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Hello Hornet Families!

The time has come for our annual New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) to take place next week! The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the NJSLA and to enlist your support in preparing our students for their upcoming state assessments.

The NJSLA assessments were designed to provide information to districts about how well students are achieving in English Language Arts, Math, & Science relative to the NJSLS (New Jersey Student Learning Standards). 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 in relation to his/her peers.

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 and on time each day of the testing period. Students perform best when they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Additionally, please support us in reminding your child that cell phones AND Apple Watches are absolutely prohibited in the testing site.

Please see our testing schedule below:

School No.1 NJSLA Testing Schedule

Monday, May 4th	Tuesday, May 5th	Wednesday, May 6th	Thursday, May 7th	Friday, May 8th
Reading Session I (Grades 5-8)	Reading Session II (Grades 5-8)	Writing (Grades 5-8)	Math Session I (Grades 5-8)	Math Session II (Grades 5-8)

Monday, May 11th	Tuesday, May 12th
Science Unit I & II (Grades 5 & 8 ONLY)	Science Unit III & IV (Grades 5 & 8 ONLY)
May 13th - May 29th MAKE-UP TESTING WINDOW	

Testing begins promptly at 8:25AM! Any students who are late will not be allowed into the testing site once testing materials have been dispersed and will have to wait in the main office until testing is over for the morning. Therefore, it is essential that all students report to school ON TIME and are entering school by the 8:20AM entry bell. Students absent for any part will be tested in Make-Up sessions as they return. Additionally, over the last week on morning announcements, we notified students that all personal items such as bookbags, will not be permitted in the testing rooms. Cell phones, apple watches, and other unauthorized electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the testing rooms and are to be kept off in their book bags. Students have been asked to bring an independent reading book with them throughout the week. Additionally, you can help us by ensuring your child follows these simple instructions:

- ☑ Getting a good night's sleep
- ☑ Eating a healthy breakfast in the morning
- ☑ Come to school with their CHROMEBOOK'S CHARGED!
- ☑ Bring their (wired) earbuds!
- ☑ Being on time for the 8:20AM entry bell

Additionally, it is important to note that both testing sessions will be available to students from the start; however, we strongly encourage students to pace themselves and complete the work across the two scheduled days for Reading and Math, rather than finishing everything in one sitting.

Students who complete all of Session I on Monday (Reading) or Thursday (Math) will not be permitted to return to the testing room for Session II on the following day. In this case, students will be assigned to the gym, where they must sit quietly while other students are testing. Please note that during this time, students will not be allowed to use Chromebooks, cell phones, or any other electronic devices.

We know sometimes state assessments can bring about some testing anxieties for our students. We have encouraged the students to TRY THEIR BEST and fight through any challenges the test may bring them.

Once again, we thank you for your support! We are wishing all of our School No.1 students the BEST OF LUCK as they take on NJSLA!

GO HORNETS!

Sincerely,

Dana Sprague
Principal
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