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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians:

Beginning on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, students in Grades 3 through 5 will take the New Jersey Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Assessment. Students in Grades 6 through 8 will start their PARCC Assessment on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Testing for Grades 3 through 8 will continue through Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with make-ups to begin the following week. The federal government and the State of New Jersey mandate that we administer the PARCC to all of our students in Grades 3 through 8 annually to assess how well our students perform according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and the Common Core State Standards. Our students in Grades 4 and 8 will also take the NJASK Science Assessment, a paper-based test, later this spring.

I want to emphasize how important it is for your child to perform well on these annual, standardized tests. Successful achievement on several high school PARCC Assessments is now a requirement for students to graduate from high school starting in 2021. The NJDOE has outlined all of these changes on the NJDOE website and you can learn more by following this link: [NJ High School Graduation Requirements](#). Moreover, it is important for your child to be successful on the PARCC because the results provide us with critical performance data that allows us to best understand each of our students. SBS will be utilizing this year's PARCC data for use as placement criteria in several of our educational programs, including our Enrichment Program and our Advanced Math Program.

To guarantee the most positive testing experience:

- Please ensure that your child has an adequate amount of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each testing session.
- Please arrive on time for school. Once testing has started, anyone who is tardy will not be permitted into the testing room until that section is completed.
- To ensure testing security, please know that we expect all of our students to leave their cell phones and personal belongings outside of the testing site.
- Students should be prepared to follow their examiner's directions explicitly as any violation of testing protocols may result in sanctions for the district, and ultimately for students.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and partnership. I encourage you to visit our school website for more information about the testing schedule, PARCC, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and the Common Core State Standards. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning the PARCC Assessment.

Sincerely,



Mr. Brent A. MacConnell  
Superintendent