

ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Parents/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of date changes for the New York State Assessments. Unfortunately, these changes were given to us by the State after our district calendar went to print. As a result, I need to ask you to ignore the dates listed on the calendar for the assessments and adhere to the schedule included in this letter. In addition to these changes in testing dates, our Spring Concert dates have changed as well. The first concert will be held on **Monday, May 10, 2010**. The second concert and Spring Expo scheduled for May 12, 2010 will remain unaffected.

The Assessment schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 26 – Wednesday April 28, 2010	7 th and 8 th grade ELA <i>(regular school days)</i>
Wednesday, May 5 & Thursday May 6, 2010	7 th and 8 th grade Math* <i>(see schedule below)</i>
Monday, May 24 – Thursday, June 3, 2010	8 th grade Science Performance <i>(not for Earth Science Students)</i>
Monday, June 7, 2010	8 th grade Science Written Assessment <i>(not for Earth Science Students)</i>
Monday, June 14 & Tuesday, June 15, 2010	8 th Grade Social Studies Assessment <i>(during final exam week)</i>

- * Due to the nature of the revised Mathematics State Assessment timeline, we will be adhering to the following schedule **where students will only attend school during their exam time.**

Wednesday, May 5 th & Thursday, May 6 th	8 th graders 7:46am – 10:40am 7 th graders – 12:30pm – 2:41pm
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Regular bus service will be provided before and after each exam. There will also be late buses for those students that require extended time. A transportation schedule will follow as we get closer to the exam time.

I apologize for throwing your schedule into disarray but the changes are beyond our control. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
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