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## South Park School District

March 13, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has scheduled all PSSA testing during the month of April. All middle school students will complete the **ELA Assessments on April 10th, 11th and 12th**. The **Math Assessments will be conducted on April 17th and 18th**. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the **Science Assessments on April 24th and 25th**.

The information obtained from these assessments serves as a valuable tool for planning future school programs, developing curriculum and identifying meaningful criteria for in-service training of teachers. The individual student reports will yield valuable information to assess the needs of each student so that the most appropriate and challenging educational environment may be provided. Please reassure your child that these assessments will give them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and allows us to plan the most appropriate instruction for them.

Parents may help their children prepare for the assessments by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep the night before each testing date and by providing them with a nutritious breakfast on the morning of the assessment. It is essential for all students to be on time and in attendance for testing on all of the above-mentioned dates. Please avoid scheduling educational trips, medical appointments and/or early dismissals. According to PSSA regulations, if a student leaves during a testing session, they are not permitted to go back and complete the unfinished section.

If you have further questions regarding these assessments, please contact your child's guidance counselor. As always, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Monaghan  
Principal