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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment has replaced the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) for students in grades 3–8 in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. The PARCC assessment will be administered to students enrolled in public schools across New Jersey from March through May 2017. For specific testing dates in Scotch Plains – Fanwood, please refer to the attached District Testing Calendar and PARCC Testing Schedule by Grade Level. This information can also be accessed on the district website at www.spfk12.org.

The PARCC assessments were designed to provide information to districts about student performance in English Language Arts and Mathematics relative to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). The NJSLS determine what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level. As in the past, results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test on a given day in relation to his/her peers.

Some portions of the PARCC assessments contain an audio/video component, which requires students to wear headphones. Students may feel most comfortable wearing their own headphones, in which case they are encouraged to bring a personal set from home. Additional sets of headphones will be available for student use, as needed.

As part of the school community, you play an important role in preparing your child for this testing situation. Please have your child in school each day of the testing period. Students perform best when they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Your support and encouragement can also go a long way to set a positive tone for this test-taking situation.

On behalf of the professional staff of our district, thank you for your continued support in making this a positive experience for students.

Sincerely,

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cc: Building Principals
Dr. Joan Mast

March & April 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 27 **PARCC Testing Window Opens** PARCC Paper-Based Testing may begin, as per IEP	March 28 **HS:** Group A* – ELA Unit 1 (AM)	March 29 **HS:** Group A* – ELA Unit 2 (AM) **HS:** Group B* – ELA Unit 1 (PM)	March 30 **HS:** Group B* – ELA Unit 2 (AM) **HS:** Group A* – ELA Unit 3 (PM)	March 31 **HS:** Group B* – ELA Unit 3 (AM)
April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 **All PARCC Paper-Based Testing must be completed**
April 10 **SPRING BREAK**	April 11 **SPRING BREAK**	April 12 **SPRING BREAK**	April 13 **SPRING BREAK**	April 14 **SPRING BREAK**
April 17	April 18 **6th gr.** – Math Unit 1 **7th gr.** – Math Unit 1	April 19 **6th gr.** – Math Unit 2 **7th gr.** – Math Unit 2	April 20 **6th gr.** – Math Unit 3 **7th gr.** – Math Unit 3 **HS:** Group C* – Math Unit 1 (AM)	April 21 **6th gr.** – ELA Unit 1 **7th gr.** – ELA Unit 1 **HS:** Group C* – Math Unit 2 (AM) **HS:** Group D* – Math Unit 1 (PM)
April 24 **6th gr.** – ELA Unit 2 **7th gr.** – ELA Unit 2 **HS:** Group D* – Math Unit 2 (AM) **HS:** Group C* – Math Unit 3 (PM)	April 25 **6th gr.** – ELA Unit 3 **7th gr.** – ELA Unit 3 **HS:** Group D* – Math Unit 3 (AM)	April 26	April 27 **Take Your Child to Work Day** **~ No Testing ~**	April 28

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PARCC Make-Up Testing (all grades): Scheduling will be determined at the building level. Make-up testing must be completed by May 19, 2017.

Dynamic Learning Maps Testing (per IEP): Will be administered between April 3rd and May 19th.

May & June 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 1 **3rd gr.** – ELA Unit 1 **4th gr.** – ELA Unit 1 **5th gr.** – Math Units 1 & 2 **8th gr.** – Algebra I Unit 1 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 2 **3rd gr.** – ELA Unit 2 **4th gr.** – ELA Unit 2 **5th gr.** – Math Unit 3 **8th gr.** – Algebra I Unit 2 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 3 **3rd gr.** – ELA Unit 3 **4th gr.** – ELA Unit 3 **5th gr.** – Math Unit 4 **8th gr.** – Algebra I Unit 3 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 4 **5th gr.** – ELA Unit 1 **8th gr.** – ELA Unit 1 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 5 **5th gr.** – ELA Unit 2 **8th gr.** – ELA Unit 2 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable
May 8 **3rd gr.** – Math Unit 1 **4th gr.** – Math Unit 1 **5th gr.** – ELA Unit 3 **8th gr.** – ELA Unit 3 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 9 **3rd gr.** – Math Unit 2 **4th gr.** – Math Unit 2 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 10 **3rd gr.** – Math Unit 3 **4th gr.** – Math Unit 3 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 11 **3rd gr.** – Math Unit 4 **4th gr.** – Math Unit 4 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable	May 12 **HS –** AP Testing, if applicable
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19 **LAST DAY for PARCC Computer-Based Testing make-ups**
May 22	May 25	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 29 **NO SCHOOL** **Memorial Day**	May 30	May 31 **4th gr.** – NJASK Science **8th gr.** – NJASK Science **HS Biology –** NJBCT	June 1 **HS Biology:** NJBCT	June 2
June 5	June 6	June 7 Make-up Testing (as needed): **4th gr.** – NJASK Science **8th gr.** – NJASK Science **HS Biology –** NJ Biology Competency Test	June 8 Make-up Testing (as needed): **HS Biology –** NJ Biology Competency Test	June 9

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PARCC Testing Schedule by Grade Level

Spring 2017

English Language Arts (ELA)

Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
3	May 1	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
3	May 2	ELA - Unit 2	75 min
3	May 3	ELA - Unit 3	90 min
4	May 1	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
4	May 2	ELA - Unit 2	90 min
4	May 3	ELA - Unit 3	90 min

Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
5	May 4	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
5	May 5	ELA - Unit 2	90 min
5	May 8	ELA - Unit 3	90 min
6	April 21	ELA - Unit 1	110 min
6	April 24	ELA - Unit 2	110 min
6	April 25	ELA - Unit 3	90 min
7	April 21	ELA - Unit 1	110 min
7	April 24	ELA - Unit 2	110 min
7	April 25	ELA - Unit 3	90 min
8	May 4	ELA - Unit 1	110 min
8	May 5	ELA - Unit 2	110 min
8	May 8	ELA - Unit 3	90 min

Group *	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
HS - Group A	March 28	ELA - Unit 1	110 min
HS - Group A	March 29	ELA - Unit 2	110 min
HS - Group A	March 30	ELA - Unit 3	90 min
HS - Group B	March 29	ELA - Unit 1	110 min
HS - Group B	March 30	ELA - Unit 2	110 min
HS - Group B	March 31	ELA - Unit 3	90 min

Mathematics

Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
3	May 8	Math - Unit 1	60 min
3	May 9	Math - Unit 2	60 min
3	May 10	Math - Unit 3	60 min
3	May 11	Math - Unit 4	60 min
4	May 8	Math - Unit 1	60 min
4	May 9	Math - Unit 2	60 min
4	May 10	Math - Unit 3	60 min
4	May 11	Math - Unit 4	60 min

Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
5	May 1	Math - Units 1 & 2	60 min & 60 min
5	May 2	Math - Unit 3	60 min
5	May 3	Math - Unit 4	60 min
6	April 18	Math - Unit 1	80 min
6	April 19	Math - Unit 2	80 min
6	April 20	Math - Unit 3	80 min
7	April 18	Math - Unit 1	80 min
7	April 19	Math - Unit 2	80 min
7	April 20	Math - Unit 3	80 min
8	May 1	Algebra I - Unit 1	90 min
8	May 2	Algebra I - Unit 2	90 min
8	May 3	Algebra I - Unit 3	90 min

Group *	Date	Test **	Unit Testing Time
HS - Group C	April 20	Math - Unit 1	90 min
HS - Group C	April 21	Math - Unit 2	90 min
HS - Group C	April 24	Math - Unit 3	90 min
HS - Group D	April 21	Math - Unit 1	90 min
HS - Group D	April 24	Math - Unit 2	90 min
HS - Group D	April 25	Math - Unit 3	90 min

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