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Dear Parents,

Like last year, students in grades 3-8 across the State of New Jersey will once again be taking standardized assessments. The name of the standardized assessments has been changed from PARCC to the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) for English Language Arts and Mathematics. With this name change has come a reduction in the number of testing units and/or a reduction in the length of each testing unit resulting in less testing time for our students. The NJSLA for English Language Arts and Mathematics will be administered via computers instead of paper and pencil.

The following assessment schedule will be followed for the administration of the NJSLA for English Language Arts and Mathematics:

- Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup> (5 days of testing)
- Grades 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup> (5 days of testing)
- Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup> (5 days of testing)

Make-ups will be completed within the above testing times when possible, and also from May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note, students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will also take the NJSLA for Science. This assessment is tentatively scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>.

With regards to these assessments, White Township School believes the best preparation is quality, daily instruction. Our educators will continue to design engaging learning experiences aimed at assisting students in acquiring the knowledge and skills outlined in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS), which will enable them to demonstrate their understanding on the NJSLA. In addition to the primary focus mentioned above, we will “expose” students to the NJSLA testing platform, so they are familiar with the assessments’ format and its technology.

I encourage you to try a NJSLA practice test yourself, so you are familiar with the assessments your child will be taking. You can access the practice tests by visiting <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>, and then select the test of your choice.

As we administer these assessments, I believe White Township School will continue to be a place where educators are deeply committed to the process of learning, not testing, and students continue to try their very best. In helping students do their best, please remember the age old advice of eating a healthy breakfast and getting a good night’s sleep. As always, I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

William Thompson  
Chief School Administrator