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Dear OCS Community,

As per New Jersey law, the district must provide information concerning State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessments that will be administered throughout the school year.

As we have done in the past, OCS will utilize the PARCC assessment in the Spring of 2017, between March 27, 2017 and May 19, 2017. This will be completed on computers provided by the district, with full accommodations based on student IEP and 504 information. The assessment will be given over a few days in both English/ Language Arts and Math to students in grades 3-8 and they will take place over a few hours each day during the testing window. This PARCC assessment is mandated by both state and federal authorities.

We will also be giving the Science NJASK for students in grades four and eight on May 25, 2017. This assessment will also have appropriate accommodations for students who need them, will be conducted over a few hours and is required by the State of New Jersey.

Furthermore, we also provide benchmark assessments from Study Island and MyAccess. These two computer programs are used as the year unfolds to assess student progress in Math (grades 4-8) and in Language Arts (grades 5-8). Progress will be reported to parents after the benchmarks are given. These are not mandated by the state or the federal government; however, they are part of our on-going efforts to assess student progress in the New Jersey educational standards and our local curriculum.

Over the next few months, we will post websites for parents and for students to investigate that will highlight the components of the assessments and guide everyone through the process. These will be placed in the OCS Backpack. The results for these assessments will be reported to families based on the following schedule:

PARCC results, Summer after the spring administration
NJASK results, Summer after results are released
Study Island and MyAccess: mid-year and end of the year.

The Oxford Central School district will present assessments that will be authentic, formative and summative.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Magnuson
Chief School Administrator

Courage  Optimism  Respect  Responsibility  Empathy  Citizenship  Trustworthiness