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Re: PARCC Assessments and NJ Science Assessments

Dear OCS Community,

I am writing this letter to inform everyone that during the 2017-2018 school year we will once again be utilizing the PARCC assessments for students in grades 3-8. Students in grades 3-8 will be assessed in both English/ Language Arts (ELA) and in Math. We will also be utilizing the PARCC Algebra I assessment for some of our current eighth graders who are taking Algebra I. These assessments are federally-mandated tests and the State of New Jersey continues to select the PARCC assessment as the mechanism to meet federal ESSA mandates.

The ELA/ Math testing window will be in the Spring of 2018, between April 16 – May 25, 2018, however, a more definitive schedule will be constructed as we get closer to the assessment period. Over the period of a few school days, students will be given four hours to take the assessments, however, most do not require the full time. Some students may have accommodations for the PARCC assessment, based on their educational plan and learning needs. All students in grades 3-8 will be tested via the computers here in school. This may change for some of our students, depending on their educational needs.

As we have been doing for the past few years, we have posted PARCC information for parents and guardians, sample questions and answers and links to see results from previous PARCC testing. This information can be accessed via our website, www.oxfordcentral.org, and click on the OCS Backpack.

We will also be participating in the newest version of the New Jersey Science assessment. This year, the Science assessment will be given to students in grades five and eight. The Science test will likely be given after the PARCC assessments have been completed as we are currently awaiting more information from the NJ Department of Education. The Science assessment is a state-mandated assessment and all accommodations made for students during the PARCC period, will be carried over to the Science period. As soon as we get more information about the new Science assessment, we will put links to the testing on our website.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Magnuson
Chief School Administrator

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