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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New York State Assessments are approaching. Preparation for the New York State Assessments has been embedded in daily instruction in order to ensure your child’s readiness to perform optimally on each of these important tests. **Similar to years past, the New York State Assessments at Berner will be Computer-Based and taken on student’s individual Chromebooks during a scheduled testing period.**

Our school will be administering the NYS English Language Arts Assessment to all students on **Tuesday, April 14** and **Wednesday, April 15**. The NYS Mathematics Assessment will be given to all students, **except those enrolled in Algebra 1**, on **Tuesday, April 28** and **Wednesday, April 29**. The Grade 8 Science Assessment will be administered to **eighth grade non-accelerated science students only**, on **Tuesday, May 12**. *(Students enrolled in Earth Science will not take this exam.)*

GRADE 6-8 ELA and MATH ASSESSMENTS

The information shown below describes the testing schedules on these four days. Additionally, please note the following:

- Bus transportation will be operating as usual with a regular pick-up time for all students on testing days.
- **All students are expected to report to school at normal school time and make their way directly to their homerooms. This includes all students who have refused the exams.**
 - At the end of Homeroom, students will report to their testing rooms, and refusers will be directed to the auditorium and/or gymnasium, where they will bring reading material to read until the end of the testing session.
 - All students enrolled in Algebra I will report to the cafeteria on April 28 only for a practice Regents Exam.
- Following the testing period, students will report directly to either their PERIOD 4 class (April 14 & 28) or their PERIOD 1 class (April 15 & 29). Please refer to the two schedules below, as there are changes to the order of class periods on certain testing days.

If you have any questions concerning the schedule, please call your child’s guidance counselor through the Guidance Office number, 308-5730.

Schedules for the New York State ELA and Math Assessment Days

SCHEDULE for

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Period	Start	End	Notes
Homeroom	8:00	8:07	All students report to homeroom.
Testing period	8:10	10:22	Students who are testing will report to their assigned testing room. Students not testing will be directed to the auditorium or gymnasium.
Period 4	10:26	11:07	
Period 5	11:11	11:52	
Period 6	11:56	12:37	
Period 7	12:41	1:22	
Period 8	1:26	2:07	
Period 9	2:11	2:52	
PM Announcements: 1st Floor Classes 2nd Floor Classes 3rd Floor Classes		2:52-2:53 2:53 2:54 2:55	

**SCHEDULE for
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 & TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

Period	Start	End	Notes
Homeroom	8:00	8:07	All students report to homeroom.
Testing period	8:10	10:22	Students who are testing will report to their assigned testing room. Students not testing will be directed to the auditorium or gymnasium.
*Period 1	10:26	11:07	*NOTE CHANGE
Period 5	11:11	11:52	
Period 6	11:56	12:37	
Period 7	12:41	1:22	
*Period 2	1:26	2:07	*NOTE CHANGE
*Period 3	2:11	2:52	*NOTE CHANGE
PM Announcements: 1st Floor Classes 2nd Floor Classes 3rd Floor Classes		2:52-2:53 2:53 2:54 2:55	

GRADE 8 SCIENCE ASSESSMENT– MAY 12

- Bus transportation will be operating as usual with a regular pick-up time for all students on the testing day.
 - ❖ All students are expected to report to school at normal school time and make their way directly to their homerooms. This includes all 8th grade students who have refused the exams.
 - At the end of homeroom, 8th grade students will report to their testing room, and refusers will be directed to the auditorium, where they will bring reading material to read until the end of the testing session.
 - Students enrolled in Earth & Space Science will report to the cafeteria for a practice Regents exam.
 - ❖ All 8th grade students will report to their 4th period class immediately following the testing period, which ends at 10:22am.

****NOTE: 6th and 7th grade students will follow their regular 9-period school day and instructional periods will not be impacted by the testing.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

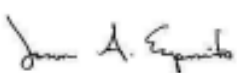
- Tests will be untimed and any students working on the test after the allotted testing period will be moved to a separate location within the building to complete the test. They will then transition into the school day.
- Make-up ELA assessments will be administered starting April 16 and no later than April 24. Make-up MATH assessments will be administered starting April 30 and no later than May 8, and the make-up Science assessment will be administered starting May 13 and no later than May 15. Students who must sit for a make-up assessment due to an absence will receive a pass during homeroom. The pass will include all necessary make-up information.
 - ❖ For optimal performance, students are encouraged to have a healthy breakfast and a good night's rest prior to the assessments.
 - ❖ All exams will be computer-based; students must come to school with a **charged Chromebook** on the days of the exams.
 - ❖ **ELA teachers, math teachers, science teachers and special education teachers will advise students of their testing locations a few days prior to the assessments.**
 - ❖ All testing room information will be available in the Guidance Office, as well as the General Office.

FOR NEW YORK STATE MATH and GRADE 8 SCIENCE ASSESSMENT ONLY

- Due to a waiver granted by New York State, any student enrolled in **ALGEBRA 1** and **EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE** **WILL NOT** take the **MATH STATE ASSESSMENT** and/or the **GRADE 8 SCIENCE ASSESSMENT**.
 - Instead, students enrolled in Algebra 1 will be taking a practice Algebra Regents on Tuesday, April 28 in the Berner cafeteria.
 - Students enrolled in Earth Science will be taking a practice Earth Science Regents on Tuesday, May 12 in the Berner cafeteria.

Thank you for your attention to our assessment schedule and for your support of your child's efforts to succeed in school.

Sincerely,



Jason Esposito

Principal