prepare your children with online practice tests, and in-class sample problems provided by the state. During testing, we will also provide snacks, breaks, and other essential tools to make it the best experience possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the school.
Thank you.

Sincerely

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