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April 19, 2024

Dear GAMS Families,

You recently received a letter regarding upcoming Pennsylvania State of School Assessment (PSSA) testing for all of our students. As a reminder, these assessments will be given as follows: **English Language Arts (ELA) – April 23, 24 and 25, 2024** and **Math – April 29 and 30, 2024**.

In addition, we will be administering the **PSSA science to 8th graders on May 2 and 3**. Our 8th grade schedule will be modified to accommodate testing sessions while preserving instructional time. PSSA will take place in the morning, followed by the schedule below.

Times	May 2	May 3
7:30 - 7:35	Homeroom	Homeroom
7:35 - 10:42	Testing / CLF Prep	Testing / CLF Prep
10:45 - 11:33	Block 1	Block 3
11:36 - 12:23	Block 2	Block 4
12:26 - 12:56	Lunch	Lunch
12:59 - 1:39	PD 7 Special	PD 7 Special
1:42 - 2:22	PD 8 Special	PD 8 Special

ADDITIONAL SCIENCE PSSA ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- **FVA STUDENTS: PSSA SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS** for students fully enrolled in FVA will be administered at GAMS on the scheduled testing dates. Students should report directly to the main office by 7:30 a.m. and are encouraged to bring a water bottle and snacks. Once testing is completed, students will be permitted to use a phone to call their parents to arrange transportation home from the school. This should be no later than 11 a.m. daily.

KEYSTONE ALGEBRA ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

For those of you with students in Algebra I, the **Pennsylvania Keystone Algebra I Exam will be given on the mornings of May 13 and 14**. After arriving at GAMS for breakfast and homeroom, all 7th and 8th grade Algebra I students will be escorted to the Greencastle-Antrim High School auditorium to participate in the exam. After students have completed their testing sessions for the day students will be escorted back to the middle school to join their regularly scheduled classes.

As a reminder, parents can help prepare their child for PSSA/Keystone assessments by making sure he/she **gets a good night's rest** each evening and a **healthy breakfast** each morning. Also, **please avoid scheduling appointments** (late arrivals, early departures, and Educational Trip requests) **during the testing dates and times!** Please take time to talk to your child about the importance of doing his/her best on this assessment. The results serve as important measures of your child's development and of your school's performance. Your child's results will be used to guide student scheduling and course eligibility.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Yelton, GAMS Building Assessment Coordinator, at 717-597-3226, extension 20521, to set up an appointment. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,
Mike McManus
6-12 Principal